

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA AND ST. GABRIEL PARISH



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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.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Brian P. McCarthy, Pastor

Rev. Julius M. Eyyazo, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Willem Klaver, M.H.M, Parochial Vicar

Rev George Lodi, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot Brennan, Weekend Associate

Deacon Joaquim Pereira

Deacon George Pitula

Deacon Donald M. Quigley

Sr. Mary Amadeus McKenna, O.P., Pastoral Associate

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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life. Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

ST. GABRIEL'S TRIPS

We had our planning meeting and these are our hopes: "Jesus" at Sight & Sound, Lancaster, Pa., Belmont Race Track, Cape Cod & Boston, "It Happened One Christmas Eve" at the Westchester Dinner Theatre, Purple Heart Museum and more. Details in future bulletins!

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

Due to the snowstorm, we will report the collection for the week of March 3rd in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

PAVE (Prisoner and Victim Empowerment) will meet in St. Gabriel's Church on **Wednesday, March 13th**, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM to firm-up various aspects of our Victims Mass and reception. Do you know someone who is a victim? Would you like them remembered during Mass? Please call St. Gabriel's Rectory before Wednesday, March 20th.



In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. **If you have not already done so, you may pick up your family's CRS Operation Rice Bowl from St Gabriel's or St. Margaret's this weekend.**



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed in **St. Margaret's Church** on each of the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in this venerated practice of the Church during this Holy Season.



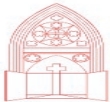
ST. GABRIEL'S 8th GRADE FUNDRAISER ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
In Wash Hall on Sunday, April 7th, following the 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses.

Stack 1: \$5.00 (2 pancakes, juice & coffee)

Stack 2: \$8.00 (3 pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee)

Also, **new this year**, there will be a Tag Sale in the gym. Shop for books, toys, household items and more. Great prices!

First Sunday of Lent



The
Cardinal's
Annual Stewardship Appeal
Supporting His Church for 40 years

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL SUPPORTS PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

In 1979, Terence Cardinal Cooke started the Cardinal's Archdiocesan Appeal to facilitate the pastoral, educational and charitable works of the Archdiocese of New York. In the 40 years since, the Appeal has raised many millions of dollars - **every penny of which has benefited parishes** and the 2.7 million Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York.

In his first address as pope, **Saint John Paul II** called on all of us to "**open wide the doors to Christ**"- a call for personal holiness and conversion of heart but also a call to invite others into the universal Church. We pray we may continue opening our doors to those who need to hear the message of our Lord.

Our Parish goal for this year is \$208,000. To date we have received pledges of \$50,955 from 137 families, which is 25% of our parish goal of \$208,000

If you have not yet made your pledge to the **2019 Cardinal's Appeal**, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment – your generosity is appreciated.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT

In response to your many requests – "What can I/we do to help, to express opposition to this Bill signed by Governor Cuomo? We have printed a special prayer and ask that it be prayed daily during the 40 days of Lent **This prayer is at the entrances to the Church.**

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Each year during the Lenten Season, we have a Parish Mission. Again this year it will be conducted by the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**. Our Mission will take place on **Monday, April 1st through Thursday, April 4th at St. Margaret of Cortona Church.** **Plan to come and bring your family and friends** Additional information will follow next weekend.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION— MONTH 7

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He/she is completely formed and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight. In a short time the baby will be born. The mother has planned to bring the baby home or place her baby for adoption. Either way she knows she can receive assistance from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your prayers have given her the grace to seek the help she needs.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet in **Walsh Hall** on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30 PM.

ST. MARGARET'S LEISURE CLUB will meet on **Friday, March 15th** at 12:30 in the Rectory Meeting Room. The Guest Speaker will be Elder Lawyer, Teresa M. Grant Stoeth. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Read the Gospel and Color:



March 10, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Marie Lynch

MASS INTENTIONS 3/11—3/17

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY:

8:30 Bill Carlo
12:00 Robert Kenny

TUESDAY:

8:30 Leonardo, Guiseppina, Anna,
Salvatore, Claudia Defede Caltanissetta
12:00 Mary O'Brien

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 Alfred & Rose Faracco, Augustine &
Beatrice Solimano & Hope Ann Santora
12:00 Ruza & Vinko Lozich

THURSDAY

8:30 Theresa Song
12:00 Theodore Groder, Nathaniel Ettinger,
Marge Harmon, Elizabeth Volpe, Pasquale
Segreti, Margaret Haggerty & Lisa Cavanaugh

FRIDAY:

8:30 Mary O'Connell
12:00 Patrick & Molly Harrington

SATURDAY

8:30 Lydia Napolitano

SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:15 PM (Vigil) Parishioners of St. Margaret of
Cortona St. Gabriel
8:00 Philip Furlong
10:00 Michael Martyn
12:00 Richard, Julia, Eric & Edmund Murray
5:15 Michael & Margaret Sheehan

St. Gabriel

MONDAY:

9:00 Ann Yarina

TUESDAY:

9:00 Matthew Butler & deceased Butler Family

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 Niall Reidy

THURSDAY:

9:00 Maggie Gordon & deceased Gordon Family

FRIDAY:

9:00 Suzanne LaMantia

SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Lent

5 00 PM (Vigil) Andrew McEvoy
9:30 Florence Halleran
11:30 Adelina & Antonio Pepenells, Sr.