

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

March 8

\$12,235



COME TO OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Each year, during the Lenten Season, we have a Parish Mission. Again this year it will be conducted by the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**. Our Mission will take place on **Monday, March 23rd through Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 PM in St. Gabriel's Church.**

A Friar will speak at each Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday, March 21st & 22nd to introduce the Mission.

We hope you plan to make this Mission a part of your Lent.

Plan to come and bring your family and friends



EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes are available at the doors of St. Margaret's Church and in the vestibule for those who would like to make a donation for our beautiful Easter flowers and decorations. Donations may be made in memory of a loved one. ***The names will be kept in the sanctuary during the Easter Season, close to the Pascal Candle, which is the great symbol of the Risen Lord.*** The envelopes may be put in the collection basket or left in the Rectory.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

are prayed in **St. Margaret's Church** on each of the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in this venerated practice of the Church during this holy season.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The 2020 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Our Parish goal for this year is \$203,000. To date we have received pledges of \$59,070 from 155 families, which is 29% of our parish goal of \$203,000. If you have not yet made your pledge to the **2020 Cardinal's Appeal, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment – your generosity is appreciated.**



50th WEDDING JUBILEE

Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime in **2020** are invited to attend a Jubilee

Mass with **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday, June 7th at 2:30 PM**. *Pre-registration is required for each couple and their guests. Deadline is Wednesday, May 13th. Please call St. Margaret's Rectory Office to let us know if you plan to attend.*



BELMONT RACE TRACK:

Our annual trip to the track will be **Saturday, July 11th**. Cost includes: deluxe

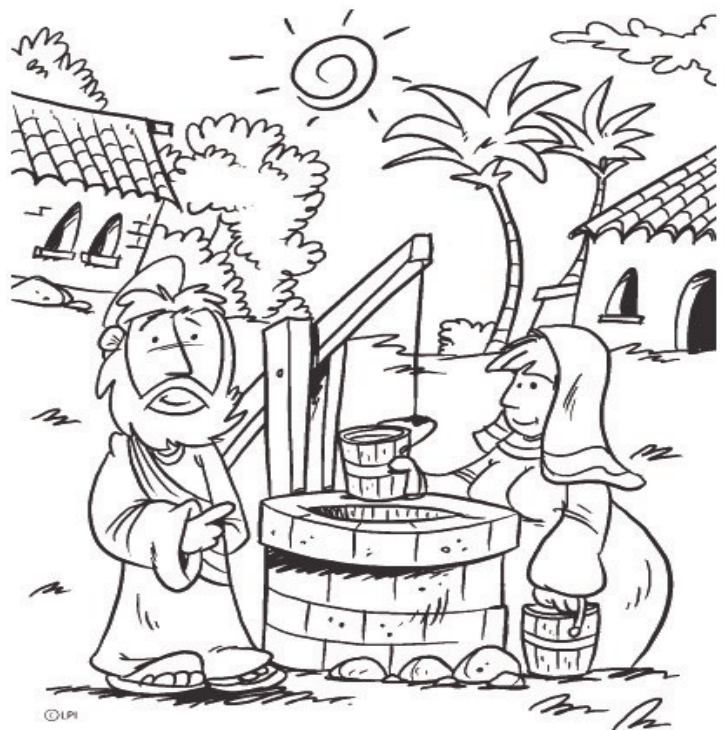
transportation, entrance fee, program and scrumptious weekend brunch, is **\$111**. **Tickets are available in St. Gabriel's Rectory.** (only 30 tickets available)

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND & HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

will meet Saturday, March 21st, from 10 - 11 AM in Walsh Hall. We need to look at how things are going, plan for Palm Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Read the Gospel & Color the picture



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS, **Tuesday, March 17th**

Before you go off to the parade, please join us for a special Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Margaret's.

We will also have a 12 Noon Mass at St. Margaret's and a 9:00 AM Mass at St. Gabriel.

PAVE (Prisoner & Victim Empowerment) Our Prison Ministry endeavors to reach out to both the victim and perpetrator. The perpetrator when we visit the women at Bedford Hills Facility and the victim at our annual Mass and reception. Plan to come: **Sunday, March 29th 11:30 AM Mass at St. Gabriel Church.**

Law of Abstinence



NO MEAT
(i.e., flesh and organs of mammals and fowls)



Fish, shellfish, amphibians & reptiles are allowed.

ABSTINENCE IS REQUIRED EACH FRIDAY IN LENT:

it prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the

age of 14 and continues to obligate throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obligated to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline to the extent that they are able.

