



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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February 2, 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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Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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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

MONDAY, February 3

12:00 PM Irene & Casimir Katkowski

TUESDAY, February 4

12:PM Terezina Scrivanich

WEDNESDAY, February 5

12:00 PM John Bussanich

THURSDAY, February 6

12:00 PM Joan Lee

FIRST FRIDAY, February 7

12:00 PM Jonathan Wende

SATURDAY, February 8

5:30 PM Anne Nierstedt

SUNDAY, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Angela & Salvatore Facchini

11:30 AM Bill Jehle

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle

Ronald W. Thomas



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	



David Palmadessa	Anthony Petrino
Sabina Bruno	Darren E. Porcaro

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 26, 2025

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*****Please Note**
New Sunday Mass
Schedule Time

9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Feast

A **FEAST** is a day of special significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar. Precisely, a *feast* does not rank as high as a *solemnity*, but it does rank above a *memorial*. In everyday speech, we use the word to cover almost any special day, such as “the feast of St. Valentine” or “the feast of St. Patrick.” However, the official calendar does not include these in its special category of “feasts.”

Feasts include some special events in the lives of Jesus and Mary (Birth of Mary, Visitation, Holy Innocents, Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, and Transfiguration); days associated with apostles, evangelists, and archangels; and days of historical significance honoring the deacon and martyr Lawrence, the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome (John Lateran), and the first display of the relics of the Cross (Exaltation of the Holy Cross). In the United States, the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed as a feast.

Locally, feasts are observed for the principal patron of the diocese, the anniversary of the cathedral’s dedication, the patron of a region or wider territory, and other days proper to an individual Church or religious order. So, for example, if your cathedral is named for St. Patrick, March 17 is observed as a solemnity there and as a feast in the parish churches of the diocese. But it is an optional memorial in other dioceses.

Mass on a feast day includes the Glory to God and special readings from the lectionary. When certain feasts fall on a Sunday (Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, John Lateran, and Exaltation of the Cross), they replace the Sunday liturgy. Otherwise, feasts are never anticipated at Mass the night before.

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Instrumental Music

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS aid our efforts at worship. They support singing by establishing its tones, rhythms, and speed. But at other times instruments make music all alone, without the addition of the human voice.

To introduce a song, instruments usually play a brief phrase, but sometimes the introduction is expanded into a complete piece of music on its own. At other times, the introduction is reduced to a single pitch.

Instrumental music may be played before the service begins, during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts, at Communion time, and at the end of Mass. Such music can facilitate prayer. It can calm our spirits—or energize them. It can move us to repentance or remind us of God’s unbounded mercy. It can call us to generosity in time, talent, and treasure.

Sometimes instrumental music seems to fill up time at Mass. It can cover the use of incense, and it can fill the air with harmonious sound when the Communion hymn did not quite last long enough for everyone to receive.

The rubrics for the Mass never mention the singing of a final hymn. Although many congregations sing a closing hymn in the United States, in other countries instruments play while the ministers and the faithful leave.

The literature for organ solo is especially large and diverse. Over the centuries, great composers have written exceptionally beautiful music for the organ to play at Mass. In the past, the organist even played while the priest prayed the canon quietly, but instruments are not to compete with the priest when he is praying aloud (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 32). During Advent, instrumental music may be used with moderation, and it should be avoided during Lent (313).

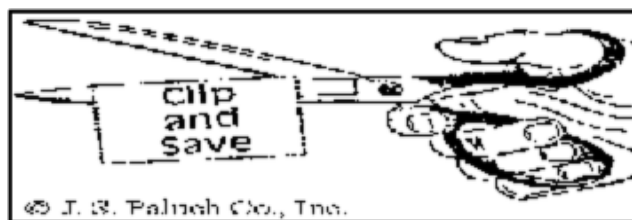
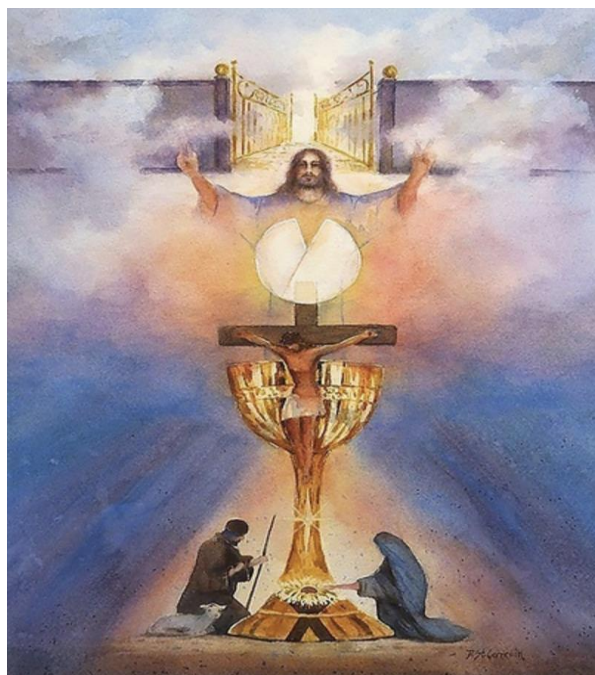
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We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

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)



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Parish Donations
Request for the Year 2024**

**Please send my Parish
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Statement for the year ending
December 31, 2024.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Envelope Number: 962 - _____

**Please fill out this paper
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