



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)

May 12, 2024



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
Pastor
Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,
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.

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Monday to Thursday

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201-641-2988
By appointment only

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201-641-2988
Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, May 11

5:30 PM For All Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
For All Mothers Living & Deceased

MONDAY, May 13

12:00 PM Domenica Fedele &
Carmine Gioffre

TUESDAY, May 14

12:00 PM Michele (Mick) Brattoli

WEDNESDAY, May 15

12:00 PM Lillian Picinich

THURSDAY, May 16

12:00 PM Lillian Picinich

FRIDAY, May 17

12:00 PM James Naughton

SATURDAY, May 18

5:30 PM Angelo Bavaro

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Sam Darata
10:00 AM Philip Burghardt
12:00 PM Angelo Marino &
Kathleen Disanza

Memorials
Bread & Wine
People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle
Dominic Raimondo
& John Hightower

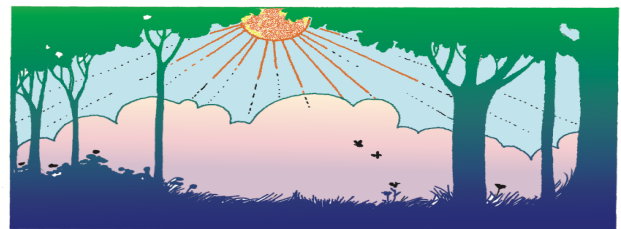
We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

Catherine Mary Moncello	Anthony Deli
Michele Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Baby Amato Jordan
Johanna Hanush	Lena Vitale
Julio Sanchez	Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro	John Ratynski
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczyszyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Brandon Kingsley	Ron Ruppert
Robert & Carolyn Salzman	Chris Lynch
Dominick Di Buono	Tom Greaux
MaryMirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Victor Ruggiero	George Stauble
Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn	



Eleanor (Ellie) Lombardelli

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.



FYI * Please do not touch or add flowers or rosaries to statues inside or outside church grounds, as they are leaving marks and destroying them. Thank you



*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
Farther Kevin at 201-641-2988*



May 5, 2024

\$4,065



St. Margaret's 2024 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	95
Amount of Pledges	\$22,480
As of May 6	

**** New Summer**
Sunday Mass
Schedule Times
Beginning Sunday
May 26, through
September 1, 2024
9:00 AM and
11:30 AM

The Archdiocese of Newark is excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Please note that the Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.
June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 years
(All counties)

If you have families that are still playing 'catchup' with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join us as well. Please note and share with your couples, whether the milestone took place in 2020, 2021 (or even if they missed in 2022 or 2023), the certificates will say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of these couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. To register please call the Parish Office and speak to Dina - 201-641-2988.



June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025

Reflections on the Eucharist

From "The Life of Christ" by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen – pg. 171. Jesus used Old Testament excerpts to symbolize Himself at least three different times during His public ministry. In this instance, He referred to the 'manna in the desert' during the time of Moses and called Himself "the true bread from Heaven" prefigured by the manna in the desert. Jesus says: "And now what is this Bread which I am to give? It is My Flesh, given for the life of the world". In saying this Jesus makes the shadow of the Cross appear because bread must be broken: and He who had come from God must be a sacrificial victim that men might truly feed on Him – this was bread voluntarily offered by Jesus – His own flesh – to rescue the world from the slavery of sin to newness of life (pg.171). And Jesus said, "You can have no life within you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood. The Flesh and Blood of the Incarnate Son of God, which would be severed in death, would be the source of everlasting life. When He said, "My Flesh, He meant His human nature as "The Word became Flesh" meant that God, the Word or the Son assumed to Himself a human nature. But it was only because that human nature would be linked to a Divine Personality for all eternity that He could give eternal life to those who received it.



The Madonna of the Martyrs

La Madonna Dei Martiri

Thanks to the generous donations of our parishioners and several religious and cultural organizations, we have almost reached our fundraising goal for the purchase of the custom made oak pedestal that will display the statue of La Madonna dei Martiri. Donations will be accepted until May 1st. All contributions will be acknowledged on a plaque that will be affixed on the wood base. Parishioners who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of the custom oak pedestal please call Tony Cirillo at (201)759-8992 or Mauro Raguseo at (201) 755-6407. Checks should be made out to: Saint Margaret of Cortona Church, subject line Madonna.

The statue of "la Madonna" will be blessed and unveiled at the noon mass on Sunday, May 19th 2024.



✦ Under My Roof

AFTER THE priest invites the people to receive Communion, they express their unworthiness for it. The first English translation had the people say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you," but the revised translation puts it this way: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof."

The revision expresses more closely the words that have always been there in Latin. The first translation recognized the difficulty of the metaphor, but the revised Missal restores it in hopes that it will provoke meditation and prayer.

Why "under my roof"? The words, of course, come from the story of Jesus's healing the servant of the centurion (Matthew 8:8; Luke 7:6). In Matthew's account, the centurion himself comes to Jesus, but in Luke's version, he sends representatives. In either case, he doesn't feel right having Jesus come to his home, and he has complete trust in Jesus's power over sickness and evil. And, perhaps, he just wants to avoid inconveniencing the master. His statement is one of faith, trust, and respect. So Jesus works the miracle.

The invitation to Communion should call this story to mind. Some people may mistakenly think that the new words refer to the roof of the mouth. But its intent is to quote the centurion. We should have the same attitude: faith, trust, and respect. Jesus, unfailingly, in spite of our unworthiness, still draws us to his table. We are not praying for the physical healing of our servant; we are praying for the spiritual healing of our soul. We can be confident that our prayer will be answered as we leave our place, go to the minister, and present ourselves for Communion.