

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

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. Willem Klaver, M.H.M, Parochial Vicar

Rev. George Lodi, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Msgr. Dermot Brennan, Weekend Associate

Deacon Joaquim Pereira

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.stgabrielsinthebronx.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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"There once was a man who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it, he found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "The gardener said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also; it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



50th WEDDING JUBILEE

Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime in **2019** are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass with **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM**. Pre-registration is required for each couple and their guests. **Please call St. Margaret's Rectory Office to let us know if you plan to attend.** Registration will close on Friday, May 10th.

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your generosity to our parish. We are so grateful.

March 17th

\$16,257

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.



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 envelopes may be put in the collection basket or left in the Rectory.

St. Margaret's Parents Association

MARCH CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners March 11 through March 17:

March 11	Sal Moscato	\$ 50
March 12	Luis Arraiga	\$ 50
March 13	Kathleen Brosnan	\$ 50
March 14	Mark Chernauskas	\$ 50
March 15	Mike Gleeson	\$ 50
March 16	Luis Deschamps	\$150
March 17	Dionica Shepard	\$400

Congratulations to the winners. **All proceeds go to support St. Margaret's School.**



St. Vincent DePaul Society:

Our parish has recently established a conference (chapter) of the International Society of St. Vincent DePaul. The society is "A network of lay Catholics inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need." **If you are in need of assistance or know someone who is in need, please contact St. Margaret's Rectory.** If you are interested in joining the conference, please email: **SVDPriverdale@gmail.com** For more information on the Society, visit **www.svdpusa.org**

Third Sunday of Lent

HELP SUPPORT THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Our Parish goal for this year is \$208,000. To date we have received \$74,095 from 207 families, which is 36% of our parish goal of \$208,000

If you have not yet made your pledge to the **2019 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.

ST. GABRIEL'S 8th GRADE FUNDRAISER ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

In Wash Hall on Sunday, April 7th, following the 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses.

Stack 1: \$5.00 (2 pancakes, juice & coffee)

Stack 2: \$8.00 (3 pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee)

Also, **new this year**, there will be a Tag Sale in the gym. Great prices!

"SIGHT and SOUND THEATRE" & SANDS CASINO

Dates: May 23rd & 24th

Cost: \$275

Includes: deluxe round trip motor coach, Quilt and Craft Shop on an Amish Farm, 1 night accommodations, 1 breakfast, 1 family-style dinner, admission to "JESUS" at the Sight and Sound Theatre. They will visit the **Sands Casino in Bethlehem** en route home. Also included: baggage handling, hotel taxes & meal gratuities.

Deposit of \$150 at registration. Balance of \$125 due April 15th.

BELMONT RACE TRACK, Saturday, June 29

Cost: \$106 includes deluxe coach transportation, admission to the track, Race Program & lunch.

Only 30 tickets available. Tickets are on sale at **St Gabriel's Rectory.**



The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community.

How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



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, April 1st through Thursday, April 4th at St. Margaret of Cortona Church.**

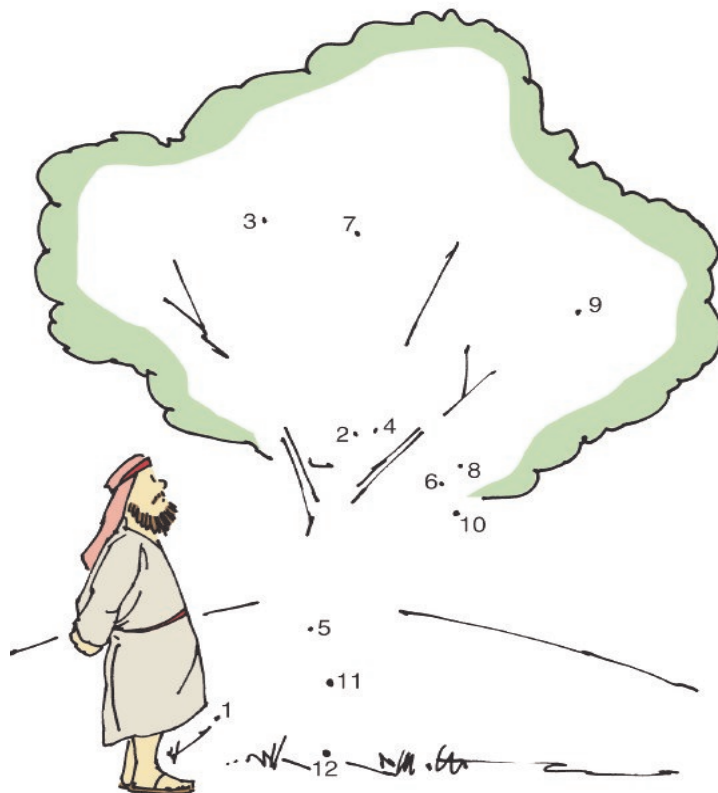
A Friar will speak at each Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday, March 30th & 31st to introduce the Mission. We hope you plan to make this Mission a part of your Lent. **Plan to come and bring your family and friends**

