



# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie  
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**Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,**  
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*Pastoral Associate*

**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

**Weekdays: Monday to Friday:** 12:05 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

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### **Parish Center Office**

Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172

Monday to Friday

### **Rectory**

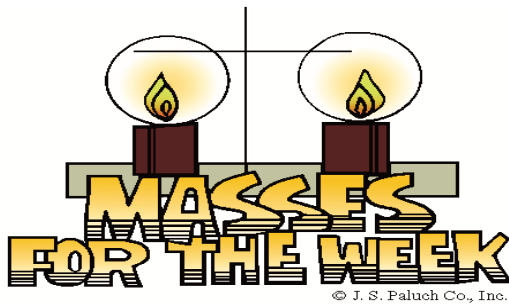
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### **Religious Education**

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Sunday to Thursday



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**SATURDAY, October 30**

**5:30 PM Francesco La Rocca**

**SUNDAY, October 31, 2021**

**Thirty-First Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM Valentino Mattessich**  
**10:00 AM Joseph Bosi**  
**12:00 PM Sergio Passaro**

**MONDAY, November 1 All Saints Day**

**12:05 PM Silvia & Mauro Raguseo**

**TUESDAY, November 2 All Souls Day**

**12:05 PM All Souls Day 1**

**WEDNESDAY, November 3**

**12:05 PM All Souls Day 2**

**THURSDAY, November 4**

**12:05 PM All Souls Day 3**

**FRIDAY, November 5**

**12:05 PM All Souls Day 4**

**SATURDAY, November 6**

**5:30 PM All Souls Day 5**

**SUNDAY, November 7**

**Thirty-Second Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM All Souls Day 6**  
**10:00 AM All Souls Day 7**  
**12:00 PM All Souls Day 8**

**Memorials**  
**Bread & Wine**  
**John (Gasparo) Morin**

**Sanctuary Candle**  
**People of Our Parish Family**

**BECOMING SAINTS**

**Follow the saints because those who follow them will become saints.**

**—St. Clement I**

**LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD**

**All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.**

**—Mark Twain**





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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 31, 2021

You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.  
— Deuteronomy 6:5

### LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus’ ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today’s selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, “I love you, O LORD, my strength” (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.



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### TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Halloween

Monday: All Saints

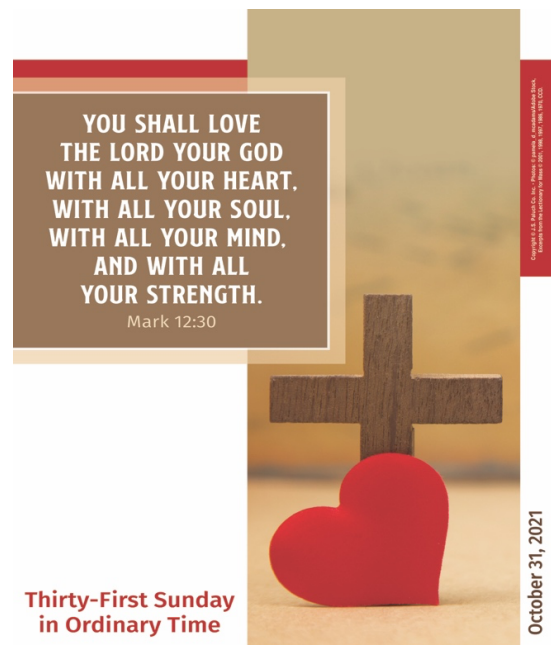
Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day); Election Day

Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres

Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Thirty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

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**We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.**

**John McConnell**

**Catherine Mary Moncello  
Camilla Leventhal  
Nicole Grano  
Johanna Hanush  
Lena Vitale.  
John Thomas Lazur Dersch  
Robert Zienkiewicz  
Florence Navarro  
Paula Kelnhofer  
Jacqueline Palmadessa  
Michael Toscan  
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Philip Dittmar  
Barbara Demczynsyn  
Caroline Ruppert Hubertz  
Tom Greaux  
Mary Ceppaglia**



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*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 Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989.*



**Richard Tucci**

**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.**

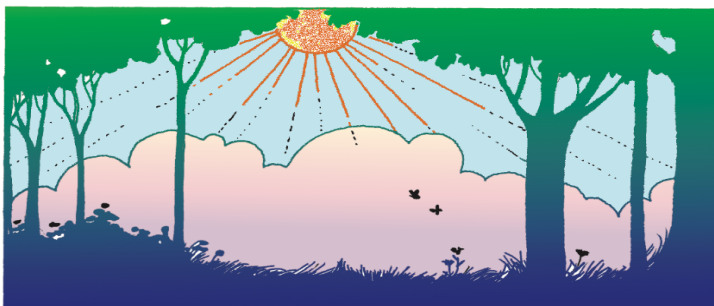


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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Prayer after Communion

*The rites following the reception of Communion are very short. It is as if the Church is saying to us that the only way to respond to this great gift is to go forth and live it! But there are some significant rites yet before we are sent forth from the Mass.*

*After Communion, we pray together in silence or sing a hymn; both are ways to thank God for the gift of the Son. Then the priest prays another collect, the Prayer after Communion. This prayer, usually very short, gathers our prayers into one. It*

*reminds us of what we have already experienced: in receiving the Eucharist, we have received a foretaste of the heavenly banquet; we have eaten the bread of angels.*

*This reality, this knowledge, should transform us, so that we may journey through this life with our hearts set on eternal life, and find in the Eucharist— which is food from heaven and daily bread—the strength and hope we need to work toward God's kingdom of justice here and now.*

*—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

## NEW MINISTRY SIGN-UP

All ministries are open  
to Women and Men

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Ministry Commitment Interested Person's Name

**Altar Servers** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** Half-way through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Time:** Semi-Monthly, Year round

**Responsibility:** Assist the Priest with the celebration of Mass

**Adult Altar Servers** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** 18 and over

**Time:** Year-round for funerals and early morning Mass

**Responsibility:** Assist the Priest with the celebration of Mass

**Minister of Holy Communion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** 18 and over

**Time:** Semi-Monthly at a specific Mass, year round

**Requirements:** Must be fully initiated (baptized, confirmed, and admitted to first Communion), and a practicing Catholic.

They must be in good standing with the Church. They must be aware of the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Responsibility:** Distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. You should arrive 20 minutes prior to Mass to set-up the Altar.

**Reader** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** After Confirmation

**Time:** Monthly, year round

**Requirements:** Must be fully initiated (baptized, confirmed, and admitted to first Communion), and a practicing Catholic.

They must be in good standing with the Church.

**Responsibility:** Proclaiming the readings during the weekly Mass. Prepare the weeks reading during the days leading to the Mass, and arrive 20 minutes prior to Mass to prepare the General Intercessions. Rushing into the sacristy just before Mass to "look at the readings" should be avoided.

**Choir** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** After Confirmation

**Time:** September through June, rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30pm, sing on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each Month. Also, needed for special programs throughout the year.

**Responsibility:** Enhance the weekly Mass with your gift of song.

**Ushers** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** Minimum 25 years of age

**Time:** Weekly at a specific Mass, year round

**Responsibility:** Should arrive 15 minutes before Mass to greet Parishioners, arrange for people to take the gifts to the Altar (preferably family members of the Mass intention), collection of weekly offering, distribute bulletins at end of Mass, and organize pews after parishioners leave.

**CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS**

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