

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA AND ST. GABRIEL PARISH

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Deacon George Pitula

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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.

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: Saturdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
and upon request.
HOLY HOUR/ADORATION:
Thursday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**
Friday after Noon Mass. Concludes with Chaplet of
Divine Mercy and Benediction 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: Saturdays from 4:15 PM to 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.

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.

**Protocols for Mass/Church during
the Pandemic**
(revised 6/22/21)

1. Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks.
2. Parishes are no longer required to conduct additional cleaning and disinfecting. (P.S. many, many thanks to our parishioners who conducted these extra cleanings almost every day since public mass reopened last June).
3. Masks are no longer required to be worn during church services by those who are vaccinated.
4. A section of the Church is still designated "Physical Distance Section" for those individuals who wish to utilize this section regardless their vaccination status.
- 5 Capacity restrictions have been lifted.
6. Sign of Peace may be offered again (shaking hands has always been optional).
7. Holy Water fonts remain empty.

**Exposition and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament**



Our Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday September 10, 2021. Adoration takes place every Friday after the noon mass and concludes with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00pm.

Come and receive spiritual strength and peace as we experience the salvation of Our Savior.

The Collection Report

Due to the holiday, our Bulletins were sent to press early. We will include the donation amounts in our future bulletin.



Many blessings to your families as we are truly grateful for your continued support of our parish.

Blood Drive



American Legion Riverdale Memorial is sponsoring a Blood Drive at St. Gabriel's Church on:

Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 8:30am –2:30pm.

There is an urgent need for blood donations in NYC. Appointments preferred, Walk-ins also welcomed. To schedule an appointment, please call: 800-933-BLOOD.

Departures and Arrivals

We are saddened with the departure of Fr. Julius Eyyazo as he completed his assignment at St. Margaret of Cortona-St. Gabriel.

Fr. Julius was best known for his songs of praise at his Masses. Father will be truly missed. Many blessings to Fr. Julius as he continues his ministry in his next assignment.

We also welcome Fr. Timothy Boman into our parish.

Fr. Timothy is from Nigeria and was ordained in 2014. We look forward to many years of receiving his guidance and blessings.

Welcome Fr. Timothy!

Holy Hour/Adoration

Our Holy Hour/Adoration will Resume on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00pm



Come and spend quiet time from your busy day with the Lord.

Mass Intentions: Sept 6, 2021 - Sept. 12, 2021

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY 9/6 Labor Day

12:00 Regina Ramos

TUESDAY 9/7

8:30 Maria Esperanza Ortiz

12:00 Cunney Family (Living)

WEDNESDAY 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Mother

8:30 Neil "Doc" Doherty

12:00 Brian McGuinness

THURSDAY 9/9 St. Peter Claver

8:30 Barbara Meara

12:00 Maureen & Salvatore Moscato (Living)

FRIDAY: 9/10

8:30 Philip Dillon

12:00 William & Jenny Bain

SATURDAY 9/11

8:30 John King

SUNDAY 9/12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:15 PM (Vigil) Nicholas Raptis Jr.

8:00 Helen & James Allen

10:00 Loretta & Alfred Galbo

12:00 Parishioners of St Margaret of Cortona-
St. Gabriel

5:15 Francis & Margaret McGovern

St. Gabriel

MONDAY 9/6 Labor Day

9:00 John James Piteo

TUESDAY 9/7

9:00 Families of : Michela, Luca, & Alex Tresciutti, and
Natalie & Lourdjean Romero (All Living)

WEDNESDAY 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Mother

9:00 Paddy & Nicole Ryan (Living)

THURSDAY 9/9 St. Peter Claver

9:00 Lawrence Romero (Living)

FRIDAY: 9/10

9:00 Mary Cahill

SUNDAY 9/12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 PM (Vigil) Victims & Loved ones of the Attack at the
WTC

9:30 Parishioners of St Margaret of Cortona-
St. Gabriel

11:30 Lawrence Romero (Living)

Please Pray For Our Sick

Courtney Amsinger

Georgina Ayra

Rita Ballantine

Timothy Breen

Ellen Brown

Cindy Casto

Joy Chambers

Theresa Colgan

Margaret Commins

Thomas Cronin

Steven DeRavaneusich

Michael DiRusso

Michael Dunne

Jane Elliott

Robby Ernau

Lydia Gonzalez

Bridie A. Gaffney

Barbara Gray

Frances Hage

Michele Sanchez Henley

Eleanor Hussey

Yvonne Jones

Mary Kelleher

Elizabeth Landau

Olivia Leroy

Frances Loughlin

Louis Marino

Rita McArdle

Thomas McGrath

Mary McGuire

Darlene McMeekin

Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan

Brian Phillips

Charlotte Pool

Henry Snyder

Marilyn Spawn

Mary Sullivan

Terri Treanor

Elido Vega

Connie White

Theresa Williams

Aida Velez

Marie Zangaglai

Irene Anzalone

John Beckley

Betty Betz

Iva Boatin

Betsy Boruchoff

Tom Brody

Frank Caliendo

Michele Cipriano

Sr. Margaret Coomey

Karen Cunniffe

Michael Dannucci

Patricia Dooley

Daniel Doran

Pat & John Doran

Julia Farrell

Mary Ellen Gibbs

Michael Griffin

Baby Fox Hackett

Michael J. Healy

Donna Hearla

Henry Humphreys

Alina Hernandez

Nora Keegan

Brian Kolterman

Jack Marchindo

Irene Morgan

Lorraine Moriarty

Diane Morvillo

Bozena Mull

Conrado Navarro

Arlene O'Callahan

Caitlin O'Callahan

Joseph O'Para Jr.

Bridie O'Sullivan

Carmen Perez

Angie & Estrella Rivera

Grace Rose

Katie Searson

Adelynn Smith

Harlie Smith

Patrick Sweeney

Jennifer Tagliaferro

Catherine Tobin

Arlene Viola

Pray for the deceased

Fr. Richard Seagraves

Gospel Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not.

The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations.

Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what we did to deserve this fate, or what we did wrong. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation!

This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

2021-2022 Religious Education



August Registration dates for Our Religious Education Program have been **CANCELLED**. The **NEW** Registration dates are listed below. For more information please contact the directors at their email addresses.

NEW DATES For St. Margaret of Cortona:

St. Margaret Rectory
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
5:30pm—6:30pm
Kerry Bader:
saintmargaretsccd@gmail.com

NEW DATES For St. Gabriel:

St Gabriel Rectory
Sunday, September 19, 2021
10:30am –11:30am
Gina Nieves: stgabrielsreled@gmail.com

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. New Families are welcome!

Labor Day Office Hours

Our Rectories will be closed
Monday, September 5, 2021
in observance of Labor Day
Masses on Monday will be celebrated:



St. Margaret's: 12 00 noon
St. Gabriel's: 9:00 am

The Rectory Offices will reopen at:
St. Margaret on Tuesday at 9:00 AM.
St. Gabriel on Wednesday at 9:00AM.

Rectory Vacation Hours

Our Rectory office at St. Margaret's will have modified office hours for 2 weeks starting Monday, Aug. 30th to Friday, Sept. 10th 2021. During this time, the Rectory will be **CLOSED MONDAY & FRIDAY ONLY**. The office will be opened: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm We will resume regular office hours on Monday, September 13, 2021.