

THE RIVERDALE CATHOLIC

A Weekly Bulletin of the Parish of St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel

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Holy Masses

The Dies Domini, "Day of the Lord"

St. Margaret's: Saturday at 5:15 p.m. | Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, 5:15 p.m.

St. Gabriel's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. | Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday

St. Margaret's: Monday through Friday at 12 noon | Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (except for the First Saturday of the month)

St. Gabriel's: Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

St. Margaret's: Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel's: Saturday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Margaret's: Friday after the noon Mass until the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Devotions Honoring the Mother of God

St. Margaret's: Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesdays following 12 noon Mass | First Saturday in Honor of the Immaculate Heart - 11:30am Rosary followed by a Sung Latin Mass at 12 noon

St. Gabriel's: Miraculous Medal Novena on Mondays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass | Rosary following each weekday Mass

Rectory Office

St. Margaret's: Hours - Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | After Hours Emergency Line: 845-622-3996

St. Gabriel's: Hours - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | After Hours Emergency Line: 845-622-3996



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Rev. Fr. Seán Connolly, *Pastor*

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

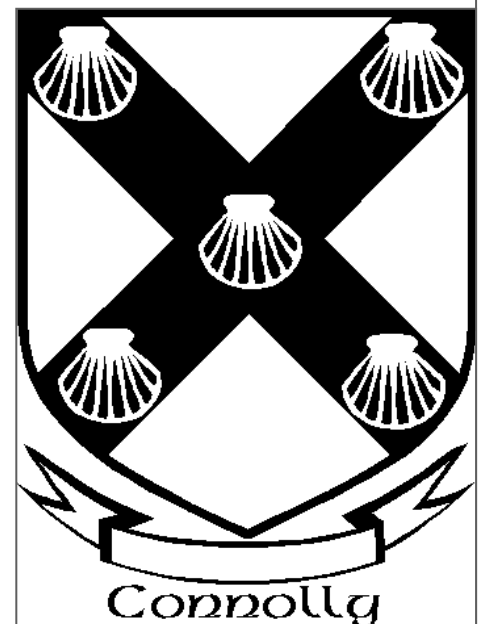
Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of Saint James, The Scallop Shell, And The Spirit Of Pilgrimage

Greetings from the North of Italy as I lead pilgrims to the sacred places of Bologna, Padua, Venice, Milan, Pavia, Turin, and more. Know that I am praying for all of you back home in Riverdale, especially at the altar during the Holy Mass.

I lead trips like this every year. I love going on pilgrimage. It has become integral to my spiritual life. I wonder if it's in my blood given my family's coat of arms.

This week on 25th July, the Church celebrates the feast of St. James the Greater, whose tomb in northwest Spain is the terminus of what is perhaps the greatest pilgrimage road in Christian history known as the Camino de Santiago. The chief symbol associated with St. James and this pilgrimage is the scallop shell. The scallop shell features prominently on my family's coat of arms, and as a Connolly, I have often wondered whether one of my Irish ancestors made the long and dangerous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela centuries ago, returning home with the shell proudly displayed as the sign of a completed pilgrimage. I cannot know for certain, but it is an intriguing possibility. Archaeology tells us that medieval pilgrims from Ireland did indeed make the journey. Genuine scallop shells—the traditional pilgrim's badge of Santiago—have been discovered in medieval Irish graves, while scallop shells remain carved on ancient church monuments throughout the country, silent witnesses to Ireland's long tradition of pilgrimage. Whether or not my own ancestors walked the Camino, the shell on my family crest reminds me that the Connollys have long identified with the spirit of pilgrimage. More importantly, it recalls a truth that belongs to every Christian that is worth reflecting upon this feast day: we are all pilgrims on the journey toward our heavenly homeland.



Connolly Family Coat of Arms

The shell also carries a rich spiritual meaning. Its many radiating grooves converge at a single point, just as the many Camino routes from across Europe lead to one destination. Pilgrims begin from different places but travel toward the same goal.

So too with the Christian life.

