

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 Renovation of St. Margaret's Church

With gratitude for the generosity of so many who have donated to our parish's capital campaign and with a deep sense of hope for our future, I am pleased to announce that we have begun the long-anticipated renovation of St. Margaret's church interior. This project has been prayerfully discerned and carefully planned, and it marks an important moment in the life of our parish.

A church is more than a building; it is a sacred space that is consecrated, or set apart for the worship of Almighty God. It ought to be beautiful.

I believe in the famous quote from Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel *The Idiot*: "Beauty will save the world." It suggests that beauty has the power to elevate the human spirit, inspire hope, and draw people toward truth and goodness. Beauty is not merely decoration or luxury; it is a profound expression of meaning that helps people see beyond everyday concerns and connect with something greater than themselves. In religious settings, beauty can serve as a bridge between the earthly and the divine, encouraging contemplation, reverence, and spiritual renewal.

A church interior plays a vital role in communicating these values. Throughout history, Christian communities have invested in beautiful architecture, sacred art, stained glass, and carefully crafted furnishings because they understood that the physical environment influences worship. A well-maintained and visually inspiring church interior can foster a sense of awe and devotion, helping congregants focus on prayer and reflection. When a church's interior deteriorates, its ability to communicate the dignity and sacredness of worship is diminished, making renovation an important act of stewardship rather than mere aesthetics.

Our goal in the renovation of St. Margaret's is not simply to improve appearances, but to renew our sacred space so that it glorifies God and the dignity of the liturgy we celebrate within it. Every detail—from the altar to the lighting, from the artwork to the arrangement of the sanctuary—will be approached with care and intention, so that our church may truly be a place where heaven and earth meet.

At the same time, we undertake this work with an awareness of those who came before us. Generations of faithful parishioners sacrificed to build and maintain this church, leaving us a place to encounter Christ in the sacred liturgy. Now it is our turn to continue that legacy. What we do today is not only for ourselves, but for our children and grandchildren, who will one day gather here to worship, seeking God's presence in their lives.

I ask for your prayers, your patience, and your support during this time. Renovation inevitably brings temporary inconvenience, but it also offers a powerful opportunity for renewal—not only of our building, but of our shared commitment to Christ and his Church.

May this project deepen our unity as a parish and strengthen our mission to proclaim the Gospel. And may all who enter our renewed church be drawn closer to the beauty, truth, and love of God.

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 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.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN (CTD.)

—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.

June, the Month of the Sacred Heart

June is the month the Church designates as a time of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion reminds Catholics of one of the essential dogmas of the Faith, namely God's love for all men. At the same time, the Church invites the faithful to make reparations to the Sacred Heart for their own sins and those of the whole world. These reparations can come in the form of special prayers, acts of penance such as fasting, and almsgiving.

"I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Beginning on 27th December, 1673 and continuing for another 18 months, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) received several visions of the Lord in which he revealed the profound depths of his Sacred Heart:

"And He showed me that it was His great desire of being loved by men and of withdrawing them from the path of ruin that made Him form the design of manifesting His Heart to men, with all the treasures of love, of mercy, of grace, of sanctification and salvation which it contains, in order that those who desire to render Him and procure Him all the honor and love possible, might themselves be abundantly enriched with those divine treasures of which His heart is the source." --Revelations of the Lord to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque

What are these "divine treasures" of Christ that St. Margaret Mary speaks of? They are commonly called "the 12 promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus":



1. I will give them all of the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their houses.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their strength during life and above all during death.
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where a picture of my heart shall be set up and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

To obtain these promises, you simply need to attend Mass and receive Communion for nine consecutive first Fridays (of each month).

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Sean

We Welcome at our Sunday Masses at St. Margaret's This Weekend

The De La Salle Christian Brothers

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 two weeks ago 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.

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

To learn more, join us at St. Margaret's Rectory this Tuesday night 16th June at 6:30 p.m. The Brothers will make a presentation and you will have the opportunity to speak with them about this initiative at length.



Many years of health and salvation to the newly illumined, Allanna Mendoza, born again by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Bridget Frances Quinlan and Helen Patricia Rocje, that they may rest in peace, rise in glory, and their memories be eternal.

THE SICK: Paul Moriarty, Diane Morvillo, Maureen Moscato, Bozena Mull, Linda Muracco, Michael Murocco, Mary Murphy, Conrado Navarro, Theresa Nolan (list continues next week), *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Allanna Mendoza, *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!





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday

12 noon: Holy Mass

12:30 p.m. Exposition

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 p.m. Benediction and Reposition

“In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.”

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

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Parish Book Club

Books:

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

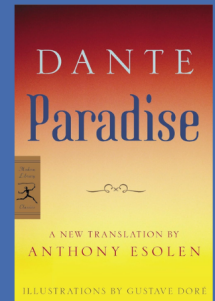
Dante Alighieri: Divine Comedy, Divine Spirituality by Robert Royal

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

Please note: Rectory Office Closed Friday, June 19th.



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.



St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 6/15

12 noon: **Thomas, Margaret and Patrick Morris**

TUESDAY, 6/16

12 noon: **Mary Frances O'Mahoney**

WEDNESDAY, 6/17

12 noon: **Dennis Whelton**

THURSDAY, 6/18

12 noon: **Dennis Donofrio**

FRIDAY, 6/19 *St. Romuald, Abbot*

12 noon: **Deceased Members of the Grenawalt, Shannon, Pembroke and Perfume Families**

SATURDAY, 6/20

12 noon: **Patterson Family**

SUNDAY, 6/21 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **All Fathers Living and Deceased**

8 a.m.: **All Fathers Living and Deceased**

10 a.m.: **All Fathers Living and Deceased**

12 p.m.: **All Fathers Living and Deceased**

5:15 p.m.: **All Fathers Living and Deceased**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 6/15

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

TUESDAY, 6/16

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

WEDNESDAY, 6/17

9:00 a.m.: **Jeanne and Peter Inguanzo**

THURSDAY, 6/18

9:00 a.m.: **Giacomo Cornelio**

FRIDAY, 6/19 *St. Romuald, Abbot*

9:00 a.m.: **Harry Priolis**

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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 Totals June 7th:

In-pew: \$14,549

First Sunday: \$3,962

Candles: \$199

Corpus Christi Mass: \$469

First Saturday Mass: \$147

WeShare online giving: \$2,807

Total: \$22,133

**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.

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Physical Therapy Presentation

Dr. Gleb Kartsev, DPT, and a member of the team at Hudson Physical Therapy, will be speaking at St. Gabriel's Walsh Hall on Tuesday, the 16th of June at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Gleb will give a presentation explaining how we can keep fit as we age.

Registration is not required, so please spread the word to friends who may be interested.