

Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish Family

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December 17, 2017



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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.

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Sunday to Thursday

The Holy Eucharist for this Week

SATURDAY

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders
[4A] & [22A]

SUNDAY, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Mary Vorisek
10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo
12:00 PM Henry M. Barca, Jr.

MONDAY, December 18

7:00 PM Gaetano Competiello

TUESDAY, December 19

8:00 AM Nicolo Hroncich

WEDNESDAY, December 20

8:00 AM Robert Pezzillo

THURSDAY, December 21

8:00 AM Francis, Williams, Moylan
& Herlihy Families

FRIDAY, December 22

8:00 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir
Thomas & Theresa Leonardi

SATURDAY, December 23

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild

SATURDAY

5:30 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir
Thomas & Theresa Leonardi
10:00 AM Margaret Krzyzaniak

Christmas Eve Vigil

5:30 PM People of Our Parish Family
Midnight People of Our Parish Family
(11:30 PM - Christmas Carols begin)



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Memorials
Bread and Wine
Dario Zorat
Sanctuary Candle
Luciano LoSardo



***A Festival of
Lessons and Carols
presented by the
combined choirs of
Saint Margaret of Cortona
Parish, Little Ferry
Today, Sunday
December 17, at 3 pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME
Bring your family and friends
and reflect on the
anticipated
Birth of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.***



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Third Sunday of Advent
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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

PROPER UNDERTAKING

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.

—Georg C. Lichtenberg

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius;

Winter begins

Saturday: St. John of Kanty



****SAVE THE DATE!!****

*Saturday, January 20, 2018
join us for a parish family pot
luck supper in Marnell Hall
from 6:30—9, as we "kick off "
2018 as a parish family.*

*Flyers will be in the
bulletin with more details
at a later date.*



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

Bishop John W. Flesey

Shirley Pizza
Phil Kinsella
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
George Cappiello
Robert & Evelyn Zienkiewicz
Kevin Michael Francis
Connie Vaccarino
Lucille Millar
Catherine Stika
Gaspere Nino Cervone
Ruth Crocono

John Mc Connell
Catherine Mary Moncello
Jackie Grabusnik
Michele Porta
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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 especially for all those victims who suffered and lost so much, under the severity of hurricanes.



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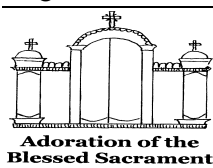
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**This weekend,
December 16 & 17 is
our Parish Food Pantry
collection. Items can be
dropped off at church after any
Mass, and placed in the empty room
outside of the restroom. We are in
need of items people cannot buy with
food stamps, such as laundry
detergent, dishwashing liquid, and
personal hygiene products. We are
also in need of hot and cold cereals.
The Pantry will be open on
Wednesday December 20th, and the
third Wednesday of every month
from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for
those who qualify. The wonderful
generosity of our parishioners, every
month, is very much appreciated by
those we try to serve.**

**Thank
You**

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**In this Season of giving, we are
grateful to All of our
parishioners who
donate to St. Margaret's of Cortona
pantry throughout the year.
You help us meet the
needs of the people we serve.
God Bless You,
Father Kevin Carter &
The Food Pantry Committee**



Our parish Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Wednesday, December 20. 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 note a change on the usual Sunday Schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24th.

There will not be a Noon Mass on that day so that we can decorate the church after the 10 AM Mass.

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**The Stewardship Collection
for December 9 & 10, 2017
\$3,249**

**Saint Margaret of Cortona
2017 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
4th Sunday of Advent December 24
(Special Schedule)**

**Saturday, December 23: 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 24: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(Please note that there will no 12:00 PM Mass because
the church needs that time to decorate
for the Christmas Masses)**

**Christmas Masses, December 24-25 Sunday, Christ-
mas Eve: 5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight
(Choir starts singing at 11:30pm)
Monday, Christmas Day:
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

**Holy Family, Sunday, December 31
Saturday, December 30: 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 31
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM**

**Solemnity of Mary
The Mother of God (New Year's Day)
January 1, 2018**

**Monday, New Year's Day:
10:00 AM, - 12 PM
(Please note that because this Solemnity falls on a Mon-
day this year, it is not a
Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Epiphany, Sunday, January 7
Saturday, January 6:
5:30 PM
Sunday, January 7 :
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Individual Reconciliation at St. Margaret's)
Saturday's December 2, 9, 16, 23,
from 1:00—1:30 PM
Wednesday, December 20, 6:30—7:00 PM (In Chapel)
Thursday, December 21, 6:30—8:00 PM
Friday, December 22, 4:00—6:00 PM**

**Eucharist Devotion
Wednesday, December 20, after the 6:00 PM Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7 PM.**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols
(Seasonal Scripture and Carols by both choirs)
Sunday, December 17, 3:00 PM.**

**Decorating and Cleaning of Church
Sunday, December 24, after the 10:00 AM Mass**

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