The Church has long understood Israel's journey through the wilderness as an image of our own pilgrimage. Just as they were set free from the bondage of slavery by when Moses parted the waters of the Red Sea, through the waters of baptism we are delivered from sin and the dominion of the demons and begin our journey toward the heavenly



The Shell of St. James Shows the Way along the Camino de Santiago

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN (CTD.)

Promised Land. Just as the Israelites encountered trials and temptations along the way and God strengthened for the journey by nourishing their bodies and souls with the manna from heaven, Christ continually strengthens us on our earthly pilgrimage with the Eucharist, the true Bread from Heaven, until we reach our eternal home.

Pilgrimages to holy places beautifully express this deeper reality. They require sacrifice, perseverance, and trust in God. Whether undertaken in thanksgiving, repentance, or in search of spiritual renewal, every authentic pilgrimage ultimately seeks the same end: a deeper encounter with Christ and a heart transformed by his grace.

July, The Month Dedicated To The Honor Of The Precious Blood of Jesus

Excerpted from "Theology of the Precious Blood" Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S:

The theology of the Precious Blood cannot rest satisfied with the mere exposition of the teaching that Christ gave His life through blood, because "life is in the blood." The Blood of Christ and the Death of Christ must mean far more to us than a sacrificial giving of life. We know that the divine motive was loving mercy. For this reason the Father sent His Son into the world:

"In this has the love of God been shown in our case, that God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we may live through him. In this is the love, not that we have loved God, but that He has first loved us, and sent his Son a propitiation for our sins" (I John IV, 10-11).

Because of His loving mercy God sent His Son to redeem us by His blood. Truly of infinite value was every act of Christ, truly all that He did in life was offered to His Father and accepted for our Redemption; and yet, without the Blood we would not have been redeemed. Such is the teaching of Scripture: "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebr. IX, 22).

The ultimate term of the Precious Blood is eternal glory. The grace in the individual soul blossoms forth into the fruition of heavenly vision. One of the joys of that blessed state is union with those who have triumphed over sin, especially Mary Immaculate who shares in all the merits of the Precious Blood.

The Lamb that was slain shall be the object of eternal bliss for all those who have washed their robes in Its Blood. In the Heavenly Jerusalem, which John saw in prophetic vision, all the Church shall reign triumphant; from every tribe and tongue and people and nation all who are saved shall proclaim the glory of the Precious Blood:

"Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals; For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us for God with thy blood."

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN

IN OUR PARISH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Registration forms are in the vestibules of both of our churches.



For any questions, please contact the director of our program, Ms. Frances Lopez-Alvarado at: rivdalecatholicreled@gmail.com.



The program typically runs from September to May. This year, classes are held at:



**ST. MARGARET'S
SCHOOL BUILDING**
WEDNESDAYS
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.



**ST. GABRIEL'S
SCHOOL BUILDING**
SUNDAYS
10:45 a.m. to 12 noon



*"This is eternal life: that they may know you,
the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ."
(John 17:3)*



**Catholic Widows and
Widowers of Yonkers
Annual Communion
Breakfast** will be held Sun,
Sept 13th. Mass at
11:30am, Christ the King
Church, 740 N. Broadway,
Yonkers, followed by brunch
at San Martino's Ristorante,
12 Young Ave, Yonkers.
Cash \$36 per person
payable at the brunch.
Members and guests
welcome. RSVP required.
Info/reservations,
914-423-5331.



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*Glory to God
for*
**100
YEARS**

**St. Margaret of Cortona -
St. Gabriel School begins its
100th academic year this fall.**

For a century, our school has provided an education to the youth of our neighborhood that nurtures the whole person—academically, spiritually, morally, and socially.

Our school provides students with a strong educational foundation while helping them grow in their union with God and live according to the values of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Parish Book Club

Books:

Inferno, Purgatory, Paradise (three separate volumes) by Dante Alighieri, translated by Anthony Esolen

Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy, Divine Spirituality by Robert Royal

Discussions guided by Fr. Seán Connolly in the reception room at the Riverdale Steakhouse

**Next Meeting:
22nd July at 6:30 p.m.**

**Read: Cantos of the Inferno
16 to 34**

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REVITALIZATION *in* RIVERDALE



SUPPORTING OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our Parish. Our Faith. Our Future.



