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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: 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.

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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 Joaquim Pereira
Deacon Donald Quigley
Deacon George Pitula

Sunday, February 28, 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.

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.
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LENTEN REGULATIONS During the Season of Lent , the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING: Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal one full meal on quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until the age of 59. Those not specifically obligated are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE: Abstinence 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY:– are days of fast and abstinence

FRIDAYS IN LENT: are days of abstinence

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast; however voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

VOLUNTARY ACTS OF SELF-DENIAL: may include, in addition to fasting:

- Participation in daily Mass
- Spiritual Studies
- Lenten Devotions
- Stations of the Cross
- Saying the Rosary
- Deeds of Mercy and Kindness

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THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: are prayed in St. Margaret's Church every Friday during Lent at 7:30p.m.

Everyone is invited to participate in this venerated practice of the Church during this holy season.

THE COLLECTION REPORTS

We are grateful for your continued support of our parish. The collections are as followes:

February 14, 2021 $14,202.00
Second Collection:
Peter's Pence $1,717.00
February 21, 2021 $12,815.00

May God Continue to Bless you and your families.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION After receiving First Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving the Holy Eucharist at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

2nd Sunday of Lent

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Courtney Amsinger
Georgina Ayra
Rita Ballantine
Timothy Breen
Joshua Brennan
Ellen Brown
Cindy Casto
Joy Chambers
Theresa Colgan
Margaret Commins
Brian Crawford
Thomas Cronin
Steven DeRavaneusich
Michael DiRusso
Michael Dunne
Jane Elliott
Robby Ernau
Lydia Gonzalez
Bridie A. Gaffney
Barbara Gray
Frances Hage
Michele Sanchez Henley
Mary Kelleher
Elizabeth Landau
Olivia Leroy
Frances Loughlin
Ray Madden
Louis Marino
Rita McArdle
Thomas McGrath
Mary McGuire
Darlene McMeekin
Jeanne Myers
Jean O'Malley
Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan
Frank Paccione
Brian Phillips
Grace Rose
Henry Snyder
Marilyn Spawn
Mary Sullivan
Terri Treanor
Elido Vega
Marie Zangaglai

Irene Anzalone
Lorraine Beck
John Beckley
Betty Betz
Iva Boatin
Betsy Boruchoff
Tom Brody
Frank Caliendo
Michele Cipriano
Sr. Margaret Coomey
Karen Cunniffe
Michael Dannucci
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Sr. Anne Finn
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Michael Griffin
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Nora Keegan
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Salvatore Moscato
Jack Marchindo
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Irene Morgan
Lorraine Moriarty
Diane Morvillo
Bozena Mul
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Caitlin O'Callahan
Joseph O'Para Jr.
Bridie O'Sullivan
Carmen Perez
Angie & Estrella Rivera
Michael Savcaneso
Katie Searson
Adelynn Smith
Harlie Smith
Jennifer Tagliaferro
Catherine Tobin
Arlene Viola
Connie White

2nd Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good.

Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation.

If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic.

The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

MASS INTENTIONS March 1- 7, 2021

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY 3/1
8:30 No Announced Intentions
12:00 Sheila Husk

TUESDAY: 3/2
8:30 No Announced Intentions
12:00 Michael Walsh

WEDNESDAY: 3/3 St. Katherine Drexel
8:30 No Announced Intentions
12:00 Manuel Garcia

THURSDAY 3/4 St. Casimir
8:30 No Announced Intentions
12:00 Erin Dzikas

FRIDAY: 3/5
8:30 Sheila Husk
12:00 O'Sullivan Family & Seamus McEvoy

SATURDAY 3/6
8:30 Joseph Martinis

SUNDAY: 3/7 ***Third Sunday of Lent***
5:15 PM (Vigil) Thomas Feeney
8:00 Julia, Richard, Edmund & Eric Murray
10:00 John Kilroe
12:00 Mary Collins
5:15 Rosa Diaz

St. Gabriel

MONDAY 3/1
9:00 Richard Matulat

TUESDAY: 3/2
9:00 Sheila Husk

WEDNESDAY:.3/3 St. Katherine Drexel
9:00 Lauren Barry

THURSDAY 3/4 St. Casimir
9:00 Joe Bagley

FRIDAY: 3/5
9:00 Eileen Harmon

SUNDAY 3/7 ***Third Sunday of Lent***
5:00 PM (Vigil) Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona St. Gabriel
9:30 Divina Khu
11:30 Mary Quinn

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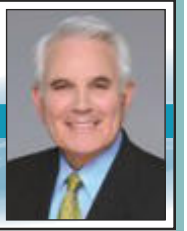

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