



**St. Margaret of Cortona Parish**  
**31 Chamberlain Ave Little Ferry, NJ 07643**  
*Serving the Catholic Communities of  
Little Ferry and Moonachie*  
**In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912**  
*(Destroyed by Sandy - Oct 29, 2012 – Restored in Christ Aug 4, 2013)*

**December 22, 2024**



**Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,**  
*Pastor*  
**Reverend Michael Otuwurunne,**  
*In Residence*  
**Reverend Victor P. Kennedy,**  
*Weekend Assistant*  
**Eileen M. Ballone,**  
*Director of Music*  
**Dina R. Tarabocchia,**  
*Parish Secretary*

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon  
(From Memorial Day through Labor Day: Sat 5:30 p.m,  
Sunday 9 :00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.)  
**Weekdays: Monday to Friday:** 12:00 p.m.  
**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.  
**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
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**PARISH E-MAIL:** smcortona1912@aol.com

**Parish Center Office**  
Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172  
Monday to Thursday

**Rectory**  
201-641-2988  
By appointment only

**Religious Education**  
201-641-2988  
Sunday to Thursday

**SATURDAY, December 21**

5:30 PM Blanche Baker

**SUNDAY, December 22, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Ellie Lombardelli  
10:00 AM Daniel & Elizabeth Weir  
Thomas & Therese Leonardi  
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro

**MONDAY, December 23**

12:00 PM Tony Tarabocchia

**TUESDAY, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

5:30 PM People of Our Parish Family  
12:00 Midnight People of Our Parish Family  
*(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)*

**WEDNESDAY, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

10:00 AM People of Our Parish Family  
12:00 PM People of Our Parish Family

**THURSDAY, December 26**

12:00 PM Joseph Cerneka

**FRIDAY, December 27**

12:00 PM Maria Vlacancich

**SATURDAY, December 28**

5:30 PM Jel Manalang &  
Eduardo & Nino Espino

**SUNDAY, December 29**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM Ellie Lombardelli  
10:00 AM Anna Hightower & Joseph  
Nalewaiski  
12:00 PM Maria Gadaleta

**Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

**Sergio Passaro**

**Sanctuary Candle**

**People of Our Parish Family**



We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

Catherine Mary Moncello	Anthony Deli
Michele Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Lena Vitale
Julio Sanchez	Robert Zienkiewicz
John Ratynski	Brandon Kingsley
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczyszyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn	



Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic

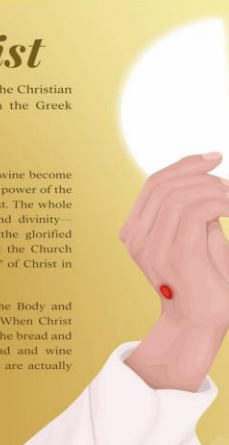
**The Eucharist**


The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word "eucharistia", meaning thanksgiving.

**Real Presence**

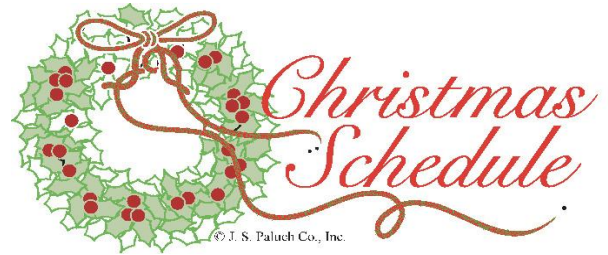
In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said "This is my body" and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus.









The **2025 Mass Book** is now open for  
**Daily and Weekend Masses,**  
**Memorials-Bread and Wine,**  
**Sanctuary Candles,**  
**and Flowers**  
**Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30am.**  
**Afternoons from**  
**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



*If there is any adult (18+yrs.)  
 who wishes to complete  
 their initiation into the  
 Catholic Church by  
 receiving Confirmation and/or  
 Communion and Confirmation,  
 please call  
 Father Kevin at 201-641-2988*



**St. Margaret of Cortona 2024 Christmas Schedule**

Christmas Masses December 24-25

Tuesday, Christmas Eve: 5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight  
*(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)*  
 Wednesday, Christmas Day: 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Holy Family, Sunday December 29

Saturday, December 28: 5:30 PM  
 Sunday, December 29: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day)

January 1, 2024

Tuesday, December 31, New Years Day: 5:30 PM  
 Wednesday, New Year's Day: 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

Epiphany, Sunday January 5

Saturday, January 4: 5:30 PM  
 Sunday, January 5: 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BEGINS THE NEW SUNDAY  
 MASS SCHEDULE**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, December 19, 5-7 PM  
 Friday, December 20, 4-6 PM  
 Saturday, December 21, 1-2 PM  
 Monday, December 23, 4-6 PM

**\*\*New Sunday Mass**  
Schedule Times  
Beginning Sunday  
January 5, 2025  
9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

**Mary set out  
 and traveled to the hill country in**

haste  
 to a town of Judah,  
 where she entered the house of  
 Zechariah  
 and greeted Elizabeth.  
 When Elizabeth heard Mary's  
 greeting,  
 the infant leaped in her womb,  
 and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy  
 Spirit,  
 cried out in a loud voice and said,  
 "Blessed are you among women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of your  
 womb.  
 And how does this happen to me,  
 that the mother of my Lord should  
 come to me?  
 For at the moment the sound of  
 your greeting reached my ears,  
 the infant in my womb leaped for  
 joy.  
 Blessed are you who believed  
 that what was spoken to you by the  
 Lord  
 would be fulfilled."

Hail,  
 full of grace!  
 The Lord is  
 with you.



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## Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

**THE PROCLAMATION** of the Birth of Christ is a formal announcement that may be sung at Christmas Mass during the Night.

The proclamation states that "today," the 25th of December, "is The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh." It recalls the main events of history: the creation of the heavens and the earth, and of man and woman in God's own image; the appearance of the rainbow, the sign of God's covenant, after the flood; Abraham, our father in faith; the exodus from Egypt under Moses; the presence of Ruth and the judges; the anointing of David as king; the prophecy of Daniel; the founding of Greece and Rome; and the peace of Augustus. The birth of Christ culminates both secular and religious history. It is an event that flows seamlessly from the past and begins a new era of hope and peace.

At the beginning of the Mass during the Night, the priest makes the Sign of the Cross and greets the people in the usual way. Then he or another minister may introduce the Mass and the proclamation. This introduction recalls what God promised through the prophets, a message the Church has pondered again during Advent.

Then a deacon, cantor, or reader may sing or recite the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ from the ambo. It is followed by the Glory to God and the Collect or Opening Prayer of the Mass.

Christmas is not a mere recollection of a historical event; it is a proclamation that Christ is born for us, and that Christ is really present for us—today.

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