

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA AND ST. GABRIEL PARISH



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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: To be considered active members of St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Gabriel Parish, each family and single adult must be properly registered and regularly use the weekly donation envelopes for our parish. This is the only way the parish can issue documents **attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice** (e.g. A LETTER TO BE A GODPARENT OR SPONSOR. *Newly registered parishioners must be registered & use envelopes for at least 6 months before a Sponsor Letter can be issued.*). New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM: To assist us in keeping accurate records of your contributions, we request that you use the weekly envelope system. This enables us to verify your donations should it be necessary for tax purposes. Please notify the Rectory if you change your address.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA SCHOOL:

Grade Pre-K through Grade 8. For information, call the principal, **Mr. Hugh Keenan**, at 718-549-8580 or visit the school website at: www.smcsriverdale.org.

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL: Grade Pre-K through Grade 8. For information, call the principal, **Mr. Anthony Naccari**, at 718- 548-0444 or visit the school website at: www.stgabrielsinthebronx.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: For children in public and private schools, Grade 1 through Grade 8. For information, email the School of Religion: **Mrs. Georgina Nieves**, St. Gabriel at stgabrielsreled@gmail.com or **Mrs. Kerry Bader**, St. Margaret of Cortona: at saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com.

HOMEBOUND: For those confined at home, Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion. If anyone is not on the regular list, please call the Rectory.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

St. Margaret of Cortona

SUNDAY MASSES: (Vigil) 5:15 PM Saturday

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:15 PM

LATIN RITE MASS: 1st Sunday of the month at 3:00PM

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 AM and 12 Noon

SATURDAYS: 8:30 AM

LEGAL HOLIDAYS: 12:00 PM

1st SATURDAY: Rosary in Honor of Our Lady 9:00 AM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Monday preceding 8:30 AM Mass

CONFESSIONS: are available on Saturdays at 4:00 PM

until 5:00 PM and upon request.

HOLY HOUR/ADORATION:

Thursday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday after Noon

Mass. Concludes with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 PM

St. Gabriel

SUNDAY MASSES: (Vigil) 5:00 PM Saturday

Sunday: 9:30 & 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Monday following the 9:00 AM Mass

CONFESSIONS: are available on Saturdays at 4:15 PM

until 4:45 PM and upon request.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Arrangements may be made by speaking with one of the priests.

MARRIAGE: Before the date is confirmed, couples should meet with one of the priests. This should be done at least one year ahead. Pre-Cana is required.

SICK CALLS: For the ill, the Sacrament of the Sick is available. Please call the Rectory at any time.

From the Pastor's Desk!

Dear Parishioners,

The **Renew & Rebuild Program** here at St. Margaret—St. Gabriel was a huge success. We not only made our goal but surpassed it. The final figures are not yet in but so far we have **\$1,573,815 pledged from 346 families**. This is a great tribute to your sacrificial generosity and love for our parish. Some of the necessary renovations and repairs have already taken place., some are underway and others will follow. It is said that there is no love without sacrifice. Certainly your generosity is proof of that!

I want to thank all those who pledged and prayed to make the campaign so successful. I will keep you updated on any future results.

May I offer a special thanks to our executive committee for their many, many hours of tireless work.

God bless all of you.

Father Brian McCarthy
Pastor

LIFE MINISTRY will meet in Walsh Hall on **Wednesday, January 9th** at 6:30 PM We will address **Immigration and DACA**. Please come help us.

ZITI FRIDAY is always the second Friday each month. Our next "**ZITI FRIDAY**" is **January 11th**. We can always use more baked ziti to feed our neighbors. A simple recipe and pans can be picked up at Saint Gabriel's Rectory.

WE HAVE A NEW PARISH WEBSITE!

If you want to see what is happening in our parish, please visit our new website:

www.stmargaretof cortona-stgabriel.com

A CORRECTION: On December 17th at 12 Noon a Mass was celebrated for **Mary Rush Thomas**. We incorrectly indicated that she is deceased. She is not deceased. We are so sorry for the mistake but are grateful to God that she is alive and with us. .

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

THE COLLECTION REPORTS New Year's Holidays. We will report the collection amounts in the bulletin next weekend. Thank you for your understanding (**and your tremendous generosity!**).

The Epiphany of the Lord—A Reflection

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the Child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did Him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

PAVE (**P**risoner and **V**ictim **E**mpowerment) will meet in Walsh Hall on **Wednesday, January 16th** at 6:30 PM. We will begin to plan for the **VICTIM'S MASS** on **Sunday, March 31st** at 11:30 AM.

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE 50th ANNUAL MEN'S BEEFSTEAK will take place on **Friday, February 1st at 7:30 PM in the Msgr. Daniel**

A. Peake Memorial Hall in St. Margaret's School. Once again, all the proceeds from the fundraiser cover the expenses for operating St. Margaret's basketball teams. It also offsets additional expenses for the intramural basketball program and awards presentation.

The Night on the Town Raffle is a way in which everyone can participate in the Beefsteak and support the athletic program for the youth of St. Margaret's. The *Grand Prize* is a Manhattan Hotel Reservation, Dinner for two at a Smith and Wollensky Restaurant, and two tickets to a Broadway Show. Donation for the Raffle tickets is still only \$1 each or a book of six for \$5. **Members of the Beefsteak Committee and their supporters will have raffle books for sale after Masses beginning Saturday evening, January 12th.** You may purchase tickets there or take them home, fill them out and return them the following week. The Beefsteak Committee is grateful for the great support they receive for this event.

Tickets to the Beefsteak will go on sale in the Rectory this week. TICKETS GO VERY QUICKLY! Cost remains: \$50 per ticket or \$25 for seniors over 65. .