THE VICTIM'S MASS will be offered at **St. Gabriel's** on Sunday, March 31st at 11:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Then He told a parable about a man who had a fig tree that bore no fruit.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



March 24, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Courtney Amsinger	Dimitrios Anastasiou
Todd Anderson	Irene Anzalone
Georgina Ayra	John Beckley
Louis Ballarin	Iva Boatin
Timothy Breen	Betsy Boruchoff
Ellen Brown	Tom Brody
Edward Cleary	Ellen Butler
Brian Crawford	Frank Caliendo
Mary L. Cronin	Michele Cipriano
Thomas & Mary Cronin	Norma Connolly
Patrick Donaghy	Sr. Margaret Coomey
Mary Dowd	Karen Cunniffe
Michael Dunne	Michael Dannucci
Jane Elliott	Patricia & John Doran
Joseph Farsetta	Aurelia Rodriguez- Flores
Janet Fulcher	Mary Ellen Gibbs
Bridie A. Gaffney	Michael Griffin
Donna Gray	Michael J. Healy
Frances Hage	Donna Hearla
Michele Sanchez Henley	Aidan Hernandez
Mary Kelleher	Alina Hernandez
Catherine Klaver	Sarah Hughes
Elizabeth Landau	Maura Hurless
Olivia Leroy	Nora Keegan
Terry Loftus	Brian Kolterman
Louis Marino	Jose Lizardi
Thomas McGrath	Gloria Lotierzo
Darlene McMeekin	Jack Marchindo
Susan Mercurio	Bridie Monaghan
Kathryn Merton	Irene Morgan
Kevin Mullen	Diane Morvillo
Bill Murphy	Eileen Moynihan
Jeanne Myers	Marash Mrncaj
Arlene O'Callahan	Bozena Mul
George Orphanides	Caitlin O'Callahan
Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan	Jean O'Malley
Brian Phillips	Bridie O'Sullivan
Grace & John Rose	Margaret O'Shaughnessy
Henry Snyder	Carmen Perez
Onelia Soto	Rodolfo Pinzon
Marilyn Spawn	Angie & Estrella Rivera
Leon Staskevicius	Katherine & Mary Searson
Mary Sullivan	Lorraine Shearn
Catherine Tobin	Harlie Smith
Elido Vega	

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:
Christopher Butler

MASS INTENTIONS 3/25—3/31

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY: *The Annunciation of the Lord*
8:30 Helen Phang
12:00 Nancy O'Neill

TUESDAY:
8:30 Father Denis Hanrahan
12:00 Fr. Edward Fagan, Fr. Terence Lee,
Fr. Leo Clifford

WEDNESDAY:
8:30 Eugene Casey
12:00 Rose Anne Wynne

THURSDAY
8:30 John Kitson
12:00 In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY:
8:30 Souls in Purgatory who have no one
to pray for them
12:00 Margaret Polis

SATURDAY
8:30 June A. Broderick

SUNDAY: *4th Sunday of Lent*
5:15 PM (Vigil) Barbara McKune
8:00 Richard DeNittis
10:00 Mary Ann & James Mulligan
12:00 Hugh J. & Teresa E. Smith
5:15 Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona
& St. Gabriel.

St. Gabriel

MONDAY: *The Annunciation of the Lord*
9:00 Helen Pitula

TUESDAY:
9:00 Presciutti Family

WEDNESDAY:
9:00 Fabiola Alvarez

THURSDAY:
9:00 Mark McFeeley

FRIDAY:
9:00 Veronica Smyth

SUNDAY: *4th Sunday of Lent*
5 00 PM (Vigil) Margaret Burke
9:30 Carmine Riccio.
11:30 Victims Mass