



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 15, 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.

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Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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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

MONDAY, December 16

12:00 PM Frank Francica

TUESDAY, December 17

12:00 PM Otto & Josephine Baumeister

WEDNESDAY, December 18

12:00 PM Isabel Hussey

THURSDAY, December 19

12:00 PM Nerina Picinich

FRIDAY, December 20

12:00 PM Antonia & Gioacchino Piccinich
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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

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle

Luciano Lo Sardo



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	



Vincenza Marcassoli

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 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*

****Join us today, Sunday
 A Festival of Lessons and Carols
 Today, • December 15, 2024
 3 PM**



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**

Great Amen

“AMEN” MEANS “So be it.” It means “I believe.” It means “The truth has been spoken.” And it’s a little like clicking the “Send” button after you’ve written an email. It gives your prayer the wings it uses to fly toward God in heaven.

We conclude many prayers at Mass with an Amen. The Glory to God, the Collect, the Creed, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Doxology after the Lord’s Prayer, and the Prayer after Communion all end with the word “Amen.” When you receive the Body and Blood of the Lord at Communion, you answer “Amen.”

But amid all these Amens, one is traditionally called “great,” the one that concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Great Amen is great because of what it says Amen to. Throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, we have been praying in thanksgiving for the wonderful things God does for us, and we have been praying in petition for the living and the dead. Most importantly, we have been praying that the Holy Spirit would change the bread and wine on the altar into the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer, the most powerful prayer in human history, concludes with an Amen that can only be called “great.”

Because of the significance of this Amen, it is one of the acclamations that we are encouraged to sing at Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 40). Usually the priest will sing the preceding words, which refer to Christ: “Through him, and with him, and in him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.”

To those words, all we can say and all we must say is “Amen.”

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Holy Communion vs Eucharist

The word “**Eucharist**” refers to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ truly present on the altar under the appearances of bread and wine. The word “**communion**” refers the actual reception of the Eucharist by the person receiving it, as well as the communion of the members of the Church.

