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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
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: 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

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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
If he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:
Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than
yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

GOSPEL:
"When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."
(Mt 21:32)

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

We are most grateful for your support during these most difficult times. We are able to report the collections for the past 2 weeks.
September 20 (1st collection) **$12,527.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HAS RESUMED ON THURSDAY EVENING!

Thursday evening Eucharistic Adoration, which was suspended for the summer, has resumed. The Holy Hour is between 7:00—8:00 PM each Thursday.
We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday at the conclusion of the 12:00 Noon Mass. It concludes with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 PM.
Please join us as we spend time in adoration and ask for God's mercy on each of us and on the world.
It's the best time you will spend on earth!

First Communion

It is with great joy that we congratulate and ask God's blessings on the children of ***St Gabriel School and Religious Education Program*** who will receive Our Lord in First Holy Communion on **Saturday, October 3.** We extend our congratulations to the parents, families and teachers of the First Communicants.

Parish Counseling Network

St. Margaret of Cortona- St. Gabriel Parish is pleased to introduce a confidential service available for a nominal fee of $10.00 per session to our parishioners. The program is the Parish Counseling Network (PCN). Parishioners are entitled to 6 counseling sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and inter-personal issues. ***Please contact your parish priest or parish administrative staff for more information to access services.***

Rectory Office Hours

St. Margaret's Rectory:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
St. Gabriel's Rectory:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:00 AM—1:00 PM
If you need to contact the rectory at other times (for records, information, or Mass cards), please email: *smcchurch@optonline.net.* If you need a priest in an emergency, please call St. Margaret's Rectory (718-549-8053) at any

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's Will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of Divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Courtney Amsinger
Georgina Ayra
Rita Ballantine
Timothy Breen
Joshua Brennan
Ellen Brown
Joy Chambers
Theresa Colgan
Margaret Commins
Brian Crawford
Thomas Cronin
Steven DeRavaneusich
Michael DiRusso
Michael Dunne
Jane Elliott
Robby Ernau
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Thomas McGrath
Mary McGuire
Darlene McMeekin
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Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan
Frank Paccione
Brian Phillips
Grace Rose
Katie Searson
Henry Snyder
Marilyn Spawn
Mary Sullivan
Terri Treanor
Elido Vega
Marie Zangaglai
Irene Anzalone
John Beckley
Betty Betz
Iva Boatin
Betsy Boruchoff
Tom Brody
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Michael Dannucci
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Julia Farrell
Tom Finn
Mary Ellen Gibbs
Michael Griffin
Michael J. Healy
Donna Hearla
Alina Hernandez
Donald Karpinsky
Nora Keegan
Brian Kolterman
Jack Marchindo
Mrs. Marciliano
Bridie Monaghan
Irene Morgan
Lorraine Moriarty
Diane Morvillo
Bozena Mul
Arlene O'Callahan
Caitlin O'Callahan
Bridie O'Sullivan
Margaret O'Shaughnessy
Carmen Perez
Rodolfo Pinzon
Angie & Estrella Rivera
Michael Savcaneso
Adelynn Smith
Harlie Smith
Jennifer Tagliaferro
Catherine Tobin
Arlene Viola
Connie White

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Sister Ann Connellan,
Mary Catherine Cronin Mary Lenihan
Raymond Lynch Nicholas Raptis, Jr.

General Guidelines for attending Mass

1. The obligation to attend Mass is suspended until further notice.

2. Those who are at higher risk for COVID-19 (i.e. those who are older than 65 or have underlying health conditions) are urged *not* to come to Church for Mass. Those who cannot attend Mass are encouraged to spend time daily reading the Scriptures, praying with their families, watching a broadcast or live-streamed Mass and making an act of spiritual communion.

3. Those who feel in any way sick (e.g. oral temperature higher than 99.5 degrees, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell) or who are worried about attendance, should *not* enter the Church.

4. In accord with current state policy, the faithful (over 2 years old) must wear cloth face coverings when in public, including when they come to Church.

5. Attendees should sanitize their hands at the entrance of the Church via sanitizer stations.

6. All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from others in all directions. Families may sit together.

In **St. Margaret's** one side of the Church will be for families sitting together with two empty rows between each family. The other side of the Church will be for individual seating with one row between each.

In **St. Gabriel's**, the Chapel side of the Church will be designated for individual seating with one row between each. The gym side will be designated for families sitting together with two rows between each. There will be folding chairs set up in the gym area.

7. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand. Persons wishing to receive Holy Communion will only be permitted to receive in their hand. Persons receiving Communion in the hand may not wear gloves.

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 27–Oct 4, 2020

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY: *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr*
8:30 Patrick & Alice Hennessy
12:00 Peter & Nora Hoey

TUESDAY: *Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*
8:30 Souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them
12:00 Catherine O'Malley

WEDNESDAY: *St. Jerome, Priest*
8:30 Alfredo Flores
12:00 Nora Fagan

THURSDAY *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*
8:30 Margaret & Michael Sheehan
12:00 Sally Sweeney

FRIDAY: *The Holy Guardian Angels*
8:30 Daniel C. Mola
12:00 Michael T. Courtney

SATURDAY:
8:30 Dora Johnston

SUNDAY: *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:15 PM (Vigil) St. Margaret of Cortona School, Class of 1980
8:00 Manuel Garcia
10:00 Claire Mulligan
12:00 Elizabeth & Patrick Marron
5:15 Joseph Michael Heavey

St. Gabriel

MONDAY: *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr*
9:00 No announced intention

TUESDAY *Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*
9:00 Eileen O'Brien

WEDNESDAY: *St. Jerome, Priest*
9:00 No announced intention

THURSDAY *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*
9:00 No announced intention

FRIDAY: *The Holy Guardian Angels*
9:00 Mary & Robert Quinn

SUNDAY: *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM (Vigil) Julie Murphy
9:30 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona & St. Gabriel
11:30 Jane & Andy McNamara

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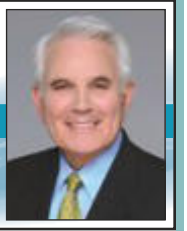

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