

# 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



## PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Fr. Seán Connolly**, *Pastor*

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

**Rev. Fr. Timothy Boman**, *Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Mr. George Pitula**, *Deacon*

**Rev. Fr. William Elder**, *Weekend Associate*

**Rev. Fr. Justin Maria Cinnante, O. Carm.**,  
*Weekend Associate*

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN**

Dear Parishioners,

**The Feast of Corpus Christi**

We celebrate this Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, better known simply as the Feast of Corpus Christi. This is the Church's annual celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—and thus a sacred reminder that, in every Holy Mass, Jesus' one sacrifice of Calvary is sacramentally made present and offered anew for “the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit” (CCC 1366). While Holy Thursday recalls Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Corpus Christi gives Catholics a joyful opportunity to honor our Eucharistic Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This includes public devotion apart from Mass, such as processions.



Here in Riverdale, we keep the traditional custom of celebrating Corpus Christi according to the ancient Roman Rite on Thursday, the day of the week the Eucharist was instituted at the Last Supper.

After a solemn Holy Mass we had a glorious procession through the streets of our neighborhood with three benedictions calling upon the mercy and blessings of God upon our neighborhood.

Jesus our God is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. At every Holy Mass we partake of the Lamb of God, the New Covenant Passover sacrifice. Corpus Christi highlights the sacramental and sacrificial reality of Christ's presence. Additionally, it affirms the Church's teaching on transubstantiation, and invites the faithful into deeper Eucharistic devotion.

**The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena**

In 1264, just a year after the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena in central Italy, Pope Urban IV instituted Corpus Christi as a universal feast in the Church. He did so through his papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo*.

This miracle occurred when a German priest known as Peter of Prague was struggling with doubts about the Real Presence. He prayed fervently against these doubts, and, right after he pronounced the words of consecration during Holy Mass, he noticed that blood began to seep from the host. The blood stained the corporal (a small linen cloth used on the altar during Mass), which Peter later brought to Pope Urban IV, who resided in nearby Orvieto at the time.

Moreover, this Eucharistic miracle further affirmed Catholic teaching on the Real Presence, while directly leading to the global celebration of the Corpus Christi Feast.

Because of this miracle, many pilgrims and tourists continue to visit the Basilica of St. Christina in Bolsena, where this Eucharistic miracle took place. They also visit the Cathedral of Orvieto, in which the miraculous, blood-stained corporal is reserved.

**The Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Consecration of the United States**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a profound and enduring symbol within the Catholic Church, representing the immense love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a special form of devotion to

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Jesus—the focus being his Heart, which exemplifies the Lord’s redemptive suffering for the whole world.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, but became more prominent through the Lord’s private revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. Between 1673 and 1675, St. Margaret Mary, a nun in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial, France, received several visions of Jesus. In these visions, Christ revealed his Heart as a symbol of his boundless love for humanity and emphasized the need for people to return his love through devotion and prayer.

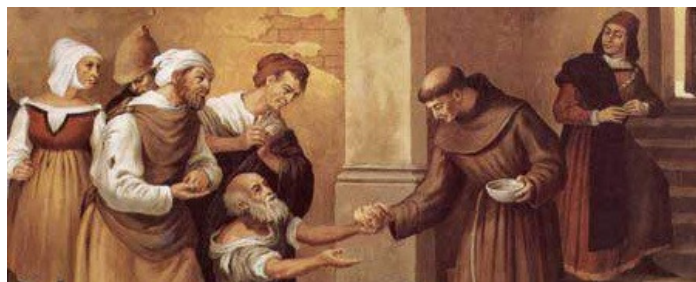
As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the bishops of our country will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and invite all parishes to join in this consecration on this year's feast.

Please join us for a solemn Holy Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrated by a newly ordained priest, Fr. Shane Conlon, FSSP followed by a procession to our outdoor shrine and the consecratory prayer of our country to the Sacred Heart.



**The Feast of St. Anthony**

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most beloved saints of the Catholic Church. Born in Portugal in 1195, he was a brilliant Franciscan friar renowned for his profound theological knowledge, captivating preaching, and dedication to the poor. Canonized just one year after his death in 1231 he is revered as a Doctor of the Church and is globally venerated as the patron saint of lost things.



More important than his help finding our lost car keys, for instance, is St. Anthony's help in finding lost souls and leading them back to God by his prayers.

Join us for a solemn Holy Mass on the Feast of St. Anthony on Saturday 13th June at 10:00 a.m. celebrated by the newly ordained priest, Fr. Joseph Falciano, FSSP followed by the blessing and distribution of St. Anthony's Bread.

**St. Anthony's Bread**

This devotion dates back to 1263 when a local child drowned near the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua. The grieving mother prayed to the saint and promised to donate the child's weight in grain to the poor if he were restored to life. After the boy miraculously revived, the tradition of "St. Anthony's Bread" began.

After our solemn Holy Mass on St. Anthony's feast day, we will distribute blessed bread to all in exchange for monetary donations to support the Missionaries of Charity's support of the poor here in the Bronx.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Seán

**The De La Salle Christian Brothers  
in Kenya**

One of the great institutions of our neighborhood here in Riverdale is Manhattan University established by the De La Salle Christian Brothers. The brothers have begun an important new project just last week in Kenya, the La Salle Technical Training Institute. A central part of its mission is to provide funding so that qualified young people from the informal settlements of Kenya will be able to afford attending and thus transforming their lives and that of the society. In this very Catholic country, there is an eagerness to have this new Catholic, Lasallian college just like we have here in Riverdale.

