

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,

Fr. Timothy's Return To Nigeria

The sadness of Fr. Timothy's recall to his home diocese in Nigeria has been made even more difficult by the very short notice we received. As soon as we learned of his bishop's decision, we shared the news through Flocknote and on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Despite the short notice, I hope many are able to join us this weekend to pray with Fr. Timothy and bid him farewell at one of these two Holy Masses:

Saturday, July 25, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's, followed by a wine and cheese reception in Walsh Hall.

Sunday, July 26, at 12:00 noon at St. Margaret's, followed by a reception in the school gymnasium.

These gatherings are also an opportunity for us to express our heartfelt gratitude for Fr. Timothy's five years of faithful priestly service to the people of Riverdale.

I have had the privilege of living and working with Fr. Timothy since my arrival here two years ago. I have been especially inspired by his deep devotion to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each morning in our small rectory chapel and by his tireless dedication to visiting our sick and homebound parishioners. His quiet witness of faith, generosity, and pastoral charity has been a blessing to our parish community.

While we are saddened to see him leave, there is also some encouraging news. Fr. Timothy has been assigned to teach at the seminary in his home diocese. Because his ministry will follow the academic calendar, there is a good possibility that he will be available to return during future summer months to assist us. Should that become possible, we will welcome him back with great joy.

Thank you, Fr. Timothy, for your faithful service, your friendship, and your generous love for this parish. Please know of my prayers for every blessing as you begin this new chapter of your priestly ministry.

Will Fr. Timothy Be Replaced by Another Priest?

Because of the short notice surrounding Fr. Timothy's recall, we will not be receiving an immediate replacement.

Thankfully, Fr. Oliver Ukwueze will be with us throughout the month of August. Fr. Oliver, who is a student in Rome and a priest of the same diocese as Fr. Timothy, has generously assisted our parish during each of the past three summers. We are delighted to welcome him back once again.

Beginning in September, Fr. Walter and I will rely on the continued assistance of my predecessor, Fr. Brian McCarthy, as well as Fr. William Elder and Fr. Justin Cinnante, who have already been helping with our weekend Masses. During this time, I will also be making inquiries about the possibility of another priest joining our parish as a full-time resident.

I will be sure to keep you informed as we learn more. Thank you for your prayers, your understanding, and your continued support during this time of transition.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán

The Baltimore Catechism Teaches

A running series of questions and answers from the Baltimore Catechism to grow deeper in knowledge and love of God.

98. When did Christ rise from the dead?

Christ rose from the dead, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday, the third day after His death. "And on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled back from the sepulchre." (Luke 24:1-2)

99. Why did Christ rise from the dead?

Christ rose from the dead to show that He is true God and to teach us that we, too, shall rise from the dead. "For if the dead do not rise, neither has Christ risen; and if Christ has not risen, vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." (I Corinthians 15:16-17)

100. Will all men rise from the dead?

All men will rise from the dead, but only those who have been faithful to Christ will share in His glory. "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall all indeed rise." (I Corinthians 15:51)

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Every First Saturday Of The Month



11:30 A.M.
SUNG ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS



12:00 NOON
SUNG HOLY MASS IN THE ANCIENT USAGE OF THE ROMAN RITE



St. Margaret of Cortona Church
6000 Riverdale Avenue
Bronx, NY 10471



The First Saturday Devotion is a practice honoring the Mother of our God by attending Mass, receiving Communion, praying five decades of the Rosary, and meditating on its mysteries on the first Saturday of five consecutive months. It was requested by Our Lady of Fatima as an act of reparation for sins committed against her Immaculate Heart and as a means of growing in love for Christ.

Saint of the Week: Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)

Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin.

Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks.

Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first superior general until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hard words or contempt for people's errors."

Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship, and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many ever since. Source: universalis.com

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN IN OUR PARISH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



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.



The program typically runs from September to May. This year, classes are held at:



**ST. MARGARET'S
SCHOOL BUILDING
WEDNESDAYS
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**



**ST. GABRIEL'S
SCHOOL BUILDING
SUNDAYS
10:45 a.m. to 12 noon**



"This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ."
(John 17:3)

Farewell TO FR. TIMOTHY

Pray with us as Fr. Timothy Boman celebrates his last Holy Mass before returning to Nigeria.



SATURDAY 25TH JULY



5:00 P.M.



AT ST. GABRIEL'S



WITH A WINE AND CHEESE
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN WALSH HALL



**MAY GOD REWARD HIM FOR
HIS FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE
for the good of souls here in Riverdale!**



Provide a CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Enroll them at

**ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA -
ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL**

Glory to God
for
100
YEARS

St. Margaret of Cortona - St. Gabriel School begins its 100th academic year this fall.

For a century, our school has provided an education to the youth of our neighborhood that nurtures the whole person—academically, spiritually, morally, and socially.

