

# 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 250th Anniversary of the Birth of Our Nation**

I hope you all are having a fun and restful 4th of July weekend. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, let us remember that patriotism is a virtue. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of this virtue under the fourth commandment that enjoins honor not only to parents but also to anyone in authority and our country: "It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community." (2239) Catholics, and all people of good will, are called to a love and service of country in order to work for the common good.

God bless America, land that I love!

God bless America, my home sweet home!



**July, the Month of the Precious Blood**

This summer month is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

"This blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. This blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church."

~St John Chrysostom

"Don't hold yourselves cheap, seeing that the creator of all things and of you estimates your value so high, so dear, that he pours out for you every day the most precious blood of his only-begotten Son."

~St Augustine

**The New Principal of Our School, Mrs. Regan Haney**

Within this bulletin is a letter from Mrs. Regan Haney introducing herself to our parish as the new principal of our school. I invite you all to read it and to support Mrs. Haney and all the teachers of St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel School with your prayers. This fall, our school begins its 100th academic year! May God give us at least 100 more as we continue the mission of forming the children of our parish both academically and spiritually.

The Riverdale Catholic Religious Education Program

There is no more important work of our parish than transmitting the truths of our holy Catholic faith to future generations.

Have a missionary spirit and promote enrollment in our parish's religious education program. If your children or grandchildren are not enrolled in our parish's school, ensure that they are registered in our education program so they can prepare for the sacraments of their first confession, first Communion, and confirmation.

**Please Contribute to Our Capital Campaign**

If you have not made your three-year pledge yet, please join the over 200 of your fellow parishioners who have

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done so. Though we have reached our goal to cover the costs of the two boilers for our parish school, to repair the flat roofs of St. Margaret's Church and to paint and renovate its interior, there are still many facility upgrades our parish needs.

If you are still fulfilling your pledge, please note:

Payment envelopes can be picked up in the back of the church or the parish office.

You can fulfill your payment in one of the following ways:



-Pick up billing envelope(s) at the parish – either at the back of the church or in the office.

-Visit our secure donation page (see QR code)

Online giving is a convenient and cost-effective way to set-up recurring contributions on a schedule that works for you. By choosing online giving, you help reduce parish costs associated with reminder letters and manual processing, ensuring a more efficient and economical solution.

-Send or drop a check in the parish. Please include "Capital Campaign Payment" in the memo line.

-Consider alternative payment options like stock transfers, donor-advised funds (DAFs), individual retirement accounts (IRAs), or employer matching gift programs.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Seán

## Parish Book Club

Books:

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

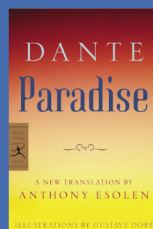
**Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy, Divine Spirituality** by  
Robert Royal

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

**Next Meeting: 22nd July at 6:30 p.m.**

Read: Cantos of the Inferno 16 to 34

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:** Bruce  
Eliot Levine Sr., *that he may rest in peace,  
rise in glory and that his memory may be  
eternal.*

**THE SICK:** Mary Ann Ryan, Ann  
Smith, Marilyn Spawn, Mary Rush  
Thomas, Catherine Tobin, Terri  
Treanor, Debra Tritarico, Elido Vega,  
Eileen Winslow, William Young, Marie  
Zangaglai (*list continues next week*) *that the  
healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician  
may be upon them.*

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

Dear St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel Parish,

It is with great joy, gratitude, and humility that I introduce myself as the next Principal of St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel School.

My family and I have been blessed to call the Riverdale community home since 2019. As parishioners and parents of SMSG students, this school holds a special place in our hearts. What began as a hope and a prayer has become a reality, and I am deeply honored to serve the community that has already given so much to my family.

For the past several years, I have served as Academic Dean at St. Philip Neri School in the Bronx, where I worked alongside students, families, faculty, and administration to strengthen academic programs, expand enrichment opportunities, support teacher growth, and foster a vibrant school culture rooted in our Catholic faith. My passion has always been helping every child discover their God-given gifts while inspiring a lifelong love of learning and service. As I begin this new journey, I am excited to partner with Fr. Sean, our dedicated faculty and staff, parish leadership, parents, and the entire school community. Together, we will build upon the strong foundation that makes SMSG so special while continuing to provide an outstanding Catholic education where students grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

One of the Scriptures that has guided my life is Proverbs 3:5–6: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* This verse has been a constant reminder to trust in God's plan, and it is especially meaningful as I begin this new chapter.