More information will be shared at Masses in each of our churches in the coming weeks (at St. Margaret's, next weekend and at St. Gabriel's, on the weekend of 27th and 28th June). We will welcome the Christian Brothers to speak at the end of our Holy Masses about this noble initiative.

You can help this important project by your prayers and, if you are so inclined, by your contributions.



**SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

*offered by*

**FR. JOSEPH MARIE FALCIANO, FSSP**

*Feast of St. Anthony of Padua*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH ♦ 10:00 AM**

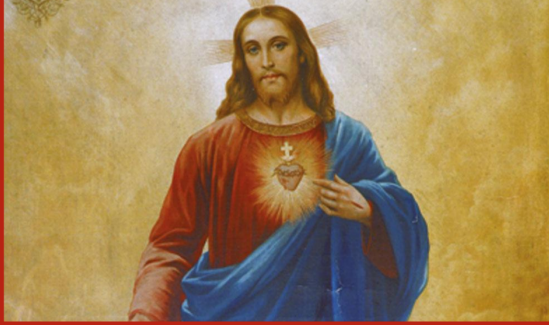
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**Join our Weekly Bible Study**

Every Saturday at Walsh Hall in St. Gabriel's Rectory  
from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

*Lectio Divina* or "Divine Reading" is a traditional Benedictine method of prayerfully reflecting on Sacred Scripture. Each gathering will reflect on the Sunday readings from Holy Mass.



**Feast of the  
Sacred Heart**

**Solemn Mass and  
Procession**

*Celebrated by the newly ordained  
Fr. Shane Conlon, F.S.S.P.*

**Friday 12th June at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Parish Book Club**

Books:

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

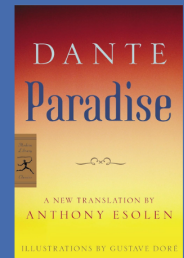
**Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy, Divine Spirituality** by  
Robert Royal

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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th June at  
6:30 p.m.**

Read: Cantos 1 to 15 of the Purgatorio

Purchase Books:



Riverdale Steakhouse  
5700 Riverdale Avenue | Bronx, New York

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** Ganzalo Lerin, Joseph Bruno, Michael Hennessy, *that they may rest in peace, rise in glory, and their memories be eternal.*

**THE SICK:** Sheila and Myles McCabe, Brigid, McCann, Joe McElligott Caroline McGlenhen, Olga McGowan, Mary McGuire Darlene McMeekin, Josephine Maselli, Innacone Miliana Mitrov, Mary Ellen Montros, Daniel Moran, Maggie Moran (list continues next week), *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*

**NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Lily Marie Garo-Chacon, *that this newly illumined child of God may walk always in the light of Christ.*

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:** James Joseph Meyer & Kassandra Andrea Pugliese, *that the Lord may bless them and keep them always one.*

**NEWLY ORDAINED:** Fr. Joseph Haas and Fr. John Ippolito of the Archdiocese of New York and Fr. Shane Conlon and Fr. Joseph Falciano of the Fraternity of St. Peter, *that God may give them many happy and fruitful years in the service of souls as priests.*



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



**St. Margaret of Cortona**

MONDAY, 6/8

12 noon: **Katie and Thomas Gallagher**

TUESDAY, 6/9 *Sts. Ephraim, Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon: **Maria Amato and Theresa Moscato**

WEDNESDAY, 6/10

12 noon: **Patrick Mawn**

THURSDAY, 6/11 *St. Barnabas, Apostle*

12 noon: **Frs. Leo and Dan Gallagher**

FRIDAY, 6/12 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12 noon: **Thomas Foody**

SATURDAY, 6/13 *St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon: **Helen Sulik**

SUNDAY, 6/14 *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **Kenneth Moriarty**

8 a.m.: **Edward J. Grenawalt and Lillian Grenawalt**

10 a.m.: **Fredrica Davis**

12 p.m.: **Pamela Denich**

5:15 p.m.: **Edward McCaffrey and Maria Wolf**

**St. Gabriel**

MONDAY, 6/8

9:00 a.m.: **Michael Hennessy**

TUESDAY, 6/9 *St. Ephraim, Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.: **Chelsea Ferrette Getsinger**

WEDNESDAY, 6/10

9:00 a.m.: **Martin and Mary Ann Houlihan**

THURSDAY, 6/11 *St. Barnabas, Apostle*

9:00 a.m.: **Susan Fee**

FRIDAY, 6/12 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

9:00 a.m.: **Terrence "Ketty" McDermott**

SUNDAY, 6/14 *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Sexton and Conlon Families**

9:30 a.m.: **Carmine and Anne Riccio**

11:30 a.m.: **Justine Artdaud**

*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 Totals May 31st:**

In-pew: \$11,934

Candles: \$377

WeShare online giving: \$1,484

**Total: \$13,795**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moving, please remove from parish list

Sign up to support our parish by recurring donations!  
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)



We thank our Knights of Columbus Pro Patria Council for their extraordinary gift towards our parish capital campaign! We welcome them at this Sunday's 12 noon Holy Mass as they present this gift to Fr. Seán and speak about the important work they do for our parish and beyond.

We need more good Catholic men of our parish to become knights. If you are interested, we are having an information session immediately after the 12 noon Mass in St. Margaret's lower church.



**JOIN US**  
BROTHER KNIGHTS OF OUR COUNCIL  
invite you to join us in our joyful pursuit  
of our common ideals:

- CHARITY
- FRATERNITY
- UNITY
- PATRIOTISM