Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time **11th October 2026**

The Riverdale Catholic

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Holy Masses

The *Dies Domini* (Day of the Lord)
St. Margaret's: Saturday at 4:00p.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 11:30 a.m. 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

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From the Desk of Fr. Seán

Dear parishioners,

The Mass Intentions For 2027 Can Be Reserved On 28th October

Beginning on Wednesday 28th October, intentions for the Holy Masses offered at our parish throughout the calendar year 2027 can be reserved at the rectory offices of St. Margaret's and St. Gabriel's. On that day, Mass intentions can be reserved from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Power of Mass Intentions

The Catholic Church teaches that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest act of worship and the most powerful prayer on earth. In every Mass, Christ's one sacrifice on Calvary is made sacramentally present, and the faithful are invited to unite their prayers with his perfect offering to the Father. A Mass intention allows us to entrust a particular person or need to God through the Holy Eucharist. It is one of the greatest spiritual gifts we can offer for both the living and the dead.

What is a Mass Intention

A Mass intention is a specific prayer request for which a priest celebrates the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass. It may be offered:

For a living person, asking God to grant healing, strength, guidance, or abundant blessings.
For a deceased person, praying for the repose of his or her soul.
In thanksgiving for blessings and favors already received.
For special intentions such as peace, conversion, vocations, family needs, protection, or any personal petition.

By requesting a Mass intention, we unite our prayers to Christ's eternal sacrifice—the greatest prayer the Church can offer.

CYO

I am very happy that our parish participates so strongly in the Catholic Youth Organization. We welcome and encourage all participating families from our parish and are proud of our student athletes who represent our parish so well whether they be enrolled in our school or study the faith through our religious education program.

CYO Athletics is designed to be sports done a different way--as a community of faith. Individuals and teams strive for greatness in accordance with gospel values. To develop the whole person, CYO makes an effort to teach that success is not measured solely by the scoreboard, but by the effort, team play, and fun of the experience. Most importantly, CYO conveys the important lesson that God should be glorified in all things, even in the time and effort we put into athletic competition.

I wish to express my gratitude to Matthew Adamson for all his efforts in organizing this important program in the life of our parish and local community.

Catholic Film Recommendation: The Scarlet and the Black (1983)
From the blog *100 Movies Every Catholic Should See:*

The Scarlet and the Black is, perhaps, my favorite thriller of all time because of its excellent performances and film-making, its tight and thrilling story, and its use of beautiful Catholic imagery. It is a great example of what Catholic cinema could look like, not overtly preachy or sentimental but an excellent film in its genre that wrestles with Catholic themes and uses powerful Catholic symbolism to create a beautiful film. Although it does not receive as much acclaim as it should, it fits in quite comfortably with the other great thrillers on our list such as *The Third Man* and *I Confess*. It is an excellent Catholic thriller and should become a perennial favorite of any Catholic cinephile.



Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán


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The rectory office will be closed Monday, 12 October for Columbus Day.

Parish Book Club

DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY



Discussion led by Fr. Seán Connolly

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th October at 6:30 P.M.
at the Riverdale Steakhouse ("Connaughton's")

Purgatorio XVII – XXXIII (17-33)



Happy Columbus Day!

On October 12th, 1492, at about 2:00 in the morning, a man named Rodrigo de Triana, shouted from his ship the words "¡Tierra! ¡Tierra!" That moment marked one of the pivotal events in history.

In his 1892 encyclical Quarto Abeunte Saeculo written in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Americas, Pope Leo XIII called Columbus' exploits "the highest and grandest which any age has ever seen accomplished by man." The pope was eager to emphasize in the same encyclical that since Columbus' "Catholic faith was the strongest motive for the inception and prosecution" of his grand enterprise, "the whole human race owes not a little to the Church."

