



**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)*

**January 19, 2025**



**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:** **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 18

5:30 PM Madonna Danganan

## SUNDAY, January 19, 2025

### Second Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Jimmy Tarabocchia

11:30 AM Deceased members of  
Montany Families

## MONDAY, January 20 *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

12:00 PM Maria De Sario

## TUESDAY, January 21

12:00 PM Martino Matesic

## WEDNESDAY, January 22

12:00 PM Joe Romano

## THURSDAY, January 23

12:00 PM Tony Tarabocchia [2A]

## FRIDAY, January 24

12:00 PM Bruno & Maria Cerneka

## 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]

## Memorials

Bread & Wine  
And  
Sanctuary Candle  
Tony Tarabocchia



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	
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 12, 2025

\$2,708

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

## ***BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST***

Have you encountered  
the Eucharist?

How has the Eucharist  
changed you?

This book is a collection of life  
changing reflections  
about Jesus truly present in the  
Eucharist.

**Read and Believe!!**

## ***BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST***

### **ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS**



Catholic Charities received \$1,323 as a result of your generosity to our Donation Bin(s) at your Church from June 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable Catholic Charities to provide shelter to 590 people every night at our seven homeless shelters throughout the Archdiocese (FY23/24). The advent of the cold weather increases the demand for our services at these shelters. Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

## ***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>



## Ordinary Time Weekdays

**THE LECTIONARY** for Ordinary Time weekdays contains a meticulous series of readings. Each year begins with a nearly complete presentation of Mark's Gospel proclaimed over nine weeks. The remaining weeks divide nearly evenly between Matthew and Luke. These focus on the unique stories not found in Mark. (Significant passages from John's Gospel are heard during the second half of Lent and throughout Easter Time.)

The First Readings spread over a two-year cycle. They present books of the Old and New Testament in alternation. These are semi-continuous reading. The principal passages of each book are heard in sequence, but not the complete book.

Year One of the weekday lectionary cycle opens with the Letter to the Hebrews and then moves to the first part of the Book of Genesis. Excerpts from Sirach and Tobit follow. From the New Testament Second Corinthians is proclaimed. Then a whole series of passages from the Bible's historical books tell the record of salvation history. Several New Testament letters come next, followed by a collection of the Minor Prophets. Several weeks are next given to the Letter to the Romans, and the year concludes with Wisdom, Maccabees, and Daniel.

Year Two opens with the historical books concerning the kings of Israel. Then the weekday lectionary turns to a group of New Testament letters. Next, the historical books resume where they left off, and with them come the remaining major and Minor Prophets. More New Testament letters follow, and then some books from the Old Testament's Wisdom Literature. The remaining New Testament letters come next, and the year closes with the Book of Revelation.

Those who heed this sequence at daily Mass or in private prayer will encounter the main passage of the entire Bible every two years.

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## I Believe

**EVERY CATHOLIC** shares a belief with every other Catholic. We believe in one God. We believe in three divine persons. We believe in forgiveness. We believe in eternal life. We each hold this belief. When we were baptized, we spoke it for the first time, or our parents and godparents spoke it for us. Now, every Sunday at Mass, we recite the Creed. We may disagree with other Catholics on less important matters, but the Creed holds us together on what counts the most.

The first word of the Creed in Latin is *Credo*, and it means, "I believe." When the Mass first went into English after the Second Vatican Council, the translation used the words "We believe." This helped our sense of participation at Mass. We come not just by ourselves but also as a community, expressing together our common faith. Other vernacular languages did not make the same choice, so it has been common to hear the equivalent of "I believe" in Catholic churches in other nations around the world.

In the most recent revision of *The Roman Missal*, the Vatican has asked that all vernacular languages express the Creed in the first person singular, "I believe." This is consistent with the tradition going back to the sixth century, when the Creed began to appear as a regular feature of Sunday Mass, first in Spain and then throughout the rest of the Catholic world. The community recited the Creed together, but almost always in the first person singular, "I believe."

St. Thomas Aquinas said, "The confession of faith is handed down in the Creed, as it were, as coming from the person of the whole Church, united by means of the Faith." When we say, "I believe," we speak not only for ourselves—we speak for the Church.

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