

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:10-18

Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?"

The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money.

And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming Birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when He will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.

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**. Ticket are on sale **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.

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

We are grateful for your continued support of our parish.

December 8th - 1st collection: **\$19,198**

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

As we prepare for Christmas, the Church recommends that we receive the Sacrament of Penance during Advent. In order to provide ample opportunities, here is our extended schedule:

St. Margaret:

Monday, December 16th 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 21st 3:00—5:00 PM

St. Gabriel:

Monday, December 16th 4:00 – 5:00 &

7:00—8:00 PM

Saturday, December 21st 3:15—4:45 PM



**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.

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.**

Third 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 this weekend.**



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.

PAVE MINISTRY will meet this **Tuesday December 17th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM** in Walsh Hall. We'll begin addressing our **VICTIMS' MASS** scheduled for **March 29th, 2020**. You are most welcome to come and enrich the planning for "2020".



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. **Limited seats still available.**



Decorating St. Margaret's Church for Christmas

No matter your age: older, younger, or somewhere in between, we can use your help decorating our Church for Christmas. If you can move plants, iron ribbons, or hang wreaths, we can use your help. If you can spare some time, please come to the Church at **9:15am on Saturday, December 21st and again on Monday, December 23 at 1:30 PM.** **Thanks! .**

St. Margaret's School Secretary, Mary Ellen Callahan

has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently receiving treatments that have kept her quite weak. St. Margaret's School has set up a **GoFundMe** page to assist her with her medical costs and personal needs. We ask that you be as generous as your means allow. Thank you very much.

We are so grateful to everyone who donated gifts and attended our Christmas Parties at the area nursing homes. Your generosity is overwhelming. **Again, this year our young people joined in helping and entertaining .**

A BIG GOD BLESS & THANK YOU to the 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade students & Faculty at **St Gabriel's** for the superb job they did with preparing and decorating the ornaments for the **GIVING TREE.**

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Color the Angel announcing the coming of the Lord..



*Peace on Earth
Good Will Towards Men*



December 15, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Josephine Maldonado
Kerian Marcinkus

MASS INTENTIONS 12/16—12/22

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY:

8:30 Marie Spindler
12:00 Christopher Butler

TUESDAY

8:30 Kathleen A. O'Connor
12:00 Agnes Donovan

WEDNESDAY:

8:30 Mary Dowd
12:00 Joseph Gunn

THURSDAY

8:30 Trevor Duffy
12:00 Peter Hoey

FRIDAY:

8:30 Geraldine Donnelly
12:00 Michael & James Sullivan

SATURDAY:

8:30 Nell Martinis

SUNDAY:

Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:15 PM (Vigil) Jeremiah & Ellen Brosnan
8:00 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona &
St. Gabriel Parish
10:00 Connie Imbesi
12:00 Hank Furey
5:15 Thomas & Mary Ellen Hanrahan &
Con Hanrahan & Helen O'Connor

St. Gabriel

MONDAY:

9:00 Helen McComiskey

TUESDAY

9:00 Elsa Guerra

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Noel McSharry

THURSDAY

9:00 Dolores Harmon

FRIDAY:

9:00 John & Ellie Quinn

SUNDAY:

Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM (Vigil) James & Nora Ryan
9:30 Eric & Kiernan Smith
11:30 Lydon & Foley Families