

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.

ABUNDANT THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

- To our amazing Altar Societies, **Mr. John Boyle and all our volunteers** who spend so many hours decorating our Church with cloths, candles, wreaths, garlands, poinsettias, etc., etc. Once again you did a magnificent job!
- To **Mr. Michael O'Sullivan** and his team who put up the crèches inside and outside the Church, got the Christmas trees and set them up.
- To **Mrs. Aurora Tussy and all our volunteers** for all the work and attention to detail to make our Church & outside so beautiful. Much more time than people imagine! Another reason to thank God!
- To **Father McCarthy, our priests, deacons, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, & ushers** for your special service at Christmas time. You are truly a gift to our parish!
- To **Mr. John Welch**, St. Margaret's Director of Music, & **Ms. Nancy Parish**, St. Gabriel's Director of Music, to our Adult and Children Choirs, & **Mr. James Keefe**, our Sunday evening musician, many, many thanks for your beautiful contribution to our worship.
- To our diligent and ever reliable **Counters** who spend so many hours working in the Rectory each week... you are a blessing!
- To **Ms. Carol Green** who organized and distributed the food baskets at Christmas & Thanksgiving. To **Mr. Tommy Bader, Ms. Kiera Bader, Mr. Patrick Bader & Mr. Brendan O'Sullivan** for helping so many people pack up and carry their food baskets. We are grateful for your willingness to always say, "Yes".
- To everyone who donated wrapped, packed and transported gifts to the area Nursing Homes. We were able to give **over 800 gifts** to make Christmas brighter for so many people. God bless each of you!
- To all of you, our parishioners, our families and friends who came and worshiped. Without you we would not be the vibrant **Parish of St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Gabriel**. You are such a blessing. We give thanks every day for each of you!

The Epiphany of the Lord A Reflection

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the Child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did Him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



Parishioner in Need-
Mario Sloley, a member of our parish, is in desperate need of a kidney donor, blood type O.

If you know of anyone who can help, please call **St. Margaret's Rectory** and speak to **Fr. McCarthy**

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE 51st ANNUAL MEN'S BEEFSTEAK will take place on **Friday, February 7th at 7:30 PM** in the **Msgr. Daniel A.**

Peake Memorial Hall in St. Margaret's School. Once again, all the proceeds from the fundraiser cover the expenses for operating St. Margaret's basketball teams. It also offsets additional expenses for the intramural basketball program and awards presentation.

The Night on the Town Raffle is a way in which everyone can participate in the Beefsteak and support the athletic program for the youth of St. Margaret's. The *Grand Prize* is a Manhattan Hotel Reservation, Dinner for two at a Smith and Wollensky Restaurant, and two tickets to a Broadway Show. Donation for the Raffle tickets is still only \$1 each or a book of six for \$5. **Members of the Beefsteak Committee and their supporters will have raffle books for sale after Masses beginning Saturday evening, January 18th.** You may purchase tickets there or take them home, fill them out and return them the following week. The Beefsteak Committee is grateful for the great support they receive for this event. **Tickets to the Beefsteak will go on sale in St. Margaret's Rectory this week. TICKETS GO VERY QUICKLY!** Cost remains: \$50 per ticket or \$25 for seniors over 65. .

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

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

for **December 15th, December 22nd, Christmas Day, December 29th, and January 5th**, will be reported next week. We are sending this bulletin to press early because of the holidays. . Thank you for your patience, understanding (**and your tremendous generosity!**).

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR PARISH WEBSITE!

If you want to see what is happening in our parish, please visit our website:

www.stmargaretofcortona-stgabriel.com



PLEASE. Do not park in the Church or School Parking lots overnight.. We need to be able to plow and salt the lots and it becomes more difficult if there are cars blocking the way. **We don't want to tow cars but we will if we need to. Please don't park overnight.**

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Read the Gospel & Color the picture



January 05, 2020

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

<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>Daniel Doran</i>
<i>Jane Elliott</i>	<i>Patricia & John Doran</i>
<i>Martin Fray</i>	<i>Robby Ernau</i>
<i>Lydia Gonzalez</i>	<i>Camille Ferrara</i>
<i>Bridie A. Gaffney</i>	<i>Aurelia Rodriguez- Flores</i>
<i>Barbara Gray</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Gibbs</i>
<i>Donna Gray</i>	<i>Michael Griffin</i>
<i>Frances Hage</i>	<i>Michael J. Healy</i>
<i>Michele Sanchez Henley</i>	<i>Donna Hearla</i>
<i>Donald Karpinsky</i>	<i>Alina Hernandez</i>
<i>Mary Kelleher</i>	<i>Maura Hurless</i>
<i>Elizabeth Landau</i>	<i>Nora Keegan</i>
<i>Olivia Leroy</i>	<i>Brian Kolterman</i>
<i>Frances Loughlin</i>	<i>Jack Marchindo</i>
<i>Ray Madden</i>	<i>Mrs. Marciliano</i>
<i>Louis Marino</i>	<i>John McGuinness</i>
<i>Thomas McGrath</i>	<i>Bridie Monaghan</i>
<i>Mary McGuire</i>	<i>Irene Morgan</i>
<i>Darlene McMeekin</i>	<i>Lorraine Moriarty</i>
<i>Jeanne Myers</i>	<i>Diane Morvillo</i>
<i>Jean O'Malley</i>	<i>Bozena Mul</i>
<i>Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Arlene O'Callahan</i>
<i>Frank Paccione</i>	<i>Caitlin O'Callahan</i>
<i>Brian Phillips</i>	<i>Bridie O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Grace & John Rose</i>	<i>Margaret O'Shaughnessy</i>
<i>Katie Searson</i>	<i>Carmen Perez</i>
<i>Ellen Sherwood</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>Adelynn Smith</i>
<i>Mary Sullivan</i>	<i>Harlie Smith</i>
<i>Elido Vega</i>	<i>Catherine Tobin</i>
<i>Marie Zangalai</i>	<i>Arlene Viola</i>

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

<i>Catherine Brennan</i>	<i>Anne Ferrissey</i>
<i>Joan C. Kearney</i>	<i>Maria Ramasami</i>

MASS INTENTIONS JAN 6 - 12, 2020

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY:

8:30	Franklin Del Toro
12:00	Joseph & Priscilla Drake

TUESDAY

8:30	Maria Esperanza Ortiz
12:00	Elizabeth O'Connell

WEDNESDAY:

8:30	George & Margaret Bader & Joan M. & Tom E. Hill
12:00	Mary C., Edward L. & Jennifer J. Smith

THURSDAY

8:30	Annie Ginty
12:00	Patricia Anne Kiernan

FRIDAY:

8:30	Mary O'Brien
12:00	Christopher O'Brien

SATURDAY:

8:30	Carol Hoogestraat
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SUNDAY: *The Baptism of the Lord*

5:15 PM (Vigil)	Kathy Feeney
8:00	Kay Conran & Bridget & Gerald Flood
10:00	Evelyn & Bruce Driscoll
12:00	James Donovan
5:15	Mark McFeeley

St. Gabriel

MONDAY:

9:00	Betty LaMantia
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TUESDAY

9:00	Nellie Sheedy (living)
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WEDNESDAY

9:00	Thomas Reilly
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THURSDAY

9:00	John Vinci
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FRIDAY:

9:00	Wanda & Tadeusz Tochopien
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SUNDAY: *The Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 PM (Vigil)	Mary & Jack Travalena & family
9:30	Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona & St. Gabriel Parish
11:30	Christina Alexander & Mom