

# 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 4:00 p.m. | Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. Gabriel's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. | Sunday: 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

### Weekday

St. Margaret's: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. St.

Gabriel's: Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

## Divine Office

St. Margaret's: *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

St. Gabriel's: *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

## Confessions

St. Margaret's: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

St. Gabriel's: Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Margaret's: The Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass concludes with exposition until None (Midafternoon Prayer) and benediction at 3:00 p.m.

## Devotions Honoring the Mother of God

St. Margaret's: First Saturday of the Month in Honor of the Immaculate Heart - rosary and confessions at 11:30am followed by a sung holy Mass according to the ancient Latin usage at 12 noon

St. Gabriel's: Recitation of the rosary following each weekday holy 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



## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Fr. Seán Connolly, *Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Walter Genito, Jr., *Parochial Vicar*

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School Office: 718-549-8580 |

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## From the Desk of Fr. Seán

Dear parishioners,

### **A Historic Moment for the Catholic Church in America: The Beatification of Fulton Sheen This Week In St. Louis**

A significant event takes place this week in the history of the Catholic Church in America. This Thursday, 24th September, in St. Louis, Missouri, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, representing Pope Leo XIV, will celebrate the Holy Mass for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, one of the most influential and beloved American Catholics of the twentieth century. This beatification will mark a joyful and historic moment for the Church in our country.

I will be traveling to St. Louis for this historic celebration, leaving on Tuesday and returning on Friday. It is a great privilege to be present at the beatification of a man whose preaching, writing, and witness brought the Catholic faith into millions of American homes. I will carry all of you with me in prayer and will especially remember our parish family at the Beatification Mass. Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Fulton Sheen, to pour out His grace upon our parish, to strengthen our faith, and to help each of us grow in love for Jesus Christ and his Church.

### **Who Was Fulton Sheen?**

Fulton John Sheen was born in El Paso, Illinois, in 1895 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria in 1919. A brilliant scholar and gifted teacher, he studied philosophy at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, where he earned a doctorate and received the Cardinal Mercier Prize for Philosophy. He later taught theology and philosophy at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. From the beginning, however, Sheen understood that his intellectual gifts were not given merely for academic achievement. He wanted to use them to bring people to Christ.

Sheen became one of the great Catholic communicators of the twentieth century. Beginning in 1930, his weekly radio program, *The Catholic Hour*, brought Catholic teaching to millions of Americans. In 1951, after being named an auxiliary bishop of New York, he began his famous television program *Life Is Worth Living*. Speaking without a script and often using nothing more than a blackboard, he explained the Catholic faith, morality, philosophy, and the meaning of Christian life with remarkable clarity, intelligence, humor, and warmth. At the height of its popularity, the program reached an estimated 30 million viewers each week, making Bishop Sheen one of the most recognizable religious figures in America.

But the real measure of Fulton Sheen's life was not his fame. It was his love for Jesus Christ and his desire to lead others to Him. He served the Church in many capacities, including as National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and Bishop of Rochester. He wrote dozens of books and preached tirelessly until the end of his life. In 1979, shortly before his death, he met Pope Saint John Paul II at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The Pope embraced him and told him, "You have written and spoken well for the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church." Archbishop Sheen died only two months later, on 9th December, 1979.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Seán



SOLEMN FIRST VESPERS  
FOR THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
WITH HIS EMINENCE ERNEST CARDINAL SIMONI

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 6:00 P.M.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

6000 RIVERDALE AVENUE

THE BRONX, NEW YORK



Cardinal Simoni was imprisoned for 18 years under Albania's communist regime. He is a "confessor of the faith" for his suffering for the sake of the gospel. Pope Francis called him a "living martyr" and elevated him to the College of Cardinals in 2016.



## Fr. Walter's Lecture Series

resumes Monday, 5th October at 6:30 p.m.  
at St. Margaret's Church.

He will be offering a monthly reflection on different Bible Stories.

The First Lecture this coming Monday will be on  
the story of creation in Genesis chapters 1 to 3.