I am sincerely grateful to Sister Mary Grace Walsh, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, for approving my appointment; to Mr. Ray Vitiello, Regional Superintendent for the Bronx, for his guidance and encouragement; and to the dedicated principal search committee, including Sr. Anne Massell, for their thoughtful discernment throughout the search process. I am humbled by the confidence they have placed in me. Thank you to Fr. Sean and to all of you for welcoming me into this role. I look forward to getting to know many more of you in the months ahead and working together to ensure that St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel School continues to thrive for generations to come.

May God continue to bless our parish, our school, and all of our families. I truly believe the best is yet to come, and I am excited to begin this journey with you.

With gratitude,

**Regan Haney**

Principal

St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel School



**Provide a Catholic Education For Your Children  
Enroll them at St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel  
School**



A Catholic education is certainly one of the best gifts a parent can provide their child. For 99 years, St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel 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.

We are proud of the elite Catholic high schools this year's graduating class has been accepted into: Regis, Fordham Prep, Iona Prep, Stepinac, Ursuline, Dominican, Notre Dame, St. Vincent Ferrer, and more.

To schedule an interview for enrollment, parents can visit our school's website, email our principal, or call:

[smsgny.org](http://smsgny.org) | [rhoney@smsgny.org](mailto:rhoney@smsgny.org) | 718-549-8580

**La Salle Technical Training Institute (LTTI)**

Over recent weeks, Brother Dennis Lee and Brother Paulos Mesmer Welay have shared at each of our Holy Masses about this newest ministry of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Brother Paulos, the Director of LTTI, returned to Kenya three weeks ago and Brother Dennis returned there this past Tuesday.

As a parish, we are happy to build a relationship with this great, responsive, innovative Institute which is part of the mission of the De La Salle Brothers, who continue to conduct Manhattan University right here in Riverdale.

We will occasionally update about LTTI, but if you want to be kept up-to-date, let Brother Dennis know and he will include you in updates (never more than two a month!). His email address is: [development@lasallecollegekenya.org](mailto:development@lasallecollegekenya.org).

**Register Your Children In Our  
Parish's Religious Education**



**Program**

Our parish's religious education program is intended to assist parents in fulfilling their obligation in the formation of their children in the Catholic faith. Our children should be baptized as infants and then catechized so they are well prepared for the happy day of their first holy communion ideally at seven years of age, and their confirmation ideally at twelve years of age. As a part of the program, all families are expected to regularly worship with our parish community at the Holy Mass on Sunday, an obligation shared by all Christians.

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 the St. Margaret's school building on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and the St. Gabriel's school building on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon.

**St. Margaret of Cortona**

MONDAY, 7/6 *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

12 noon: Margaret and John Jankowski

TUESDAY, 7/7

12 noon: Carmen Lugay

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

12 noon: Debbie Brennan and Tommy Brennan

THURSDAY, 7/9 *St. Augustine Zhuo Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

12 noon: Phyllis La Fronza

FRIDAY, 7/10

12 noon: Margaret and Jim Neary and Family

SATURDAY, 7/11

12 noon: Teodoro Luceno

SUNDAY, 7/12 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): Alice and Kevin Connolly

8 a.m.: Charles Miller

10 a.m.: Jack Calvin Camp

12 p.m.: Oswald Thompson and Phyllis Spaulding

5:15 p.m.: Bridget Dolan

**St. Gabriel**

MONDAY, 7/6 *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

9:00 a.m.: Eileen Doyle

TUESDAY, 7/7

9:00 a.m.: Luz Celeste Garcia

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

9:00 a.m.: Grace Rose

THURSDAY, 7/9 *St. Augustine Zhuo Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.: Aidan Curtin (living)

FRIDAY, 7/10 *St. Thomas, Apostle*

9:00 a.m.: Aidan Curtin (living)

SUNDAY, 7/11 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): Teresa Farrell and Desmond Dunnion

9:30 a.m.: Bartley Gordon and Pat Quinn

11:30 a.m.: Charles Barbuti, Sr.

*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 28th June 2026

In-pew: \$12,401

Candles: \$508

WeShare Online Giving: \$1,609

**Total: \$14,518**

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

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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**, for a link for the donation page, or  
scan the QR code to donate.

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



Summer Hours: St. Margaret's rectory will follow a summer schedule. The rectory will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. We will reopen to our full schedule on Tuesday, the 7th of September.

Our parish school is in need of a part time music teacher. Anyone interested may present their qualifications to our principal, Mrs. Haney, at: [ghaney@smsgny.org](mailto:ghaney@smsgny.org)