

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 Sandro Leyton, 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.

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.saintgabrielschoolbronx.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.

Gospel Meditation

"Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ..." In this Sunday's Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we're struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: "How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an mixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I'm part of?" Perhaps you've wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: "Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?" These aren't easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don't be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.



Veteran's Day Monday, November 11th

The Rectory Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Please remember to say a prayer for our brave Veterans.

The Parish offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 12th

Masses on Veteran's Day will be offered at:

St. Margaret of Cortona: 12 Noon
St. Gabriel: 9:00 AM

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

We are grateful to you for your generosity!

November 3	\$15,006
(2nd collection)	\$4,379
All Saints Day	\$2,541



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

If you know of any family, especially a family in our parish, who is in need of a food basket for Thanksgiving, please call St. Margaret's Rectory with their name, address and phone number. Your generous spirit enables us to distribute these baskets at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. **Personal contributions** to purchase fresh vegetables, fruit, and pies may be left at St. Margaret's Rectory or in the collection basket. **Turkey donors** for Thanksgiving are asked to contact the Rectory no later than Wednesday, November 20th so that we may be certain that we have enough. Because we have very limited refrigeration, please bring turkeys for Thanksgiving to St. Margaret's Rectory on **Sunday or Monday**, November 24 and 25. **Food baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, November 26th.**



ADVENT GIVING TREE AT ST. GABRIEL

will begin the weekend of November 16th & 17th and continue through December 7th & 8th. The suggestion for a gift is on the back of each ornament. **Please take an ornament (or two or more) and return the gift UNWRAPPED with the ornament attached.**

All gifts are due back the weekend on December 8th & 9th. Recipients of your generosity will be:

- **Rosalie Hall**, which provides a home for pregnant women and parenting teens
- **Sharing Community**—where we provide "Baked Ziti" each month
- **Sisters of Charity Multi Service Center** – Casa De Esperanza.



Benefit for St. Gabriel School
HARVEST SOCIAL-Saturday,
November 16th

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Admission: \$15.00 at the door (Seniors: \$10)

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT THE AREA NURSING HOMES

Come join us on Sunday, **December 8th from 2:00 – 3:30 PM** at our area nursing home parties at Parkview Gardens or Riverdale Manor. Can you entertain, sing carols, or dance? Can you help with refreshments or help distribute gifts? Can you offer your loving presence? Please join us!

TABLE SHARE The weekend of November 16th & 17th St. Gabriel's will have a special collection of non-perishable foods, pampers etc. before the start of the "**GIVING TREE PROJECT**" the weekend of November 23rd and 24th.

PAVE MINISTRY will meet **Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM** in Walsh Hall. God's love for each of us is a source of comfort and strength for the residents at **Bedford Hills**.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION **MONTH 2**

Your spiritually adopted baby is making progress developing all his/ her external features and internal organs. His/ her brain is functioning at 40 days. His/ her mother can hear his/ her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. It is reported that this baby can now suck his/ her thumb. Now your spiritually adopted baby will continue to grow and refine his/ her body. Everything he/ she needs to survive once he/ she is born is present at the end of the 8th week.

November is the 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.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE AREA NURSING HOMES

At our annual Christmas parties, our parishioners give gifts to more than **200 residents at Parkview Gardens**, & more than **225 residents at Riverdale Manor**. Additional gifts are given to Christian residents at the **Hebrew Home**. Your kindness makes this possible. Needed are giftwrapped presents of anything you find suitable: toilet articles, lap blankets, costume jewelry are favorites for residents in the nursing homes. Hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, tee shirts, perfume, body lotions and colognes are great for Riverdale Manor residents. Please mark the gift "man" or "woman" and indicate what it is. **We will be collecting gifts on Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1.** You bring joy to so many. Thank you!

ST. MARGARET'S LEISURE CLUB will meet on **Friday, November 15th at 12:30 PM** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:



Puzzle

Find 7 differences between the pictures.



