

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6

Blessed Advent to you all!

Today we continue the "joyful expectation" of the birth of Christ in history, the present, and the future. Today we hear the words of John the Baptist calling people of his time to repentance. Now, this baptism that John was calling people to is not the same baptism that we Christians celebrate. However, John's baptism is at the root of our Christian baptism. John's baptism had its roots in the "oblation washing" of the Jewish people before undertaking anything of great importance.

Christian Baptism is a sacrament to wash away original sin so as to enter sinless into the Christian community. It is the one sacrament that is celebrated by all Christians, even those Christians who are not in communion with Rome.

John enjoins us to "prepare the way of the Lord." His call is to be taken in the widest sense. This preparation is a personal preparation, and is also a communal preparation. We are called to make sure we are ready to meet the Lord, and this means that we need to make a difference in the world to make it better, to make it more peaceful, and to make it more just. We are called to protect each other's dignity and share of our abundance with others so that each may live a life that is centered on helping others.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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**

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

We are grateful for your continued support of our parish.

We are now able to report the collections for the past several weeks.

November 10 th - 1 st collection	\$16,230
(Military Archdiocese)	\$3,935
November 17 th 1st collection	\$12,774
(Thanksgiving)	\$4,782
November 24 th - 1 st collection:	\$15,202
(Campaign for Charity & Justice):	\$4,782
December 1 st - 1 st collection:	\$14,034
(Parish & Schools):	\$5,130

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.**

Second Sunday of Advent



ADVENT GIVING TREE AT ST. GABRIEL

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**



Advent Day of Reflection

When: Saturday, Dec. 14th

Time: 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Location: St. Vincent Ferrer Church

869 Lexington Avenue, NYC

Talks by: Fr. Koterski, S.J. &
The Sisters of Life

There will be Mass and Adoration

RSVP: Nolan.jacqueline29@gmail.com
Or call: 212-721-4507

Saint Gabriel School

Prospective parents are invited to join us for **Touring Tuesday** on **January 7th between 9:00 & 11:00 AM**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see our classes and academic programs in session. You will also receive relevant information regarding the enrollment process, financial aid packages, and scholarships.

Please visit our website at **www.saintgabrielschoolbronx.org** for more information.

ST. MARGARET'S LEISURE CLUB will go to the Westchester Dinner Theatre on **Tuesday, December 10th**. The bus will leave St. Margaret's at 10:30 AM. Please be outside the Church by 10:15 AM.



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.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS 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

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

is celebrated this Monday, December 9th. It is **not Holy Day of Obligation this year**; however it is the Patronal Feast Day of the USA. Our Mass schedule is our Daily Mass schedule: **St. Margaret's: 8:30 AM & 12:00 PM**
St. Gabriel: 9:00 AM

SPTRITUAL ADOPTION—MONTH 3

Your Spiritually Adopted baby is now about 3 inches long and weighs about 1 ounce. That might not seem like much but the baby is fully formed and can even suck his thumb. *Please remember to pray daily for your baby and his mother and father.*

CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT THE AREA NURSING HOMES

Come join us **this 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!**

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Color the Advent star.



Arise, shine, for your light has come!

December 08, 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	Barbara Gray
Frances Hage	Michael Griffin
Michele Sanchez Henley	Michael J. Healy
Donald Karpinsky	Donna Hearla
Mary Kelleher	Alina Hernandez
Elizabeth Landau	Maura Hurless
Olivia Leroy	Nora Keegan
Frances Loughlin	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 Zangalai	Arlene Viola

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Richard Brolly **Thomas Connolly**
Dora Day Johnston **Josephine Maldonado**

MASS INTENTIONS 12/09—12/15

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY: *Immaculate Conception*
8:30 Jeanne Dillon
12:00 Michael & Margaret Sheehan

TUESDAY
8:30 Hilda Matos
12:00 Hilda Matos

WEDNESDAY: *St. Damasus I, Pope*
8:30 Souls in purgatory who have no one
to pray for them
12:00 Brigid Dolan

THURSDAY *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
8:30 Hector Velez
12:00 Marguerite Pitagna Citron

FRIDAY: *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*
8:30 Msgr. John Farley (living)
12:00 Manuel Garcia

SATURDAY: *St. John of the Cross, Priest*
8:30 Bridget Hickey

SUNDAY: *Third Sunday of Advent*
5:15 PM (Vigil) Genevieve Cummings
8:00 Thomas Foody
10:00 Eric Roden & Dick Hook
12:00 Julia & Arcadio Ruiz
5:15 Lydia Napolitano

St. Gabriel

MONDAY: *Immaculate Conception*
9:00 Robert & Mary Quinn

TUESDAY
9:00 Msgr. John T. Doherty

WEDNESDAY *St. Damasus I, Pope*
9:00 Rita Brody

THURSDAY *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
9:00 John Carleton & deceased Carleton Family

FRIDAY: *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*
9:00 John Ryan

SUNDAY: *Third Sunday of Advent*
5:00 PM (Vigil) Thomas Burke & Family
9:30 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona &
St. Gabriel Parish
11:30 Jane Kiernan