

THE RIVERDALE CATHOLIC

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

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3250 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
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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 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 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

Rev. Mr. George Pitula, Deacon

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Mrs. Reagen Haney, Principal

School Office: 718-549-8580 |

rhaney@smsgny.org | smsgny.org

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Religious Education Office:

riverdalecatholicreled@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

Dear parishioners,

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

This past Thursday, our students returned to the classroom, beginning the centennial academic year of Catholic education in Riverdale.

The story of St. Margaret of Cortona School began with the beautiful stone building on 260th Street known as Lavelle Hall, constructed in 1911 by the pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona, Father Murray. From 1915 to 1926, however, the building was used by the New York City public school system. When Monsignor Joseph Doyle became pastor in 1925, he envisioned returning the building to its original purpose as a parish school. He asked the Sisters of Charity of nearby Mount St. Vincent to staff the new St. Margaret of Cortona School, which opened in 1926.

Sister Regina Concepta Mulhall, principal, together with five other Sisters of Charity, formed the school's first faculty. Their dedication and that of the many sisters who followed helped establish a tradition of Catholic education that would serve generations of Riverdale families.

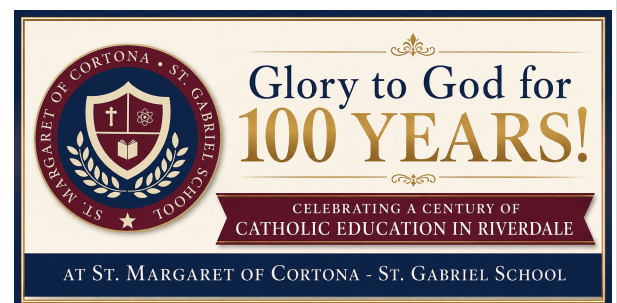
Following World War II, Riverdale's population grew rapidly, creating a need for additional classroom space. In 1955, eight new classrooms were added, forming what came to be known as the "New Building" alongside the original "Old Building" on the southwest side of the property, facing Riverdale Avenue.

In 2023, the merger of St. Margaret of Cortona School of North Riverdale and St. Gabriel School of South Riverdale opened a new chapter in the history of Catholic education in our community.

The beginning of our school's 100th academic year is a remarkable milestone and a beautiful testament to the generations of families who have entrusted their children to a Catholic education. It is also an occasion to give thanks to God for the countless teachers, religious sisters, pastors, parents, and parishioners whose faith and dedication have sustained this school throughout the past century.

In a particular way, we remember with gratitude the Sisters of Charity, whose service gave our school its foundation and whose devotion helped sustain its mission for so many decades. We are the grateful beneficiaries of the seeds they planted a century ago.

We will keep you informed of the many events planned throughout the coming year to celebrate this important milestone. To begin our centennial year, Bishop Joseph Espailat will celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit tomorrow, 14th September, at 9:00 a.m. We invite our parish community to join us as we give thanks for the past, celebrate the present, and pray for God's continued blessing upon our school and its students for generations to come.

**Convalidation Of Your Marriage**

If you were married in a civil ceremony (by a Justice of the Peace) and would like to have your marriage recognized by the Church, a simple convalidation is all that is needed. If both parties are free to marry (have never been married to another person before), without any impediments, we would like to offer you the graces that come upon a sacramental marriage through convalidation. Please reach out to one of our priests for further information and guidance.

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



SCHEDULE OF

HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS

AT

ST. GABRIEL'S



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

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



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

The Parish of St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel

SCHEDULE FOR

School Family Sunday:

MASS & FELLOWSHIP



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



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

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





St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel School

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!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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

THE SICK: Andrea Amato, Yanni Anastasiou, Irene Anzalone, Joe Bastone, John Beckley, Betty Betz, Iva Boatin, Kitty Boyle, Ellen Brown, *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)



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 Total
6th September
2026**

In-pew: \$10,804
Candles: \$93
WeShare: \$3,112
Second Collection in support of our parish school: \$3,360

Total: \$17,369

Sign up to support our parish by recurring donations!

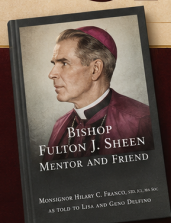
Please go to our parish website homepage, riverdalecatholic.org, for a link for the donation page, or scan the QR code to donate. wesharedonate.org



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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. SEAN CONNOLLY

THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA - 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!



St. Gabriel's Church
3250 Arlington Ave
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St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 9/14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

9 a.m.: **Arthur Gaynor**

WEDNESDAY, 9/16 *St. Cornelius, Pope*

9 a.m.: **Mary L. And Mary Catherine Cronin**

FRIDAY, 9/18

9 a.m.: **For All the Souls in Purgatory and John and Mary Sullivan**

SUNDAY, 9/20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. (vigil): **Maria Gerbasi**

9:00 a.m.: **Parents of Matthew Peter Murphy and Loretta and Bo Galbo**

11:00 a.m.: **Hugh, Teresa and John H. Smith and Angel Nieves**

St. Gabriel

TUESDAY, 9/15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

9:00 a.m.: **Glasdys Reciode-de Perez and a Special Intention**

THURSDAY, 9/17 *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.: **Delores Harmon and Mary Meceda**

SUNDAY, 9/20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Daniel Lucey**

10:00 a.m.: **Lila Dobbs**

12:00 p.m.: **Padraic, Jim and Aeneas Butler**

Welcome to the Parish of St Margaret-St. Gabriell!

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

