

## ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA AND ST. GABRIEL PARISH



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### ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stgabrielsreled@gmail.com) or

**Mrs. Kerry Bader**, St. Margaret of Cortona: at [saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Reflection

*On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.*

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... He is the one of whom I said, "A Man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me."... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God."*

*A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?*



### CHRISTMAS CHURCH

**PREPARATIONS:** Our heartfelt "THANK YOU" to **Brian Carty,**

**Jimmy Husk, Aurora Tussy and her decorating crew, Marcia Reidy, Mary Jane Schreiberstein, Maureen Connolly, Marie-Jeanne Gwertzman and Anna Marte.** Thank you for your help preparing our Church for Christmas.!

## THE COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

**January 12th: \$16,249**

**THE RECTORY OFFICES** will be closed on Monday in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** The Rectory Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

**Masses on Monday** will be celebrated:

**St. Margaret's: 12 Noon**

**St. Gabriel's: 9:00 AM**

### **Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Event Contact:** Fr. Matthew Ernest

**E-mail:** liturgy@archny.org

**Phone:** 914-968-6200

**Where:** St. Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

**Cost:** \$30 (includes lunch)

**Description/Details:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Parish Musicians are invited to gather together to reflect on the meaning of the Easter Triduum and discover its deep meaning for their lives, their ministry and their parish communities. This day of prayer and reflection will include presentations by Dr. Donna Eschenauer, associate dean and associate professor of pastoral theology at St. Joseph's Seminary."

#### **Schedule for the Day:**

10 AM - Registration

10:15 AM - Morning Pray Joseph's Seminary Chapel

10:45 AM - Talk by Dr. Donna Eschenauer

11:30 AM - Quiet time/Opportunity for Confessions

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Talk by Dr. Donna Eschenauer

1:45 PM - Holy Hour and Benediction

3:00 PM - Departure

**GRATEFUL HEARTS:** The Sisters of Life, The Munson House & The Riverdale Nursing Home are deeply grateful for all the beautiful and very useful gifts you provided them with through the **St. Gabriel Giving Tree Project.** God bless you for such awesome generosity.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **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 THIS WEEKEND.**

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 are on sale in St. Margaret's Rectory. TICKETS GO VERY QUICKLY!** Cost remains: \$50 per ticket or \$25 for seniors over 65. .

### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2nd ANNUAL LADYSTEAK**

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30pm

While the men are at the beefsteak, the ladies will be at **Downey's!**

**\$50 for complete open bar and appetizers.** (\$10 of each entry will go to benefit the St. Margaret's basketball program.) There will also be a 50/50.

FIRM RSVPs to Jen Laurie at [jenlaurie@gmail.com](mailto:jenlaurie@gmail.com) by 1/31.

Pay cash at the door or in advance to Jen or Kerry Bader.

Paypal or venmo to [jenlaurie@gmail.com](mailto:jenlaurie@gmail.com)

### **Prayer Vigil for Life**

Mass with Timothy Cardinal Dolan

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020, the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

**6:30 PM:** Holy Hour lead by the Sisters of Life

**7:30 PM:** Mass with Cardinal Dolan

The Church has designated January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a day of prayer for the protection of the unborn & penance for the sins against the dignity of the human person. All are welcome and no RSVP is necessary.

Help feed  
those in need!



Bring Canned Soup to Mass  
Super Bowl Weekend - Feb 2!

**ST. GABRIEL'S LEISURE CLUB** meets each Tuesday at 12:30 in Walsh Hall. If there is snow, please call St. Gabriel's Rectory to see if there will be a meeting.



### **ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to attend our **Open House** to kickoff Catholic Schools Week on **Sunday, January 26th from 9:30**

**am - 11:30 am.**

St. Margaret's is currently accepting applications for **PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten** for the 2020 - 2021 school year. We have **limited space in Grades 1 - 7.** Join us and tour our school, meet members of the SMCS family and learn about this premiere Catholic School in the heart of Riverdale.

Kindly contact the school to reserve a time to visit during Catholic Schools Week (January 27th - 31st) and view our website at [www.smcsriverdale.org](http://www.smcsriverdale.org).

