

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., 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 deposition until the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet 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 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

Rev. Mr. George Pitula, Deacon

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School Office: 718-549-8580 |

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

Dear parishioners,

New Weekly Schedule of Holy Mass and Devotions

Each day for the past eleven years of my life as a priest, I have reminded myself: “The Mass isn’t just a part of the day; it is the heart of the day!”

Although most of you are unable to attend Holy Mass each day because of work and family obligations, I pray that this same sentiment might become your own when it comes to Sunday Mass. Sunday is the *Dies Domini*, “Day of the Lord”—the day set aside for us to worship God to give him thanks for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us, especially redemption through Jesus Christ. May Sunday Mass not simply be a part of your week, but the heart of your week.

This weekend, our new weekly schedule of Holy Masses and devotions takes effect. I thank you sincerely, from my heart, for any sacrifices you may make to adjust your weekly schedules in order to attend Mass at these new times.

As St. John Paul II reminds us in his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*: “It is crucially important that all the faithful should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly.” (§81)

May we never see Sunday Mass as simply another obligation on our calendar, but as the heart of our week—the privileged time when we come together to worship the Lord and receive his divine life in the Eucharist.

Glory to God for 100 Years: Celebrating a Century of Catholic Education in Riverdale

This Thursday begins the 100th academic year of our parish school—a remarkable milestone and a beautiful testament to generations of families who have entrusted their children to a Catholic education. St. Margaret of Cortona School was established here in North Riverdale in 1926. For a century, our school has sought to educate not only the mind, but the whole person, forming young people in faith, virtue, wisdom, and a love for God and neighbor. A Catholic education is about far more than academic excellence; it is about helping our children discover who they are as beloved sons and daughters of God and preparing them to live their lives with according to the virtues of faith, hope, and love. As we give thanks for the countless teachers, parents, priests, benefactors, and students who have built this school over the past century, may we renew our commitment to the beautiful mission of Catholic education and pray that our school will continue to be a place where faith is cherished, truth is pursued, and young lives are formed for generations to come.

We will keep you posted about all the events celebrating this milestone over the course of the year ahead. To begin, Bishop Joseph Espallat will be celebrating the Mass of the Holy Spirit beginning our 100th academic year at 9:00 a.m. on Monday 14th September.

The 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001: Never Forget

All of us old enough have vivid memories of where we were when the news reached us 25 years ago this coming Friday that planes had struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was sitting in my 8th grade history class in Ossining. Our studies were interrupted when the principal came on the loudspeaker informing us of what was transpiring just 40 miles away. She concluded her remarks by assuring us that we were safe and that we should all be proud to be Americans. Young and scared, I clutched the Miraculous Medal hanging around my neck.

It was America’s darkest day. Yet, even amid the violence, devastation, and heartbreak, a great light shone forth through the courage and selflessness of the men and women of our city’s fire and police departments, who ran toward danger while others fled, risking—and in many cases giving—their lives to save others. Their heroic sacrifice remains, all these years later, a powerful witness that even in the face of the darkest evil, the light of courage, selflessness, and love can never be extinguished.

You can join us this Friday September 11th at 9:00 a.m for a requiem Mass for all the departed of that fateful day, and at 5:00 pm at the Riverdale 9/11 Memorial Garden the neighborhood remembrance ceremony.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán



Glory to God for *100 Years!*

JOIN US FOR A
VOTIVE MASS
OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT

BEGINNING THE
CENTENNIAL ACADEMIC YEAR
OF
St. Margaret of Cortona -
St. Gabriel School

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
AT 9:00 A.M.



WE WELCOME
**BISHOP
JOSEPH ESPAILLAT**

AS CELEBRANT FOR
THIS MILESTONE MOMENT
OF OUR HISTORY



PARISH BOOK CLUB

DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY

Discussion led by
Fr. Seán Connolly



NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6:30 P.M.
AT THE RIVERDALE STEAKHOUSE
("CONNAUGHTON'S")

*This Meeting will review
cantos 1-15 of the Purgatorio*

COMMEMORATE WITH US THE

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

A Solemn Requiem Mass
for the Eternal Salvation of
those who lost their lives
in the attack on our country on
September 11, 2001

Never Forget

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 9:00 AM**



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

IN CELEBRATION OF THE
BEATIFICATION
OF
FULTON SHEEN



Join Us
FOR AN EVENING WITH
HIS SECRETARY AND FRIEND
MSGR. HILARY FRANCO
Author Of The Memoir
*Bishop Fulton J. Sheen:
Mentor and Friend*

As a young priest, Msgr. Hilary Franco worked closely with Archbishop Sheen from 1959-1967. Then for 12 further years, the two stayed in close communication by letter, phone and visits until Archbishop Sheen fell asleep in the Lord in 1979. Msgr. Franco will share with us shares his precious memories of this time just one week before Sheen is declared a Blessed of the Church.

**WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6:30 P.M.**
DOWNEY'S BAR & GRILL
5790 MOSHOLU AVENUE

ORDER DINNER AND DRINKS AND LISTEN TO
MSGR. FRANCO IN CONVERSATION WITH
OUR PASTOR,
FR. SEÁN CONNOLLY

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

CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL

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!*

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Marilyn Capolino and Elizabeth Ann Boynes, *that they may rest in peace and rise in glory!*

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

THE SICK: Mary Rush Thomas, Catherine Tobin, Terri Treanor, Debra Tritarico, Elido Vega, Arlene Viola, Eileen Winslow, William Young, Marie Zangalai, *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!



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.



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)*



Provide a
**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION**
FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Enroll them at
**ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA -
ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL**

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.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
smsgny.org



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CALL US
718-549-8580

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!

Sign up to support our parish by recurring donations! Please go to our parish website homepage, riverdalecatholic.org, for a link for the donation page, or scan the QR code to donate. wesharedonate.org



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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 30th August 2026

In/pew: \$12,618

Candles: \$1,173

WeShare online giving: \$1,504

Total: \$15,295

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 9/7 *Labor Day*

12 noon: **Cunney Family and Julian Castro**

WEDNESDAY, 9/9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*

12 noon: **Msgr. William Williams and Mary McFlynn**

FRIDAY, 9/11

12 noon: **For All the Souls in Purgatory, For the Families and Loved Ones of the Attacks on the World Trade Center, and Ikea Ferrer**

SUNDAY, 9/13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. (vigil): **Leydon and Rock Families**

9:00 a.m.: **Maureen Sheehan and Kellu, McTague and Cullen Families**

11:00 a.m.: **Robert G. Stauf and Eileen Searson**

St. Gabriel

TUESDAY, 9/8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 a.m.: **Eileen Sullivan and Kathleen Kivlehan and Neil "Doc" Doherty**

THURSDAY, 9/10

9:00 a.m.: **Mary Cahill and Avelina Rodil**

SUNDAY, 9/13 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Patrick Hastings**

10:00 a.m.: **Sarah and John Carroll and Deceased Members of the Carroll Family**

12:00 p.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret - St. Gabriel**

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: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

__Change of address/telephone number

__Moving, please remove from parish list



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: _____



Call the Parish Office
(718) 549-8053



Put this form in
the collection basket



Drop it off in the
Parish Office

Thank you for helping build our Catholic family!

**ALTAR
SERVERS
NEEDED**

*Give honor to God by
serving Holy Mass*



All interested 3rd through
12th graders must attend
the following ceremonial
rehearsals:



**14, 15, and 16 September
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

**Students from our religious education
program are exempt from the Wednesday
class if they are training to be an altar server.*



Training sessions will take place
at St. Margaret's

