

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*

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Rev. Fr. William Elder, *Weekend Associate*

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

Dear Parishioners,

CHRIST IS RISEN, TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Ascension Thursday is this Week, a Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after his resurrection, Jesus led his disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, he ascended into heaven.

The scene is recounted in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made his last appearance on earth, forty days after his Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father." He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that he would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

Easter Question Asked and Answered

Question:

What are the four properties of a glorified resurrected human body?

Answer:

Sacred Scripture and Catholic theology teaches that our glorified resurrected bodies will experience four properties as an outflow of the beatified soul enjoying the vision of God's essence:

- 1) Impassibility – the glorified body will no longer suffer physical sickness or death, as Saint Paul teaches regarding the glorified body in 1 Corinthians 15:42, "It is sown in corruption, it shall rise in incorruption."
- 2) Subtlety – meaning that we will have a spiritualized nature in the sense of a spiritual body as did our Lord as we learn at 1 Corinthians 15:44: "It is sown a corruptible body, it shall rise a spiritual," i.e. a spirit-like, "body." We see that Christ's glorified body was able to pass through closed doors.
- 3) Agility – the glorified body will obey the soul with the greatest ease and speed of movement as we read in 1 Corinthians 15:43: "It is sown in weakness, it shall rise in power," that is, according to a gloss, "mobile and living." Saint Thomas Aquinas says, "But mobility can only signify agility in movement. Therefore the glorified bodies will be agile." We discern agility in our Resurrected Lord's ability to bilocate and travel great distances in an instant.
- 4) Clarity – the glorified body will be free from any deformity and will be filled with beauty and radiance as we read at Matthew 13:43: "The just shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father," and Wisdom 3:7: "The just shall shine, and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds." Here clarity refers not being "clear" but to being "bright."

St. Thomas Aquinas at *Summa Contra Gentiles*, IV, 86 summarized: “thus also will his body be raised to the characteristics of heavenly bodies — it will be lightsome (clarity), incapable of suffering (impassible), without difficulty and labor in movement (agility), and most perfectly perfected by its form (subtlety). For this reason, the Apostle speaks of the bodies of the risen as heavenly, referring not to their nature, but to their glory.”

It is worth noting that the Virgin Mary has already received her glorified and resurrected body. Hence, she has the four gifts of the resurrection.

Source: Taylor Marshall

Movie Recommendation

Light of the World (2025)

This is a terrific animated movie for all ages. I hope you can watch it together as a family.

From Nick Olszyk's review in *The Catholic World Report*:

The story of Jesus told from the perspective of John, the beloved disciple. Combining beautiful hand-drawn animation, witty dialogue, and the heart of a child, it presents Jesus as both the Lord of the Universe and our best friend.

At the start of the narrative, John (Benjamin Jacobson) appears to be a young teenager. With his older brother James, he belongs to a fishing family who are next-door neighbors to Peter and Andrew. John always wants “to help” but constantly messes up any task given to him, making his father Zebedee hesitant to advance his responsibilities. Their lives are constantly on the edge of disaster because of any number of problems: crippling Roman taxes, dwindling fish numbers, and the realities of getting older. Despite his father’s despondency, John’s mother insists things are looking up because “the Messiah is coming soon, who will bring light to the darkness.”

Then John meets Jesus (Ian Hanlin), who looks and sounds strikingly like Moses from *The Prince of Egypt*. Directors Tom Bancroft and John Schafer guide the film through the “usual” events of the Gospel: Christ’s Baptism, his miracles, his Passion, and Resurrection. These events happen quickly (the film is just 90 minutes long), but nothing feels rushed. Films of this sort tend to lean on the Gospel of Matthew, whose five-act structure lends itself to adaptation. *Light of the World* instead focuses on Jesus’ metaphors, parables, and great expressions of love... This is, I think, a perfect Easter film for children, who understand the love God has for us better than any of us. It’s also one of the best films this year.



Cardinals Appeal Update

My deepest thanks to the 153 parishioners who have donated \$105,000 towards our parish’s goal of raising \$166,000 in support of the Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal. This annual fundraising drive is absolutely essential to the continuing mission of our local church.

