

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.

1st Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Blessed first Sunday in Advent to each of you!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the Church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a Child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a Child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to Him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the Season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when He will come to take all of creation back to His Father.

ST. MARGARET'S LEISURE CLUB will meet on **Friday, December 6th at 12:30** in the Rectory Meeting Room. The entertainer will be: **Sean Maloney**. Refreshments will be served



CHRISTMAS PLANTS & DECORATIONS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule of St. Margaret's Church for your contribution to the beautiful Christmas plants & decorations. You may wish to make a memorial donation in honor of your loved ones. Those donations will be used to decorate the Church at Christmas time and beyond. The envelopes will be kept near the Crèche during the Christmas season.

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

This bulletin is being sent to press early because of the **Thanksgiving Holiday**. We will update you on the collection amounts in a future bulletin. As always, we are so grateful to our parishioners for your generosity to our parish.

ATTENTION LECTORS: The new Lector Workbooks for the 2020 Liturgical Year, are now available in the **Lady Chapel at St. Margaret's and in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel's**. All Lectors, please take a copy home with you today.



Are you looking for Christmas gifts for the men in your life?

THE 51st ANNUAL MEN'S BEEFSTEAK IS COMING

The 51st Annual Men's Beefsteak will take place on **Friday, February 7th**. **Advanced ticket sales will begin on Wednesday, December 11th and extend through Friday, December 23rd** at St. Margaret's Rectory for anyone who would like to purchase them as **Christmas gifts. They make a great gift!** The cost remains: *\$50 per person or \$25 for senior citizens*. **We also have "Night on the Town" Raffle tickets on sale in the Rectory.** More information will follow in future bulletins.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

If you know of any family in our parish who is in need of a food basket for Christmas, please call St. Margaret's Rectory with the name, address and phone number. Your generous spirit enables us to distribute food baskets at Christmas. **Personal contributions** to purchase fresh vegetables, fruit, and pies may be left at the Rectory or in the collection basket. **Turkey donors** for Christmas are asked to contact the Rectory no later than Monday, December 17th so that we may be certain that we have enough. Because we have very limited refrigeration, please bring turkeys to St. Margaret's Rectory on Saturday or Sunday, December 21st or 22nd. **Food baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 23rd.**

First Sunday of Advent



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 The W Assisted Living** (formerly 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 are collecting gifts this weekend. You bring joy to so many. Thank you!



ADVENT GIVING TREE AT ST. GABRIEL

will begin next weekend 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.

The Sisters of Life, Munson House Group Home – residents who live in our parish and come to the 11:30 AM Mass each Sunday and the **Riverdale Nursing Care Facility** will be the recipients of your loving generosity. **All gifts are due back by the weekend of December 14th & 15th**



CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT THE AREA NURSING HOMES

Come join us next Sunday, **December 8th from 2:00 – 3:30 PM** at our area nursing home parties at **Parkview Gardens** or **The W Assisted Living Home** (formerly 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!**



CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS

We have beautiful **Christmas Mass Cards** available in St. Margaret's Rectory for those who might want them. The stipend for each Mass Card is \$10. Please come to the Rectory during the week.



SAINT GABRIEL'S LEISURE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 17th

WHERE: The Olde Stone Mill, in Tuckahoe
Cost: \$40.00 includes the lunch, gratuities, round trip transportation: leaving St. Gabriel's at 11:00 AM & returning between 2:30 -3:00 PM. **Only 30 seats available**



BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY

When: Sunday, December 8th

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Walsh Hall at St Gabriel's

Thank you for giving blood - the gift of life

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Color the Advent wreath.



Color Key	
1	= Purple
2	= Pink
3	= Yellow
4	= Red
5	= Green

ADVENT



December 01, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Cornelius "Neil" Conway
Mary T. Johnson
Dorothy M. McMahon

MASS INTENTIONS 12/02—12/08

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY:

8:30 Souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them
12:00 Thomas J. Hughes, Jr.

TUESDAY

8:30 *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Rosalie Goodnow
12:00 Peggy & Bill Sloan & Shane Nolan

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 *St. John Damascene, Priest*
Maria Esperanza Ortiz
12:00 Isabella Maggiano

THURSDAY

8:30 Joseph Tomcho
12:00 Luke O'Keefe

FRIDAY:

8:30 *St. Nicholas, Bishop*
Joseph & Rose Flynn
12:00 James McGuinness

SATURDAY:

8:30 *St. Ambrose, Bishop*
Donald Fadoul

SUNDAY:

5:15 PM (Vigil) *Second Sunday of Advent*
Tom Feeney
8:00 Michael Whalen
10:00 Mazzuca & Gerbasi Families
12:00 Hubert & Bridget O'Brien
5:15 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona & St. Gabriel Parish

St. Gabriel

MONDAY:

9:00 Rita Brody

TUESDAY

9:00 *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Rita Hoey

WEDNESDAY

9:00 *St. John Damascene, Priest*
Ralph Paoli

THURSDAY

9:00 Betty Foster

FRIDAY:

9:00 *St. Nicholas, Bishop*
Rita Brody

SUNDAY:

5:00 PM (Vigil) *Second Sunday of Advent*
Julie Murphy
9:30 William Tiedeman & Elizabeth Theobald
11:30 Nora Donahue