

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

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## Sunday, September 12, 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](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.

**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.

**Sick Names in  
Our Bulletin**

As we continue to pray for those who are mentioned in our weekly bulletin, if you know of someone who can be removed from the list, please call the rectory during office hours so we can adjust the bulletin. Thank you for all those who have assisted with updating the list.



**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 this Sunday, Sept. 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.

**Holy Hour/Adoration**

Our Holy Hour/Adoration has resumed and is held every Thursday 7:00pm.

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



**Exposition and Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed.

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.



**September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Mass Intentions: Sept 13, 2021 - Sept. 19, 2021**

**St. Margaret of Cortona**

**MONDAY 9/13** *St. John Chrysostom*

8:30 Arthur Gaynor

12:00 Nancy Fagan

**TUESDAY 9/14** *Exaltation of The Holy Cross*

8:30 Gerry Cunningham

12:00 Bridget, Don, & John Griffin, John Moore

**WEDNESDAY 9/15** *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:30 Giuseppe Guarascio

12:00 Denise Kenner (Living)

**THURSDAY 9/16** *St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian*

8:30 Mary Meceda

12:00 Joan M. & Thomas E. Hill

**FRIDAY: 9/17** *St. Robert Bellarmine*

8:30 Souls in Purgatory who have no one to Pray For Them

12:00 Maria Mason

**SATURDAY 9/18**

8:30 Joan M. Hill

**SUNDAY 9/19** *25th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:15 PM (Vigil) Danny Lucey

8:00 Connolly & Barrett Families

10:00 Edna Sherry

12:00 Dorothy Bonte

5:15 Michael & Kathleen Mulligan

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9:00 Maria Gadioma

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9:00 Brosnan Family

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9:00 Juan De Jesus Perez

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9:00 Delores Harmon

**SUNDAY 9/19** *25th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM (Vigil) Irene Theresa Jacklosky

9:30 James McKenna

11:30 Aidan Hernandez

***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 Seanson***

***Adelynn Smith***

***Harlie Smith***

***Patrick Sweeney***

***Jennifer Tagliaferro***

***Catherine Tobin***

***Arlene Viola***

**Rectory Vacation Hours**

**The rectory will resume regular office hours starting this Monday, Sept. 13, 2021.**



**Gospel Meditation**

We need to get our bearings straight, and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the privilege of simply resting in God's presence because God is God and we are who we are.

As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

**2021-2022 Religious Education**



**Religious Education Program**  
Registration dates are listed below. For more information please contact the directors at their email addresses.

**For St. Margaret of Cortona:**

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

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**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!**

**Catholic Widows & Widowers of Yonkers**

**The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its *Annual Communion Breakfast Mass:***

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 10:00am**  
**St. Anthony's Church**  
**10 Squire Ave, Yonkers NY**

***Following Breakfast at:***

**Fairways**  
**Dunwoodie Golf Course**  
**1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers**



***All are welcomed!***

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers**

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious & bereavement organization which helps meet the needs of its membership. Meetings are every 3rd Thursday at 1p.m.**



**New members are welcome!**  
**St. Ann's Church**  
**31 College Place, Yonkers**  
**For more information please call**  
**914-423-5331**