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SUNDAY 26TH JULY



12 NOON



AT ST. MARGARET'S



WITH A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



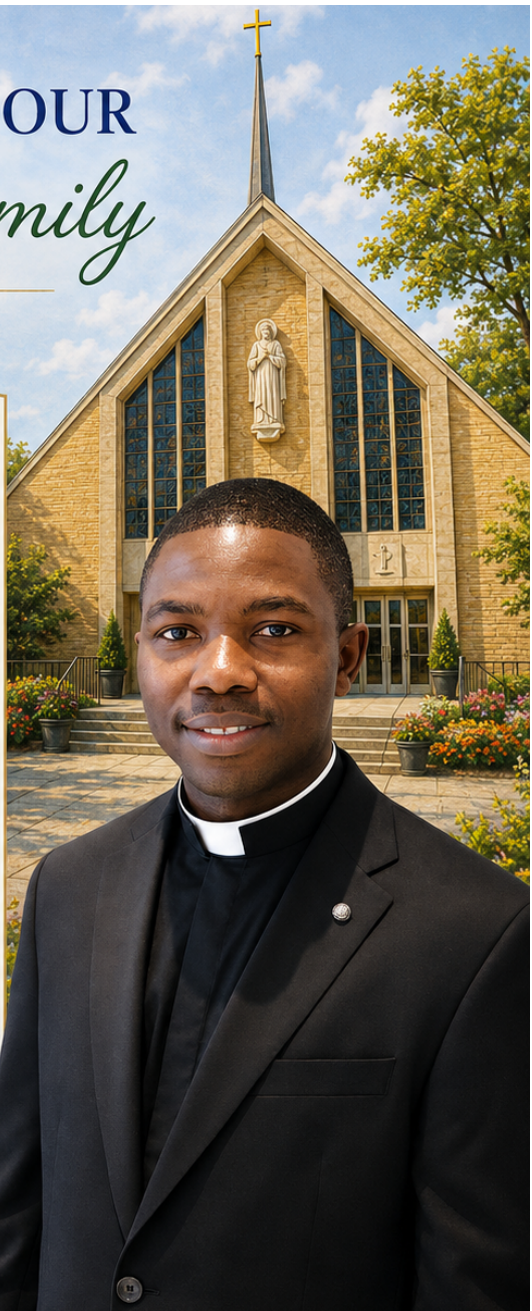
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St. Gabriel's music director Nancy Parish, is music directing a show in Manhattan with the St. Jean's Players. Anne of Green Gables will play for 4 more performances, 3 evenings, Thursday July 23 at 7, Friday, July 24 at 7, and Saturday, July 25 at 8, and a matinee performance on Sunday, July 26 at 3, at the Theater of St. Jean's. It's a charming story and performance, with great acting and great music!! For tickets, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/stjeansplayers/home>





A LETTER TO OUR *Parish Family*



Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel Parish,
Grace and peace to you in Christ.

It is with mixed emotions that I write to share an important update with you.

Having completed five years of ministry at St. Margaret of Cortona–St. Gabriel Parish, I have been requested by my bishop to return to my home diocese. This request has become necessary because of an urgent pastoral vacancy that needs to be filled, and he believes I am being called to undertake that responsibility. If all goes according to plan, my departure will be as early as July 29.

I realize that this announcement comes rather suddenly, and I sincerely apologize for that. The news was just as unexpected for me, and I am still coming to terms with it myself. Nevertheless, as priests, we are called to serve where the Church needs us most, trusting always in God's providence and His plan for our lives.

In moments like this, I draw strength from the words of the Lord in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." I trust that the Lord, who has faithfully guided me throughout my priesthood, will continue to direct my path.

Although there will be an opportunity in the days ahead to express my gratitude more fully, I could not make this announcement without first thanking you for the kindness, support, prayers, and encouragement you have shown me throughout my years of ministry among you. It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful parish community.

For now, I simply ask for your prayers as I prepare to answer this new call to serve the Church. Please be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and your families.

May God bless you abundantly, and may Our Lady, St. Margaret of Cortona, and St. Gabriel continue to watch over and intercede for our parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Fr. Timothy Boman Nri

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Marc Vincent Valinoti and Alexandra Terese Giga, *that the Lord may bless them and keep them always one.*

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Joann Smith, Philip J. Carroll, and James J. Grogan, *that they may rest in peace, rise in glory, and their memories be eternal.*

THE SICK: Kate Daly, Michael Dannucci, Jennifer Davey, Catherine Davis, Antonio, DeFeo, Steven DeRavaneusich that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.



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



St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 7/27

12 noon: **Connolly and Barrett Families**

TUESDAY, 7/28

12 noon: **Herlihy and Flynn Families**

WEDNESDAY, 7/29 *Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

12 noon: **Maureen Sheehan**

THURSDAY, 7/30 *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon: **Elaine Shine**

FRIDAY, 7/31 *St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest*

12 noon: **Grace Mola**

SATURDAY, 8/1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon: **Monica Hunt**

SUNDAY, 8/2 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **Maureen Kelly**

8 a.m.: **John Spano**

10 a.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret - St. Gabriel**

12 p.m.: **Clara Tulloch**

5:15 p.m.: **James F. Reilly**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 7/27

9:00 a.m.: **Neil O'Reilly**

TUESDAY, 7/28

9:00 a.m.: **Joseph P. Sullivan**

WEDNESDAY, 7/29 *Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

9:00 a.m.: **Hughy McGuire**

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9:00 a.m.: **George Michael Litsios**

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5 p.m. (vigil): **Mary Moran**

9:30 a.m.: **Daniel Curtin**

11:30 a.m.: **Michael T. McDonald**

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 19th July 2026

In-pew: \$16,242,

Candles: \$723

WeShare online giving: \$2,492

Total: \$19,459

**Welcome to the
Parish of St Margaret-St. Gabriel!**

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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



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