

## ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA AND ST. GABRIEL PARISH



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### ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

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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 Sandro Leyton - Rodriguez, Parochial Vicar

Rev George Lodi, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot Brennan, Weekend Associate

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](http://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: [B238@adnyeducation.org](mailto:B238@adnyeducation.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](mailto:stgabrielsreled@gmail.com) or **Mrs. Kerry Bader**, St. Margaret of Cortona: at [saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Gospel Meditation

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts "are not [our] thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to "faith on earth."

**A CATHOLIC TRADITION:** Adhering to the long tradition of honoring our beloved dead on All Souls Day, Mass will be celebrated on November 2nd at 11:00 am in these cemeteries of the Archdiocese of New York:

**Gate of Heaven**, Hawthorne, Westchester County  
**Ascension**, Airmont, Rockland County  
Please take this opportunity to visit the beautiful, peaceful cemeteries to remember those who have gone before us

## THE COLLECTION REPORTS

We are grateful to you for your generosity to our parish.

**October 13**

**\$14,877**

Your goodness is so much appreciated.



**NY State DMV Approved**  
**All licensed NYS Drivers are welcome**

### **Benefits:**

- ◆ Successful completion of the Course provides a 10% reduction in liability & collision insurance rates for 3 consecutive years.
- ◆ Reduction of 4 moving violation points from your driver's license record
- ◆ Refreshes your knowledge of driving with time-tested safe driving tips & an overview of NYS vehicle & traffic laws.

**Fee:** \$50. To pre-pay & reserve a seat for the Class, please complete the form (**which can be found in the vestibule of the Church**) & submit it with the fee to the Rectory Office. (Same day registration is allowed if openings are available.)

### **Dates & Times:**

- ◆ **St. Margaret of Cortona Rectory Meeting Room**, Saturday, **October 26th** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (Please arrive by 9:45 AM)

### **Ministry to the Homebound and Health Care Facilities**

will meet Saturday, October 26th from 10 to 11AM in Walsh Hall. If you are interested but are unable to attend the meeting, please call Sr. Amy at 718-548-4470.

**TABLE SHARE** The need for non-perishable foods and Pampers is always with us. Please feel free to bring your donations to the back of the St. Gabriel's Church whenever you can.

### **A Night At BENEFIT TO REFURBISH ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL GYM**

**"NIGHT AT THE RACES"** on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 11 PM at Downey's Bar & Grill on Mosholu Ave. Cost \$50 per person (includes beer, wine & hors d'oeuvres)

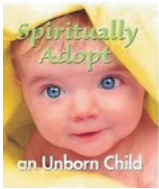


## 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### RCIA Classes will begin soon.

If you know an adult who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation) and would like to do so, please give the Rectory a call with that person's name, address and telephone number. **The Church has a vocation to evangelize the world. This is one of the very important ways we do this as a parish!**



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:** You still have the opportunity to spiritually adopt an unborn baby who is in danger of being aborted. **A simple prayer for a mother contemplating abortion may save a baby's life.**

There are cards in the pews of the Church. Please fill one out and place it in the collection basket or you may bring it to the Rectory.



**ST. MARGARET'S RECTORY OFFICE HOURS** Please note that the Rectory Office at St. Margaret's will close at 3:00 PM each Friday.

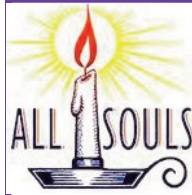
The Rectory Office is open:

Sunday: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

### THE MASS INTENTION BOOKS FOR 2020

are open. Requests for St. Margaret's Masses may be taken at St. Margaret's Rectory and requests for St. Gabriel's Masses may be taken at St. Gabriel's Rectory. Each Mass stipend is still \$15. **Please limit your Mass requests to 8 in order to allow others an opportunity for their dates**

**LIFE MINISTRY** will meet **Tuesday, October 22, at 4:00 PM in Walsh Hall.** There are several Life Issues that can be addressed. PLEASE come and help us look at, do something about **LIFE** issues that can make our world a better place!



**ALL SOULS DAY** is Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the day the Church commemorates and prays for the Holy Souls in purgatory, undergoing purification of their sins

before entering heaven. Those we have loved and who have gone home to the Father will be very much in our minds, hearts and prayers on that day and throughout the month on November, a month dedicated to the Holy Souls. If you wish the names of your beloved dead to be placed on Our Lady's altar for the month of November, please use one of the envelopes in your envelope packet, or one of the envelopes in the vestibule or just give us a slip of paper with the names on it. Place your names in the collection basket or in the Rectory mailbox.

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### AMERICAN IRISH ASSOCIATION OF WESTCHESTER



**Date & Time:** Sunday, October 27th

**Location:** The Fairways at Dunwoodie

**Time:** Mass of Remembrance & Thanksgiving at 1:45 PM. Immediately following there will be Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing until 6:00 PM

**Cost:** \$80 per person

Fr. Willem Klaver will be one of the Honorees  
Reservations are strongly recommended  
Information: Cathy Marshall, 914-969-7247

Read the Gospel and Color





October 20, 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
Brian Crawford	Frank Caliendo
Mary L. Cronin	Michele Cipriano
Thomas & Mary Cronin	Norma Connolly
Steven DeRavaneusich	Sr. Margaret Coomey
Michael DiRusso	Karen Cunniffe
Michael Dunne	Michael Dannucci
Jane Elliott	Patricia & John Doran
Martin Fray	Robby Ernau
Lydia Gonzalez	Aurelia Rodriguez- Flores
Bridie A. Gaffney	Mary Ellen Gibbs
Donna Gray	Michael Griffin
Frances Hage	Thomas Hanrahan
Michele Sanchez Henley	Michael J. Healy
Mary Kelleher	Donna Hearla
Elizabeth Landau	Alina Hernandez
Olivia Leroy	Maura Hurless
Ray Madden	Theresa Janson
Bernard Maloney	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
Katie Searson	Carmen Perez
Henry Snyder	Rodolfo Pinzon
Onelia Soto	Angie & Estrella Rivera
Marilyn Spawn	Ellen Sherwood
Mary Sullivan	Adelynn Smith
Catherine Tobin	Harlie Smith
Elido Vega	Arlene Viola
Marie Zangalai	

**AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

**MASS INTENTIONS 10/21— 10/27**

**St. Margaret of Cortona**

**MONDAY:**

8:30 The Spalding & Kitson Families  
12:00 Joseph Sr. & Arthur Shanahan

**TUESDAY**

8:30 *St. John Paul II, Pope,*  
Jeremiah Kerrisk  
12:00 John Hanrahan

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 *St. John of Capastrano, Priest*  
Souls in Purgatory who have no one  
to pray for them  
12:00 Vincent Kiernan

**THURSDAY**

8:30 *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
12:00 Liam Lucey

**FRIDAY:**

8:30 Mary Tasker  
12:00 John & Rose Romani

**SATURDAY:**

8:30 Crescentia Won Choi

**SUNDAY:**

5:15 PM (Vigil) *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Helen & Margaret O'Connell  
8:00 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona  
& St. Gabriel  
10:00 Thomas H. Carton  
12:00 Patrick O'Sullivan  
5:15 Max Xavier Colvin

**St. Gabriel**

**MONDAY:**

9:00 Sheila McCarthy

**TUESDAY**

9:00 David Chancey

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 *St. John of Capastrano, Priest*  
Russell Paige

**THURSDAY**

9:00 *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
Eleanor Hughes

**FRIDAY:**

9:00 Ellie Berry

**SUNDAY:**

5:00 PM (Vigil) *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Julie Murphy  
9:30 Margaret Burke  
11:30 Nora Donahue