Please make your contribution this week and help our parish meet its goal.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Margaret Davitt, Barbara Kiernan, and Chelsea Ferrette Gettsinger, *that they may rest in peace, rise in glory, and their memories be eternal.*

THE SICK: Fanny Chondris, Teresa Colgan, Barbara Cosme, Thomas Cronin, Kate Daly, Michael Dannucci, Jennifer Davey, Catherine Davis, Antonio DeFeo, Steven DeRavaneusich, Kaelyn Dirkschneider, Michael DiRusso, Alice DiStasio, Jean Donahue, Eugene Donnelly, *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*

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

NEWLY MARRIED: Paul Timothy Murphy & Michelle Megan Walpole, Michael Jennings & Jenna Catelyn DeMarco, Rodney Mirabel & Christina Maria Ovalles, Ray Richard Ruiz & Cindy Raymos, *that what God has joined together no man may put asunder.*



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



Important Upcoming Events for Our Parish

First Communion Mass for the religious education program of St. Gabriel's: Saturday 9th May at 12 noon

First Communion Mass for the students of St. Margaret - St. Gabriel School: Saturday 16th May at 10:00 a.m.

First Communion Mass for the religious education program of St. Margaret's: Saturday 16th May at 1:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession: Thursday 4th June at 6:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's



May Crowning

“O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May”

It is a cherished custom to place a crown of flowers upon a statue of the Virgin Mary at a public ceremony this month. May crowning ceremonies took place at all the Holy Masses at our parish last weekend.

Parish Book Club

Books:

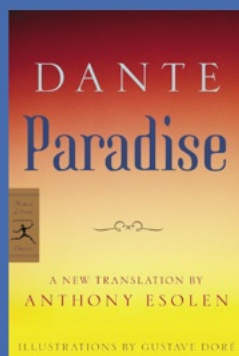
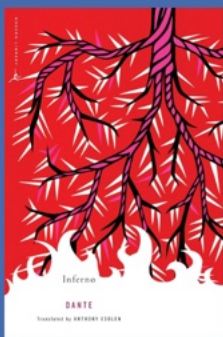
Inferno, Purgatory, Paradise (three separate volumes) by Dante Alighieri, translated by Anthony Esolen

Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy, Divine Spirituality by Robert Royal

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

First **INTRODUCTORY** Meeting: Wednesday 20th May at 6:30 p.m.

Purchase Books:



Riverdale Steakhouse
5700 Riverdale Avenue | Bronx, New York



Ascension Thursday

Schedule of Holy
Masses

Wednesday 13th May
6:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's

Thursday 14th May
8:30 a.m. at St. Margaret's
9:00 a.m. at St. Gabriel's
12 noon at St. Margaret's
7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thursday, May 21st, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 5/11

12 noon: **Manuel Garcia**

TUESDAY, 5/12 *St. Pancras, Martyr*

12 noon: **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, 5/13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

12 noon: **Theresa and James Becker**

THURSDAY, 5/14 *Ascension of the Lord*

8:30 a.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret - St. Gabriel**

12 noon: **Mary Claire Tasker**

7:00 p.m.: **Michael McDonald (month's mind)**

FRIDAY, 5/15 *St. Isidore*

12 noon: **Daniel Greaney and Sheila Husk**

SATURDAY, 5/16

8:30 a.m.: **Patricia J. Dunne**

SUNDAY, 5/17 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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

8 a.m.: **Joan Donofrio**

10 a.m.: **Thomas O'Brien, Sr.**

12 p.m.: **Pinto Family**

5:15 p.m.: **Mary and Eugene O'Driscoll**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 5/11

9:00 a.m.: **Quinos Romero (living)**

TUESDAY, 5/12 *St. Pancras, Martyr*

9:00 a.m.: **Mary Lucey**

WEDNESDAY, 5/13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

9:00 a.m.: **James Quinn**

THURSDAY, 5/14 *Ascension of the Lord*

6:00 p.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret and St. Gabriel**

9:00 a.m.: **Maureen Rydlewski**

FRIDAY, 5/15 *St. Isidore*

9:00 a.m.: **Grace Rose**

SUNDAY, 5/17 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Eileen Fitzpatrick**

9:30 a.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret and St. Gabriel**

11:30 a.m.: **Antonio Pepenella, 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 Totals May 3rd:

In-pew: \$13,939

Candles: \$928

WeShare online giving: \$2,619

Total: \$17,486

**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: _____

Change of address/telephone number

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



Join our Weekly *Lectio Divina*

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.