



**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**  
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**January 26, 2025**



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

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday Vigil:** 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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# Mass Schedule

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**SATURDAY, January 25**

5:30 PM Angelo Bavaro

**SUNDAY, January 26, 2025**

**Third Sunday of the Church Year**

9:00 AM Tommaso Passaro

11:30 AM Joseph De Ruvo [20A]

**MONDAY, January 27**

12:00 PM Ignazio Mastropiero

**TUESDAY, January 28**

12:00 PM Domenico Morin

**WEDNESDAY, January 29**

12:00 PM James Tarabocchia

**THURSDAY, January 30**

12:00 PM Joe Romano

**FRIDAY, January 31**

12:00 PM Segatur Oscarsson

**SATURDAY, February 1**

5:30 PM Sebastiano Pansini

**SUNDAY, February 2, 2025**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 AM Ronald W. Thomas

11:30 AM Caroline & Robert Price

## Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

Joseph De Ruvo [20A]

**Sanctuary Candle**

Jim Blaney



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 Demczynsyzyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczynsyzyn	
Steven Sciancalepore	



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.



January 19, 2025

\$2,530

**\*\*\*Please Note**  
**New Sunday Mass**  
**Schedule Time**  
**9:00 AM & 11:30 AM**





Born in Rome of a noble family on May 5, 347. Paula married Toxotius, and the couple had five children - Toxotius, Blesilla, Paulina, Eustochium, and Rufina. They were regarded as an ideal married couple, and on his death in 379, she renounced the world, lived in the greatest austerity, and devoted herself to helping the poor. She met St. Jerome in 382 through St. Epiphanius and Paulinus of Antioch and was closely associated with Jerome in his work while he was in Rome. The death of her daughter Blesilla in 384 left her heartbroken, and in 385 she left Rome with Eustochium, traveled to the Holy Land with Jerome, and a year later settled in Bethlehem under his spiritual direction. She and Eustochium built a hospice, a monastery, and a convent, which Paula governed. She became Jerome's closest confidante and assistant, taking care of him and helping him in his biblical work, build numerous churches, which were to cause her financial difficulties in her old age, and died at Bethlehem on January 26. She is the patroness of widows. Her feast day is January 26.

## ***We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin***

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read ***We Are His Witnesses***, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read ***We Are His Witnesses*** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

*(This letter is also available on our website)*

[https://rcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/We-are-His-Witnesses Jan-6-2025-FINAL.pdf](https://rcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/We-are-His-Witnesses-Jan-6-2025-FINAL.pdf)

## JESUS HIMSELF SAID THIS:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven...the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you..for my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink."

John 6:51-54

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## Incensing the People

A **MINISTER** may swing incense toward the people at one point of the Mass. Incense may be used at any Mass, but customarily for occasions of some importance. During the Mass, incense may accompany the Entrance Process, the Gospel, the Preparation of the Gifts, and the elevations. The incensation of the people may happen during the Preparation of the Gifts.

After the priest has set the bread and wine on the altar and before he washes his hands, a minister hands him the boat (the vessel containing grains of incense.) The minister lifts the top of the thurible (the censer) and the priest spoons incense on top of the hot coals. The minister lowers the lid and hands the thurible to the priest, who hands the boat back. The priest incenses the bread and wine, the Cross and the altar. Then the minister takes the thurible from the priest and swings it toward him. As the priest washes his hands, the minister incenses the people.

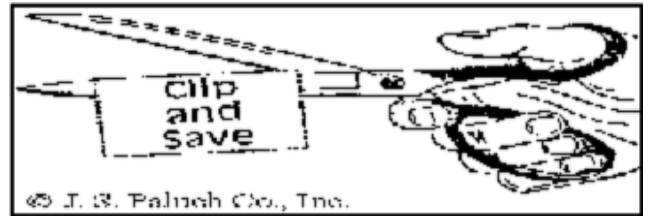
Usually the minister stands in front near the sanctuary steps, facing the assembly. He or she bows to the people, swings the thurible toward them three times, and bows again. If the church is large, the minister may incense one side of the assembly and then the other. When finished, the minister goes back to his or her place.

While this occurs, it is customary for everyone to stand. In some churches the people bow when the minister bows to them, but the rubrics of the Mass do not explicitly call for this. The minister is showing reverence to the people.

If incense is used, and if the minister faces you after incensing the priest, stand up, and receive the reverence of the servant of God.

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Statement for the year ending  
December 31, 2024.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope Number: 962 - \_\_\_\_\_**  
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