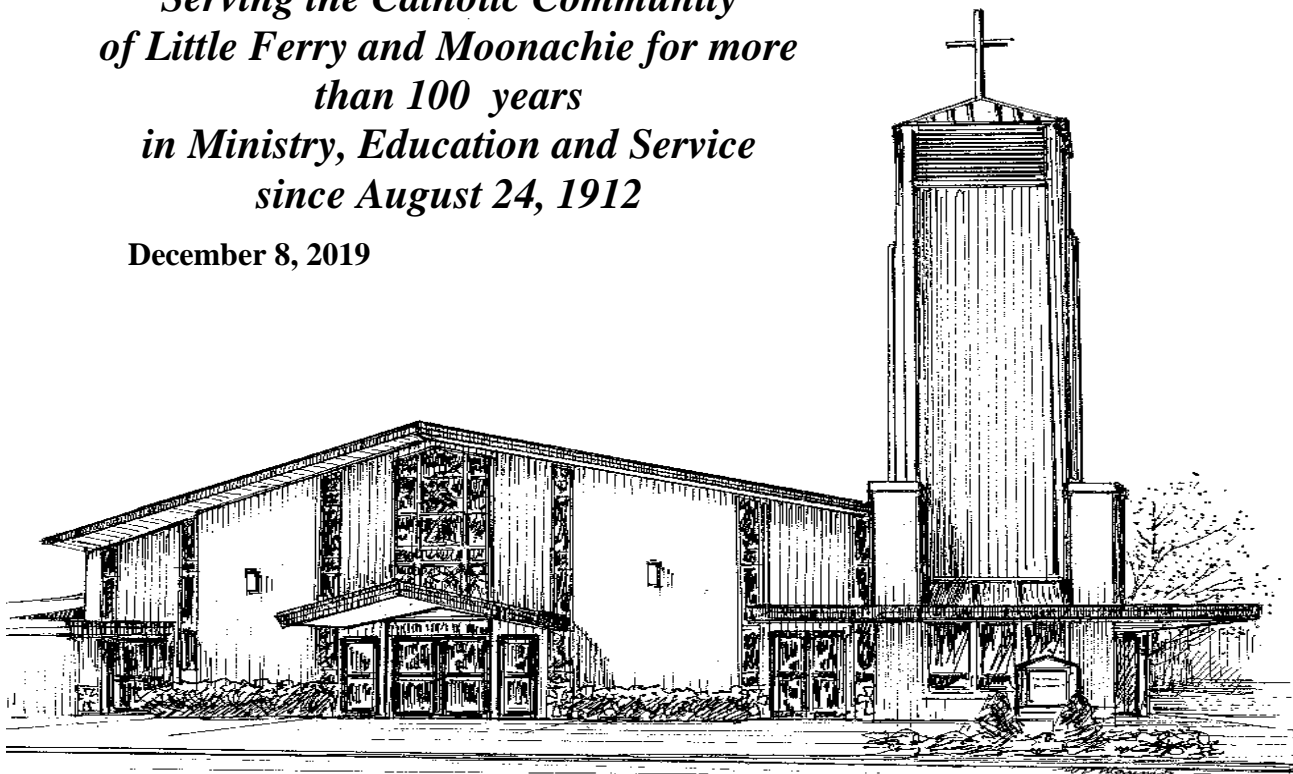


Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish Family

*Serving the Catholic Community
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December 8, 2019



31 Chamberlain Avenue, Little Ferry, New Jersey, 07643-1898

Reverend Kevin E. Carter,
Pastor

Reverend Michael Otuwurunne,
In Residence

Sister Dorothy A. Donovan, S.S.J.,
Pastoral Associate

Eileen M. Ballone,
Director of Music

Dina R. Tarabocchia,
Parish Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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By appointment only

Religious Education
201-641-3937
Sunday to Thursday

The Holy Eucharist for this Week

5:30 PM Victoria Dupray

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Michael A. Pansini
10:00 AM James V. Del Duca
12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich
& Family
(Special Intention)

MONDAY, December 9
7:00 PM Saverio Binetti

TUESDAY, December 10
8:00 AM Margaret Krzyzaniak

WEDNESDAY, December 11
8:00 AM Francesco Raguseo

THURSDAY, December 12
8:00 AM Sr. Patricia Meidhof
7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe

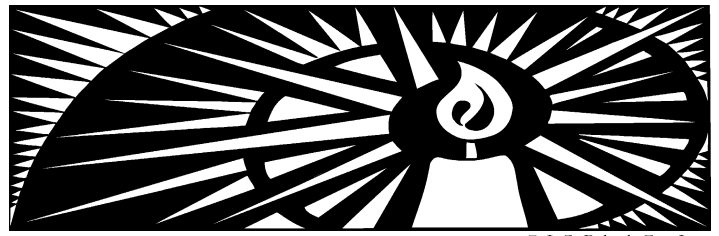
FRIDAY, December 13
8:00 AM Dennis Meccia