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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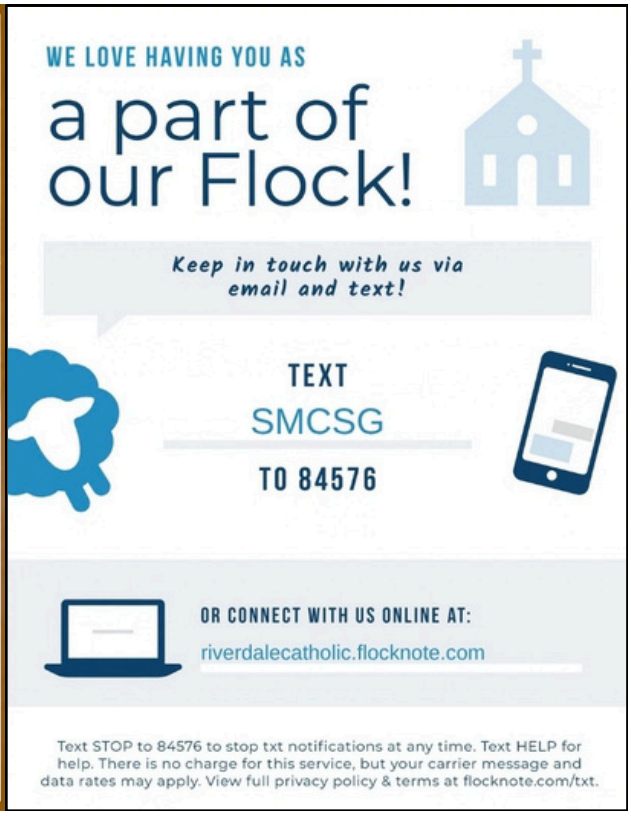
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St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Gabriel, Pray to God for Us!







Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Oct 15th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

Do you love to sing? Our music director, Nancy Parish, is in search of volunteer cantors for the Saturday 5 pm vigil and Sunday noon Masses. One can volunteer as often as desired, or perhaps once a month. This rotation will relieve Nancy and the other cantors who have given so much of their time and talents to St. Gabriel's Masses.

Some singing experience is necessary, but Nancy will train you for the specifics of cantor duties. If this interests you, please see Nancy at the organ, or email her at **NParish@nyc.rr.com**. Thank you!

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.

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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 4th October 2026

In-pew: $12,894
Candles: $632
First Saturday Latin Mass: $141
WeShare online giving: $4,706
First Weekend Second Collection in Support of our Parish School: $4,387

Total: $22,760

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY 10/12
9:00 Irene and Saverio Buatti and Peggy Brady
WEDNESDAY 10/14
St. Callistus, Priest and Martyr
9:00 Harry K. Boynes
FRIDAY 10/16
St. Hedwig, Religious
9:00 Neil "Doc" Doherty and Valentina Tablong (living)
SUNDAY 10/18
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 (Vigil) Jay Callahan
9:00 Daniel Murphy and Jack Calvin Camp
11:00 Andy Lavery and Mae Figliola

St. Gabriel

TUESDAY 10/13
9:00 Edna Jennings and Elizabeth Feerick
THURSDAY 10/15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9:00 All the Souls in Purgatory and Al and Tina Strazzeri
SUNDAY 10/18
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 (Vigil) Thomas Daly
10:00 Brigid and Patrick Kerrigan
12:00 Helen Paul

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Words of Life from Antonio Cardinal Bacci's *Meditations* For Each Day



October, the Month of the Holy Rosary:

"It is untrue to say that the Rosary is a monotonous prayer in that it necessitates a constant repetition of the same formulae. In the first place, recitation of these prayers should be accompanied by meditation on the principal mysteries of our religion. Secondly, if we are inspired by love, the repetition of the same words can draw from them each time a new significance. The Christian who loves God and His Divine Mother will be happy to call his heavenly Father with filial confidence and to pray to the Blessed Virgin with trust in her maternal protection. An affectionate son does not find it boring to speak with his own mother."

Antonio Cardinal Bacci (1885–1971) was an Italian cardinal and scholar who served in the Roman Curia for decades as secretary for briefs to princes, composing in Latin all the major pontifical documents.

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

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