

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*

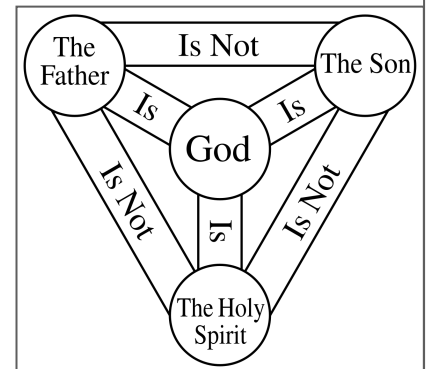
Rev. Fr. Justin Maria Cinnante, O. Carm.,
Weekend Associate

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

Dear Parishioners,

Trinity Sunday

The dogma of faith which forms the object of today's feast is this: there is one God and in this one God there are three divine Persons; the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God. Yet, there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God. The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first divine Person; the Son is the second divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But we must submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe. Help my weak faith.



Join Us This Thursday For The Corpus Christi Mass And Procession

Here in Riverdale we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, commonly known as Corpus Christi, "Body of Christ," on its traditional day of Thursday. Thursday is the day of the week Jesus our God instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Join us with your families for a solemn Holy Mass this Thursday 4th June at 6:00 p.m. followed by an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament with three benedictions. Many of our first communion children will be leading the procession, throwing flower petals in the paths of our Eucharistic Lord.



I pray this procession and the accompanying benedictions with the Blessed Sacrament brings God's blessings of mercy, peace, and protection over our neighborhood.

Devotions To The Mother Of God For The Month Of May: The Rosary

Origins and Evolution of the Rosary

The rosary developed over centuries through ancient Christian prayer traditions. Early monks memorized and chanted all 150 Psalms daily as part of their monastic duties. Laypeople who could not read wanted to participate in this spiritual practice. They began reciting 150 Our Father prayers instead, using pebbles or knotted cords to keep track. By the 12th century, these cords were used to count Hail Mary prayers, forming the structural basis of the modern rosary.

Saint Dominic and Marian Tradition

Catholic tradition credits Saint Dominic with popularizing the rosary in the early 13th century. Tradition holds that the Virgin Mary appeared to him, presenting the rosary as a spiritual tool to combat heresy. While historical evidence suggests the prayer evolved more gradually, the Dominican Order heavily promoted its structure. In the 16th century, Pope Saint Pius V officially established the standard 15-mystery Rosary. This structure remained unchanged until 2002, when Pope Saint John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries.



Scriptural Reflection and Intercession

The rosary serves as a meditative walk through the Gospel. Each decade focuses on a specific event, or "mystery,"

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in the lives of Jesus Christ and his mother. Praying the repetitive vocal prayers allows the mind to enter a state of deep, contemplative reflection on these biblical events. We Catholics, of course, do not worship Holy Mary through this practice, but rather ask for her intercession while focusing our ultimate devotion on her son, Jesus the Lord.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

The rosary consists of four sets of mysteries that reflect on the life, ministry, passion, and glory of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary.

--Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation: Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive the Son of God.

The Visitation: Mary visits her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary as the Mother of God.

The Nativity: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is born in a Bethlehem stable.

The Presentation: Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple according to Jewish law.

The Finding in the Temple: After searching for three days, Mary and Joseph find young Jesus teaching the scholars.

--Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism in the Jordan: John baptizes Jesus, the Holy Spirit descends, and God proclaims him his Son.

The Wedding Feast at Cana: Jesus performs His first public miracle by turning water into wine at Mary's request.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom: Jesus preaches the Gospel, calls for repentance, and forgives the sins of believers.

The Transfiguration: Jesus reveals his divine glory on the mountain to Peter, James, and John.

The Institution of the Eucharist: Jesus offers his body and blood as food at the New Passover sacrifice at the Last Supper.

--Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden: Jesus prays in intense anguish in Gethsemane on the night before his death.

The Scourging at the Pillar: Roman soldiers brutally whip Jesus after he is condemned by Pontius Pilate.

The Crowning with Thorns: Soldiers mock Jesus' kingship by pressing a crown of sharp thorns onto his head.

The Carrying of the Cross: Jesus lovingly carries the heavy wooden cross through Jerusalem toward his execution site.

The Crucifixion: Jesus forgives his executioners and dies on the cross to save humanity from sin.

--Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection: Jesus triumphs over death by rising from the tomb on the third day.

The Ascension: Jesus returns to his Father in heaven forty days after his resurrection.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit fills the Apostles and Mary with spiritual gifts on Pentecost and the Church is born.

The Assumption: Mary is taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Coronation: Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth by her divine Son, Jesus.

The Saints Encourage Us To Pray The Rosary

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: She viewed the Rosary as "a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin."

St. Teresa of Avila: "When I pray the Rosary, I walk hand in hand with the Mother of God toward the heart of her Son."

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán



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

The Church of St. Margaret of
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Corpus Christi
Solemn Mass
and Procession

Thursday 4th June
at 6:00 p.m.

St. Margaret of Cortona
Church
6000 Riverdale Avenue'
Bronx, New York



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.



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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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 PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, including anniversaries, birthdays. etc. please
email: 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: Bart Holland, Yvonne Jones, Ena and John Keenan, Mary Kitson, Barbara Kiernan, Brian Kolterman, Olivia Leroy, Bridget Lynch, Frances Loughlin, Carolina Maldonado, Jack Marchindo, Louis Marino, Ramon Martinez (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, *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, 6/1 *St. Justin, Martyr*

12 noon: **Jeremiah Kerrisk**

TUESDAY, 6/2 *Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

12 noon: **All the Souls in Purgatory**

WEDNESDAY, 6/3 *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

12 noon: **Maureen and Charles McConnell**

THURSDAY, 6/4

12 noon: **John Neceda**

FRIDAY, 6/5 *St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

12 noon: **All the Souls in Purgatory**

SATURDAY, 6/6

12 noon: **George C. Maybury**

SUNDAY, 6/7 *Corpus Christi*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **Green Family**

8 a.m.: **Patrick and Catherine Dunne**

10 a.m.: **Edalina Natal-Lopez and the Natal-Lopez Family**

12 p.m.: **Catherine V. and John J. Marshall and John Hugh Smith**

5:15 p.m.: **Helen Carlson, Eugene Carlson and Lois Young**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 6/1 *St. Justin, Martyr*

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

TUESDAY, 6/2 *Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.: **Steve Curry**

WEDNESDAY, 6/3 *St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

9:00 a.m.: **Fallon Rae**

THURSDAY, 6/4

9:00 a.m.: **Navin Sequiera**

FRIDAY, 6/5 *St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

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

SUNDAY, 6/7 *Corpus Christi*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Patricia Scully**

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

11:30 a.m.: **Christine Moloney**

*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 24th:

In-pew: \$11,154

Candles: \$173

WeShare online giving: \$1,814

Total: \$13,141

**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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Important Upcoming Dates For Our Parish

Graduation Holy Mass for our Parish School:

8:30 a.m. Friday 5th June

Parish School Graduation Ceremony:

Friday 4:00 p.m. Friday 12th June

Next Book Club Meeting at the Riverdale Steakhouse:

Wednesday 17th June at 6:30 p.m.