National Migration Week begins today and extends to January 12th. The theme is: *Building Communities of Welcome*. Whether through prayer, advocacy or charity, you are invited to engage migrant communities in our local area. For suggestions on what you can do, go to the USCCB Justice for immigrants website: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week/> ..

ABUNDANT THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

- To our amazing Altar Societies, **Mr. John Boyle and all our volunteers** who spend so many hours decorating our Church with cloths, candles, wreaths, garlands, poinsettias, etc., etc. Once again you did a magnificent job!
 - To **Mr. Michael O'Sullivan** and his team who put up the crèches inside and outside the Church, got the Christmas trees and set them up.
 - To **Mrs. Aurora Tussy and all our volunteers** for all the work and attention to detail to make our Church & outside so beautiful. Much more time than people imagine! Another reason to thank God!
 - To our **pastor, priests, deacons, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, & ushers** for your special service at Christmas time. You are truly a gift to our parish!
 - To **Mr. John Welch**, St. Margaret's Director of Music, & **Ms. Nancy Parish**, St. Gabriel's Director of Music, to our Adult and Children Choirs, & **Mr. James Keefe**, our Sunday evening musician, many, many thanks for your beautiful contribution to our worship.
 - To our diligent and ever reliable counters who spend so many hours working in the Rectory each week... you are a blessing!
 - To **Ms. Barbara Pizarro** and **Ms. Carol Green** who shop, organize and distribute the food baskets. To **Mr. Tommy Bader** for helping so many people pack up and carry their food baskets. We are grateful for your willingness; to always say, "Yes".
 - To everyone who donated wrapped, packed and transported gifts to the area Nursing Homes. We were able to give **over 800 gifts** to make Christmas brighter for so many people. God bless each of you!
- To all of you, our parishioners, our families and friends who came and worshiped. Without you we would not be the vibrant **Parish of St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Gabriel**. You are such a blessing. We give thanks every day for each of you!

January 6, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Courtney Amsinger	Dimitrios Anastasiou
Georgina Ayra	Irene Anzalone
Timothy Breen	Patricia Barker
Ellen Brown	John Beckley
Edward Cleary	Iva Boatin
Brian Crawford	Betsy Boruchoff
Mary L. Cronin	Tom Brody
Thomas & Mary Cronin	Frank Caliendo
Mary Dowd	Michele Cipriano
Michael Dunne	Norma Connolly
Jane Elliott	Sr. Margaret Coomey
Joseph Farsetta	Karen Cunniffe
Janet Fulcher	Michael Dannucci
Bridie A. Gaffney	Patricia & John Doran
Elsa Guerra – Hoyt Family	Aurelia Rodriguez- Flores
Frances Hage	Mary Ellen Gibbs
Michele Sanchez Henley	Thomas Glover
Mary Kelleher	Michael Griffin
Catherine Klaver	Michael J. Healy
Elizabeth Landau	Donna Hearla
Olivia Leroy	Alina Hernandez
Terry Loftus	Sarah Hughes
Louis Marino	Maura Hurless
Ann Marie Mauro	Nora Keegan
Avon Marshall	Brian Kolterman
Thomas McGrath	Maureen Lee
Darlene McMeekin	Jose Lizardi
Susan Mercurio	Gloria Lotierzo
Kathryn Merton	Bridie Monaghan
Kevin Mullen	Irene Morgan
Bill Murphy	Diane Morvillo
Jeanne Myers	Eileen Moynihan
Arlene O'Callahan	Marash Mrncaj
George Orphanides	Bozena Mul
Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan	Kathleen Murray
Thomas O'Sullivan	Caitlin O'Callahan
Brian Phillips	Jean O'Malley
Grace & John Rose	Bridie O'Sullivan
Henry Snyder	Margaret O'Shaughnessy
Onelia Soto	Carmen Perez
Marilyn Spawn	Rodolfo Pinzon
Leon Staskevicius	Angie & Estrella Rivera
Mary Sullivan	Katherine & Mary Seanson
Catherine Tobin	Joseph Sheridan
Elido Vega	Lorraine Shearn
Timothy Wright	Harlie Smith

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Gloria M. Mutchler

MASS INTENTIONS 1/07—1/13

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY: *St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest*
8:30 Abraha & Tekle Families
12:00 Mary C., Edward L. & James J. Smith

TUESDAY:
8:30 Norma Connolly (living)
12:00 Michael, John & Thomas Cunney

WEDNESDAY:
8:00 Annie Ginty
12:00 Nora Donahue

THURSDAY
8:30 Florence Yohai
12:00 Patsy Cummins

FRIDAY:
8:30 Mrs. Carol Hoogestraat
12:00 Mary Sullivan

SATURDAY
8:30 James Donovan

SUNDAY: *The Baptism of the Lord*
5:15 PM (Vigil) Kathy Feeney
8:00 Kay Conran & Bridie & Gerry Flood
10:00 Evelyn & Bruce Driscoll
12:00 Jadwiga & Beneykt Rodziewicz &
Irena Puchacz
5:15 Patrick Clarke

St. Gabriel

MONDAY: *St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest*
9:00 Reilly Family

TUESDAY:
9:00 Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY:
9:00 Tom & Ellie Flannery

THURSDAY:
9:00 Bridie Reilly

FRIDAY:
9:00 Bridie & Brian O'Grady

SUNDAY: *The Baptism of the Lord*
5 00 PM (Vigil) Andrew McEvoy
9:30 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona
& St. Gabriel
11:30 Gerard Conlan &
Deceased Conlan Family