SATURDAY, December 14
9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Sadars
[6A] & [24A]

SUNDAY, December 15 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Antonia & Stefano De Ceglia
10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo
12:00 PM Barbara Spadavecchia



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Memorials
Bread & Wine
Annie Zorat

Sanctuary Candle
Sister Patricia Meidhof



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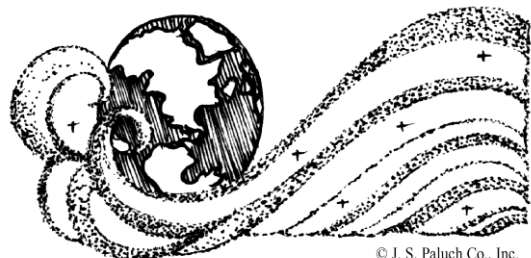
Our Choir and Readers present
to you
A Festival of Lessons and Carols



Sunday – December 8
3 pm



All are invited to prepare and anticipate
our Lord's Birth



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

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THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

Training for Ministry

Come the beginning of next year we will start having regular training for Readers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is open to all current Ministers. If you are thinking of joining one of these Ministries, you are also welcome to come to get information. Requirements for each Ministry are below.

The training will include what will need to be done before, during and after each Mass. We will also go over the use of the Web Terminal and APP for the scheduling program.

Altar Servers

To be an Altar Servers the child must be Baptized and have received First Holy Communion. The Child should also be halfway through 3rd grade. Altar servers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You will need to be 18 years old. You must also be in good standing with the Church. You must be aware of the sacredness of the Body and Blood of Christ. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Reader

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be Baptized, received First Holy Communion and been Confirmed. You must also be in good standing with the Church. As a Reader you would be proclaiming the readings and general intercessions during the weekly Mass. Readers are needed on weekends for 5:30pm, 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon. You would serve semi-monthly and can volunteer for Holy Days.

Please watch for dates for training for each of the Ministries.



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

**Shirley Pizza
Catherine Mary Moncello
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
Anna Semioli
Florence Navarro
Florence Corbiserie
Ann Meyer
Adele Rovito
Arline Hrbek
Michael Toscano
Barbara Demczyszyn**

**John McConnell
Baby Amato Jordan
Julian Morgan
Michele Porta
Giovanna Careri
Grace Ehler
Julio Sanchez
Robert & Evelyn Zienkiewicz
Kevin Michael Francis
Paula Kelnhofer
Philip Dittmar
Jacqueline Palmadessa
Ruth Budinich
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*The Giving Tree activity continues until
December 16. Please remember that only
new gifts are accepted. Thank you*



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*On Thursday, December 12, we will
celebrate the
Feast of Our Lady
of Guadalupe
at 7 p.m. in the Church.
Please come join us for a bi-lingual Mass
as well as hospitality, which will follow in
Marnell Hall.*



*San Lorenzo Ruiz Society
invites you to Come and celebrate
Simbang Gabi 2019
Saturday , December 14, 2019 @ 5:30 pm
Saint Margaret of Cortona Church
Reception will follow at Marnell Hall
Please feel free to bring a dish to share
No tickets required
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!*



FOOD PANTRY

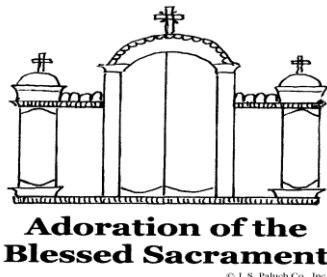
Next weekend, December 14 & 15 is our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of coffee and cold/hot cereals.

Please note: At this time we are *not* in need of canned vegetables.

The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, December 18, for those who qualify.

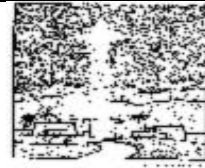
from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The wonderful generosity of our parishioners every month is very much appreciated by those we try to serve.



Our parish Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place
Wednesday, December 18.

Mass will be
celebrated at 6 p.m. Adoration will follow
until 7 p.m. We will close with
Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament.



Please join the Men of Cortona for
Breakfast in Bethlehem on Sunday,
December 15 after every Mass.
All are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next 3 meetings will be December 11,
January 8 and 22.

Wreath Orders and Grave Blankets

Pick up will be this weekend

December 7 & 8.

Christmas Club for Christ

December 15 is the last day for deposits to
your Christmas Club Account.



The Stewardship Collection
November 24, 2019
\$3,570