### SCHEDULE OF HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS AT ST. GABRIEL'S

Wine & Cheese after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Holy  
Mass and light breakfast foods after the Sunday  
10:00 a.m. and 12 noon Holy Masses in Walsh Hall



The Weekends of  
3-4 October  
14-15 November  
5-6 December  
9-10 January  
6-7 February  
6-7 March  
3-4 April  
1-2 May  
5-6 June

Join us to strengthen our union as brothers and  
sisters in the Lord

THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA - ST. GABRIEL

### SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL FAMILY SUNDAY:

#### MASS & FELLOWSHIP

On these Sundays the 11:00  
a.m. Holy Mass at St.  
Margaret's will feature a  
different grade from our parish  
school. The students will  
participate in the Holy Mass  
by serving, singing, and giving  
a brief presentation about a  
Christian service project to  
which they have devoted  
themselves.

Following Holy Mass, the  
students and their families  
will host a time of  
fellowship in the school  
gymnasium with light  
breakfast foods available for  
all parishioners.

- ✦ 27<sup>th</sup> September  
-a Welcome reception for our new  
principal, Mrs. Regan Haney
- ✦ 25<sup>th</sup> October
- ✦ 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- ✦ 20<sup>th</sup> December
- ✦ 31<sup>st</sup> January
- ✦ 28<sup>th</sup> February
- ✦ 21<sup>st</sup> March - Palm Sunday
- ✦ 25<sup>th</sup> April
- ✦ 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- ✦ 13<sup>th</sup> June



St. Margaret of Cortona  
St. Gabriel School

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, including anniversaries, birthdays, etc. please email: [riverdalecatholicbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalecatholicbulletin@gmail.com)

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Colton James Hargrave, *that these newly illumined child of God may walk always in the light of Christ.*

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

THE SICK: Robert Carlson, Maggie Caputo, Cindy Casto, Joy Chambers, Fanny Chondris, Teresa Colgan, Barbara Cosme, Thomas Cronin, Kate Daly, *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*



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





May God give many years of health and salvation to the newly illumined, Colton James Hargrave, born again by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism.




## St. Gabriel Feast Day Celebration

**Tuesday 29th September**  
**6:30 p.m. Solemn Mass**  
 followed by a potluck dinner  
 in Walsh Hall

Call the rectory office and let us know what food item you're bringing and how many it can feed (main courses, sides, or desserts)  
**718-549-8053**

Holy Archangel Gabriel,  
 our patron, pray for us!



**St. Gabriel's Church**  
 3250 Arlington Ave  
 Bronx, NY 10463  
**718-549-8053**

*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 13th September 2026**

In/pew: \$11,387  
 Candles: \$617  
 WeShare online giving: \$2,339

**Total: \$14,243**

## 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: [riverdalecatholicreled@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalecatholicreled@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)

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 Please go to our parish website homepage, **[riverdalecatholic.org](http://riverdalecatholic.org)**, for a link for the donation page, or scan the QR code to donate.

[wesharedonate.org](http://wesharedonate.org)



St. Margaret of Cortona

**MONDAY 9/21**

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

9:00 Connolly and Barrett Families and Aidan Hernandez

**WEDNESDAY 9/23**

*St. Pio of Pietrelina*

9:00 Arigo I Sugihara and The Intentions of the Sikorski Family

**FRIDAY 9/25**

9:00 Mary C., Edward L., and James J. Smith and Mireya Luna and Clara and Pura Liranza

**SUNDAY 9/27**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 (Vigil) Gary Pagliaro and John Dunleavy

9:00 Maureen Sheehan and Aidan Hernandez

11:00 Monica Thompson

St. Gabriel

**TUESDAY 9/22**

9:00 The Family of Phyllis, Francis, and Francis K. Cuddihy and Arigo I. Sugihara

**THURSDAY 9/24**

*St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Mary Ann Sexton and The Keenan, Duffy, and Cullerton Families

**SUNDAY 9/27**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 (Vigil) Josephine Dunnion

10:00 Michael Pietros

12:00 James Moran

The praying of Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 8:30 a.m. before our 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be postponed until further notice. We are waiting for the prayer books to arrive and will need some more time to prepare for its inception. We hope to begin as soon as possible and will keep you posted!

Find us on Facebook and Instagram:

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Classes begin on  
**Saturday  
3rd October  
at 10:00 a.m.  
at St. Margaret's  
Rectory**

*We need to know  
who is interested.*



**Yes! I want to know more!**

I need to receive... (circle all that apply)...

Baptism

First Communion

Confirmation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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(718) 549-8053



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the collection basket



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Parish Office

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\_\_ Moving, please remove from parish list