



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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December 8, 2024



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
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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.

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Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, December 7

5:30 PM Donald Walsh

SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Roberto Dela Pena

10:00 AM Michael Pansini

12:00 PM Pasquale Manente

MONDAY, December 9 (Immaculate Conception)

8:00 AM People of Our Parish Family

12:05 PM Gioacchino & Antonia Piccinich

7:00 PM Grace Pillari

TUESDAY, December 10

12:00 PM Justin Salzman

WEDNESDAY, December 11

12:00 PM Margaret Krzyzaniak

THURSDAY, December 12

12:00 PM Carmine Gioffre &
Domenica Fedele

FRIDAY, December 13

12:00 PM Nicoletta Minervini

SATURDAY, December 14

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders
[11A] & [29A]

SUNDAY, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Felice Capurso

10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo

12:00 PM Josephine Zorat

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle

Jack 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 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.



December 1, 2024

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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*



A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday • December 15, 2024
3 PM



**This year we will continue with our
 Advent Giving Tree for the
 families with children in our area
 who require some help with
 Christmas.**

**Tags will be available November 23 &
 24th. All gifts should be returned
 no later than December 13th.**

Please “do not wrap” the gifts.
**Contact Pat Miller- 201-296-0141 or
 Cheryl Vorisek - 201-805-0796
 with any questions.**

**Thank you in advance for your
 generous response to this worthy
 cause.**



**NATIONAL
 Eucharistic
 Revival**

June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025
Reflections on the Eucharist

Bishop Robert Barron in “Advent Gospel”

“And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” And we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth”.(John 1- 18) The Word becoming flesh is God coming to dwell definitively in His world, undoing the effects of sin and turning it into what it was always meant to be. John’s gospel is telling us that Jesus is the new Eden, the new Temple, the restored creation, the realization of God’s intention for the world. And our purpose is not simply to gaze on this fact with wonder but rather to enter into its power: “From His fullness we have received grace upon grace.”

Receiving the Eucharist allows us to enter into this power as people of the Eucharist, people who have been transformed by receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Glory to You, O Lord

WHEN THE priest or deacon announces the Gospel at Mass, the people respond, “Glory to you, O Lord.” The response marks the tiniest change introduced in the revised English translation of the Mass. It inserts the word “O.”

This brief dialogue serves two purposes—one practical, the other spiritual. The announcement tells the community which of the four Gospels provides today’s excerpt. Spiritually, though, the people respond by glorifying the Lord. Their words acclaim Jesus Christ the Lord, who is about to speak to them through his word. The proclamation of the Gospel is a sacramental moment. Christ is present to his people. He is speaking to them. This is not a mere reading of an old book; it is a living proclamation of Christ’s word to his people today.

For this reason, the people greet Christ before and after the Gospel: “Glory to you, O Lord,” at the beginning, and “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ” at the end. They do not address the deacon or the priest who proclaims the Gospel. They address Jesus Christ, whose word they hear.

The word “O” appears in this acclamation. Some people were saying it all along. Others make a slight adjustment. Throughout the revised translation of the Missal, the word “O” has been inserted into prayers addressing “Lord” or “God” to soften the way we speak, to sound more humble, and to show respect for the one we are addressing. This happens most often in the prayers of the priest, but occasionally in the texts assigned to the people. When you respond, “Glory to you, O Lord,” you are greeting Jesus Christ who is about to speak to you, and you show him respect with your word and your heart.

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“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist’s call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice’ of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” —Pope Benedict XVI

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is transferred to December 9.