The Riverdale Catholic

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Holy Masses

The *Dies Domini* (Day of the Lord)
St. Margaret's: Saturday at 4:00p.m. | Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

St. Gabriel's: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. | Sunday: 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon

Weekday

St. Margaret's: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

St. Gabriel's: Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Divine Office

St. Margaret's: *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

St. Gabriel's: *Lauds* (Morning Prayer) Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

St. Margaret's: Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and by appointment

St. Gabriel's: Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Margaret's: The Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass concludes with exposition until None (Midafternoon Prayer) and benediction at 3:00 p.m.

Devotions Honoring the Mother of God

St. Margaret's: First Saturday of the Month in Honor of the Immaculate Heart - Rosary and confessions at 11:30 a.m. followed by a Sung Holy Mass according to the ancient Latin usage at 12 noon

St. Gabriel's: Recitation of the Rosary following each weekday Holy 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



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From the Desk of Fr. Seán

Dear parishioners,

Tomorrow We Welcome The "Living Martyr," Ernest Cardinal Simoni to St. Margaret's for Vespers

At 6:00 p.m. tomorrow we will pray Solemn First Vespers (Evening Prayer) for the Feast of the Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel. The solemn liturgy will be particularly special for us as we have the high honor of welcoming His Eminence, Ernest Cardinal Simoni, whose extraordinary life bears witness to the power of faith amid persecution.

Cardinal Simoni endured 18 years of imprisonment under Albania's communist regime because of his Catholic faith and priestly ministry. Despite suffering persecution, isolation, and hardship, he remained steadfast. His endurance has led him to be recognized as a “confessor of the faith”—one who bears witness to the faith through suffering without renouncing it. Pope Francis described Cardinal Simoni as a “living martyr” and elevated him to the College of Cardinals in 2016, recognizing the profound witness of his life and his fidelity to the Church.

The presence of Cardinal Simoni therefore gives this celebration a deeper spiritual significance. As the faithful gather for First Vespers, his testimony provides a living reminder of the cost of discipleship. The event offers an opportunity not only to honor St. Michael the Archangel, but also to give thanks for the inspiring witness of those who have suffered for the gospel.

I hope you can join us tomorrow for this special event.

The Feast of St. Gabriel the Archangel

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Gabriel the Archangel, the patron saint of South Riverdale! We invite all parishioners, families, and friends to come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we honor our patron saint. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church followed by a reception in Walsh Hall.

St. Gabriel the Archangel holds a special place in the story of our salvation. In the Gospel of Luke, Gabriel is sent by God to announce to the Virgin Mary that she has been chosen to become the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God. His greeting, “Hail, full of grace,” begins the extraordinary encounter that leads to the Incarnation. Gabriel also appears to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist. In each of these moments, Gabriel serves as a messenger of God, bringing news of great joy and inviting humanity to respond with faith and trust in God's plan.

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful feast together as a parish community this Tuesday evening.

Our First School Family Sunday at St. Margaret's

A new initiative begins today that should bear good fruit and foster the faith among the students of our school and building community in our parish. One Sunday a month throughout the academic year will be known as "School Family Sunday." On these Sundays the 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Margaret's will feature a different grade from our parish school. The students will participate in the Mass by serving, signing, and giving a brief presentation about a Christian service project to which they have devoted themselves. Following Mass, the students and their families will host a time of fellowship in the school gymnasium with light breakfast foods available for all parishioners.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Seán



SOLEMN FIRST VESPERS

FOR THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

WITH HIS EMINENCE ERNEST CARDINAL SIMONI

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 6:00 P.M.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

6000 RIVERDALE AVENUE

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The Annual Blessings of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday 3rd October on the front steps of St. Margaret's Church.



Fr. Walter's Lecture Series

resumes Monday, 5th October at 6:30 p.m at St. Margaret's Church.

He will be offering a monthly reflection on different Bible Stories.

The First Lecture this coming Monday will be on the story of creation in Genesis chapters 1 to 3.

SCHEDULE OF
HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS AT ST. GABRIEL'S

Wine & Cheese after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass and light breakfast foods after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon Holy Masses in Walsh Hall



The Weekends of
3-4 October
14-15 November
5-6 December
9-10 January
6-7 February
6-7 March
3-4 April
1-2 May
5-6 June

Join us to strengthen our union as brothers and sisters in the Lord

THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA - ST. GABRIEL

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED: Rejnaldo Jr., Julian, Mateo, and Sedora Shehi, *that these newly illumined child of God may walk always in the light of Christ.*

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

THE SICK: Michael Dannucci, Jennifer Davey, Catherine Davis, Antonio DeFeo, Steven DeRavaneusich, Kaelyn Dirkschneider, Michael DiRusso, Alice DiStasio, *that the healing hand of Jesus the Divine Physician may be upon them.*

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



May God give many years of health and salvation to the newly illumined children of God, Rejnaldo Jr., Julian, Mateo, and Sedora Shehi, born again by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism.

Rejnaldo Jr. and Julian were also nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in confirmation.





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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 20th September 2026

In-pew: $11,755
Candles: $329
WeShare online giving: $2,624

Total: $14,708

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY 9/28
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
9:00 Diane Arenholz and Linda Bonci
WEDNESDAY 9/30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:00 Blanca Nieves
FRIDAY 10/2
9:00 Debbie Brennan and All the Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY 10/3
12:00 Corazon and Victor Manalo
SUNDAY 10/4
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 (Vigil) Florence Reilly
9:00 Geoghan Family and Manuel Alvarado and the Alvarado Family
11:00 Duffy and Starke Families and the Parishioners of St. Margaret-St. Gabriel

St. Gabriel

TUESDAY 9/29
Sts, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
9:00 Michael Shea and Shri Rau
THURSDAY 10/1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9:00 Daniel C. Mola
SUNDAY 10/4
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 (Vigil) Robert Daly, Sr.
10:00 Esther and Frank Cassells
12:00 Noel Lobo

The praying of Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 8:30 a.m. before our 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be postponed until further notice. We are waiting for the prayer books to arrive and will need some more time to prepare for its inception. We hope to begin as soon as possible and will keep you posted!

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OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes begin on **Saturday 3rd October at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret's Rectory**

We need to know who is interested.

1. Do you know a non-Christian (someone not baptized) or a non-Catholic member of a Christian denomination interested in entering into communion with the Holy Catholic Church established by Jesus Christ for the salvation of all?
2. Do you know an adult Catholic who has not been fully initiated into the Church, needing to receive the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?
3. Are you in any of the above categories?

Do the inviting and encouraging and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. Call the parish office or put this completed form in the collection basket. Please allow us to assist you in this most important decision of your life.

Yes! I want to know more!

I need to receive... (circle all that apply)...
Baptism | First Communion | Confirmation

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Call the Parish Office (718) 549-8053 | Put this form in the collection basket | Drop it off in the Parish Office

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Name:_____

Address:_____

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__Change of address/telephone number

__Moving, please remove from parish list