

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— (suspended for summer)
**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Friday after Noon
Mass. Concludes with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Ben-
ediction 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. 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.smcriverdale.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.

TEXT REFLECTION
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

This bulletin is being sent to press early due to the Labor Day holiday. We will report the collections in a future bulletin. Thank you!



**COME SAY THANK YOU & FAREWELL TO
FR. WILLEM & DEACON JOAQUIM PEREIRA**

Please join our parish at Mass **this Sunday, September 8th at 12:00 Noon**. We will have a reception following the Mass in St. Margaret's School Gym to give thanks for the gift of their ministries and bid them farewell.

FATHER WILLEM, a Mill Hill Missionary, from the Netherlands, has been in our parish since 2016. Father has been appointed the pastor of St. John the Evangelist in White Plains. We wish him blessings in his new parish.

DEACON JOAQUIM PEREIRA "Deacon Joe" has been in our parish since 2006. Deacon Joe is retiring and he and his beloved wife, Maria, will return to their home country of Portugal. We thank Deacon for his many years of service and wish him a long and blessed retirement.

Come celebrate the gifts that each man has given to our parish through their ministry.

Please come join us.



DOMINICAN SISTERS OF BLAUVELT invite you to their **69th ANNUAL AUTUMN FESTIVAL** on Saturday, September 28th, from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at their Motherhouse in Blauvelt, N.Y. In support of the Blauvelt Dominicans chances will be sold before and after all the Masses the weekend of September 14th & 15th. **Please support them.**

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our Religious Education Programs provide religious instruction for parish children who attend public or private schools.

ST. GABRIEL: classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. The first class will take place on Sunday, September 15th. Please contact: Mrs. Gina Nieves at stgabrielreled@gmail.com

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA: classes take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 — 5:00 PM. The first class will take place on Wednesday, September 11th. Registration for new students will take place on: Tuesday September 10th from 5:15-6:30 PM in St. Margaret's RECTORY. Contact: Mrs. Kerry Bader at St. Margaret: saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com.

To register in our Religious Education Programs, parents must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate. Tuition for the year: \$130 for one child, \$155 for 2 children and \$180 for 3 or more children. Tuition must be paid in full at time of registration.

Catechists needed:

Volunteers are needed to teach or co-teach classes in the Religious Education Programs (formerly CCD). Classes take place at

ST. GABRIEL on Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon and at **ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA** on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 -5:00pm and are held on school year calendar (September -May). Volunteers do not need to have prior teaching experience; they just need a commitment to sharing their faith. If you are interested and can help, please contact Mrs. Gina Nieves at St. Gabriel's: stgabrielreled@gmail.com or Mrs. Kerry Bader at St. Margaret's: saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com.



ANNUAL HANDICAPPED MASS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Margaret's annual Handicapped Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 21st at 12 Noon** in St. Margaret's School gym. Volunteers are needed to assist the handicapped guests, serve food, socialize with our guests, and much more. If you have a few hours to volunteer, please call St. Margaret's Rectory.

ST. GABRIEL SENIOR GROUP upcoming trips. Call **Sr. Amy** for reservations and information.

WESTCHESTER DINNER THEATRE Wednesday, December 4th "**IT HAPPENED ONE CHRISTMAS EVE**" matinee performance. **COST:** \$75.

CAPE COD & BOSTON, Sept. 30th thru Oct. 4th **COST:** \$630, includes 4 night accommodations on Cape Cod (Ambassador Inn in S. Yarmouth) 4 breakfasts & dinners, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown, a day in Boston and more. **Deposit of \$330** is now due.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Read the Gospel and Color



A Night At The Races **BENEFIT TO REFURBISH ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL GYM** "NIGHT AT THE RACES" on October 26th from 7 – 11 PM at Downey's Bar & Grill on Mosholu Ave. Cost \$50 per person (includes beer, wine & hors d'oeuvres)

September 8, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Courtney Amsinger	Dimitrios Anastasiou
Georgina Ayra	Irene Anzalone
Louis Ballarin	John Beckley
Timothy Breen	Iva Boatin
Joshua Brennan	Betsy Boruchoff
Ellen Brown	Tom Brody
Edward Cleary	Frank Caliendo
Brian Crawford	Michele Cipriano
Mary L. Cronin	Norma Connolly
Thomas & Mary Cronin	Sr. Margaret Coomey
Steven DeRavaneusich	Karen Cunniffe
Michael DiRusso	Michael Dannucci
Michael Dunne	Patricia & John Doran
Jane Elliott	Robby Ernau
Barbara Fitzpatrick	Aurelia Rodriguez- Flores
Martin Frey	Mary Ellen Gibbs
Lydia Gonzalez	Michael Griffin
Bridie A. Gaffney	Thomas Hanrahan
Donna Gray	Michael J. Healy
Frances Hage	Donna Hearla
Michele Sanchez Henley	Aidan Hernandez
Mary Kelleher	Alina Hernandez
Elizabeth Landau	Maura Hurless
Olivia Leroy	Theresa Janson
Ray Madden	Nora Keegan
Louis Marino	Brian Kolterman
Thomas McGrath	Jack Marchindo
Mary McGuire	Mrs. Marciliano
Darlene McMeekin	John McGuinness
Susan Mercurio	Bridie Monaghan
Jeanne Myers	Irene Morgan
Arlene O'Callahan	Lorraine Moriarty
Jean O'Malley	Diane Morvillo
Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan	Bozena Mul
Frank Paccione	Caitlin O'Callahan
Brian Phillips	Bridie O'Sullivan
Grace & John Rose	Margaret O'Shaughnessy
Henry Snyder	Carmen Perez
Onelia Soto	Rodolfo Pinzon
Marilyn Spawn	Angie & Estrella Rivera
Mary Sullivan	Ellen Sherwood
Catherine Tobin	Adelynn Smith
Elido Vega	Harlie Smith
Marie Zangalai	Arlene Viola

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Mary Dowd Terence Loftus
Susanna Greco James Callahan
Maureen Scarola

MASS INTENTIONS 9/09— 9/15

St. Margaret of Cortona

<u>MONDAY:</u>	<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>
8:30	Richard & Edward S. Grenawalt
12:00	Maureen & Sal Moscato (living)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
8:30	Philip Dillon
12:00	Margaret Flynn
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30	Loretta Galbo
12:00	Annie & Daniel Baldwin
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
8:30	Neil "Doc" Doherty
12:00	Rose & John Romani
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	<i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop</i>
8:30	Betty Smee
12:00	Sr. Eleanor Fitzgerald, S.C.
<u>SATURDAY:</u>	
8:30	President Donald Trump (living)
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:15 PM (Vigil)	Irene Morgan (living)
8:00	Joan M. & Thomas E. Hill
10:00	Loretta Galbo
12:00	Teresa Brennan
5:15	Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona & St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel

<u>MONDAY:</u>	<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>
9:00	Natalie Dumrov
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
9:00	Niall Reidy
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9:00	Victims of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
9:00	Thomas Cudmore
<u>FRIDAY:</u>	<i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop</i>
9:00	Veronica Smyth
<u>SUNDAY:</u>	<i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:00 PM (Vigil)	Helen Keating Lopez
9:30	Veronica Smyth
11:30	Nora Donahue