If you have not made your three-year pledge yet, please join the over **200** of your fellow parishioners who have done so.

Though we have reached our goal to cover the costs of the two boilers for our parish school, to repair the flat roofs of St. Margaret's Church and to paint and renovate its interior, there are still many facility upgrades our parish needs.



*Your support
strengthens our
parish and
builds our future.*



IF YOU ARE STILL FULFILLING YOUR PLEDGE, PLEASE NOTE:



Payment envelopes can be picked up in the back of the church or the parish office.

*Every gift, big or small,
makes a lasting difference.*

YOU CAN FULFILL YOUR PAYMENT IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Visit our secure donation page at the QR CODE. Online giving is a convenient and cost-effective way to set-up recurring contributions on a schedule that works for you. By choosing online giving, you help reduce parish costs associated with reminder letters and manual processing, ensuring a more efficient and economical solution.
- Mail checks to parish office or drop them in the collection basket. Please include "Capital Campaign Payment" in the memo line.
- Consider alternative payment options like stock transfers, donor-advised funds (DAFs), individual retirement accounts (IRAs), or employer matching gift programs.



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TOGETHER, WE BUILD A STRONGER PARISH COMMUNITY.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, including anniversaries, birthdays, etc. please email: riverdalecatholicbulletin@gmail.com

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Myla Hernandez, that this newly illumined child of God may walk always in the light of Christ.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Marc Vincent Valinoti and Alexandra Terese Giga, *that the Lord may bless them and keep them always one.*

THE SICK: Teresa Colgan, Barbara Cosme, Thomas Cronin, Kate Daly, Michael Dannucci, Jennifer Davey, Catherine Davis, Antonio DeFeo, Steven DeRavaneusich, Kaelyn Dirkschneider, Michael DiRusso, Abigail Dolan, *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*



St. Margaret and St. Gabriel, Pray to God for Us!



St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 7/20 *St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

12 noon: **All the Souls in Purgatory**

TUESDAY, 7/21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest*

12 noon: **Manuel Garcia**

WEDNESDAY, 7/22 *St. Mary Magdalen*

12 noon: **Breda O'Toole**

THURSDAY, 7/23 *St. Bridget, Religious*

12 noon: **Patrick, Nora and Margaret Kelly**

FRIDAY, 7/24 *St. Charbel Makhouf, Priest*

12 noon: **Mary L. And Mary Catherine Cronin**

SATURDAY, 7/25 *St. James, Apostle*

12 noon: **Cynthia Ann and Thomas Egan**

SUNDAY, 7/26 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **Fiona McGill**

8 a.m.: **Louis Ballerin**

10 a.m.: **Ann McDonough**

12 p.m.: **Thomas and Mary Brennan and Family**

5:15 p.m.: Dcn. Donald Quigley

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 7/20 *St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

9:00 a.m.: **Barbara Hanley**

TUESDAY, 7/21 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.: **Margaret Quimosing (living)**

WEDNESDAY, 7/22 *St. Mary Magdalen*

9:00 a.m.: **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, 7/23 *St. Bridget, Religious*

9:00 a.m.: **Eileen O'Beirne**

FRIDAY, 7/24 *St. Charbel Makhouf, Priest*

9:00 a.m.: **Louis Marchione**

SUNDAY, 7/26 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Kathy Lakes**

9:30 a.m.: **Jim Quinn**

11:30 a.m.: **Aidan Curtin**

For our parish benefactors.

Deign, O Lord, for Thy Name's Sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.

Collection 12th July 2026

In-pew: \$10,295

Candles: \$725

WeShare Online Giving: \$1,944

Total: \$12,964

2nd Collection for Black and Indian Missions: \$2,588

**Welcome to the
Parish of St Margaret-St. Gabriel!**

If you are not registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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___Moving, please remove from parish list

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Please go to our parish website homepage, **riverdalecatholic.org**, for a link for the donation page, or scan the QR code to donate.

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Summer Hours: St. Margaret's rectory will follow a summer schedule. The rectory will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. We will reopen to our full schedule on Tuesday, the 7th of September.

Our parish school is in need of a part time music teacher. Anyone interested may present their qualifications to our principal, Mrs. Haney,



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