



THE RIVERDALE CATHOLIC

A weekly bulletin of the

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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

6000 Riverdale Avenue,
Bronx, NY 10471
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Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, 5:15 p.m.

Weekday

Monday through Friday: 12 noon

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and upon request

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

- * The Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesday following 12 noon Mass
- * Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesday following the 12 noon Mass in the baptistry
- * First Saturday of the Month in Honor of the Immaculate Heart: Regular 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by the Rosary; 11:30am Rosary followed by a Sung Latin Mass at 12 noon

Rectory Office

- * Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- * After Hours Emergency Line: 845-622-3996

THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL

3250 Arlington Avenue
Bronx, NY 10463
718-548-4470

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and upon request

Devotions Honoring the Mother of God

- * Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
- * Rosary: Following each weekday Mass

Rectory Office

- * Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- * After Hours Emergency Line: 845-622-3996

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SEÁN

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is risen! Truly he is risen!

First Communions and Confirmations

Let us all keep the children of our parish in our prayers who, over the course of this weekend and the two ahead, will be receiving the sacraments of their first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Photos and more information will be provided in future editions of this bulletin.

Happy Mother's Day!

The month of May is dedicated to the honor of the all-holy Mother of God. It is fitting then, that in our country, today it is also Mother's Day, where we honor our earthly mothers. At all of our Sunday Masses the celebrating priests will impart a blessing upon mothers present before the altar and give them a little gift as a small token of our gratitude for all the sacrifices they have made in building up the Church and our society through their devotion to their children.

Greetings from Rome!

I write to you all now from the Eternal City. I am here taking in this historic moment in the life of the church--an *inter regnum* between papacies. I am, of course, praying for the cardinal electors as they deliberate in conclave. I pray that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit they may elect for the universal church a worthy successor to St. Peter.

At the time of this writing, the new pope has not yet been elected. By the time you are reading this bulletin, however, we will in all likelihood have a new pope. Whoever he is, may the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

What is the role of the pope?

The successor to Saint Peter as the bishop of Rome, is revered by the Catholic faithful as their father in faith. The word "pope" itself, is a derivative of the Greek and Latin words for "father." From the time Peter established his see at Rome and sanctified it along with Saint Paul by the shedding of their blood, the Roman See has been considered the "*mater et caput*, mother and head" of all local churches throughout the world, presiding over them in charity. The Catholic West developed its understanding of the papacy to the point where the bishop of Rome now exercises full, supreme, universal, and immediate jurisdiction over the universal church. A grand power for sure, but one that is rooted in Christ the Lord's declaration that Peter is the rock upon which his church is built (Matt. 16:18).

Before God, the bishop of Rome must faithfully carry out the sacred charge he inherits from Peter the first pope, when Christ commanded the "prince of the apostles" to strengthen all in the faith (Luke 22:32) and to feed the sheep (John 21:15-18). In this way, the pope preserves the bond of unity in the one Eucharist among his brother bishops and the churches entrusted to them.

Reposed in the Lord

May the recently departed, Patrick Keary, Nidia Carvajal, Kristyna Hoffman and Delfin Mojica O'Neil, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in the risen Lord,
Father Seán



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Devotions to Holy Mary during the Month of May

The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.

The Regina caeli is also said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

Queen of Heaven

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers

will meet on Thursday 15th May, 12:30 p.m., St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers.

A representative from the Westchester County Dept of Transportation will speak about services available for seniors. Also, we are collecting infant and toddler goods for YCAP. Info: 914.423.5331.

Our Parish is Hosting a Reception in Support of the Cardinal's Appeal

Holy Mass on Saturday 17th May followed by a reception in the St. Margaret's School gym

Join us at St. Margaret's on Saturday 17th May for a solemn Mass followed by a reception in the school gym where refreshments will be served. If Cardinal Dolan is home from Rome, he will be the celebrant. If not, another bishop representative will be present with us.

Sharing God's Gifts



Important Upcoming Events for our Parish

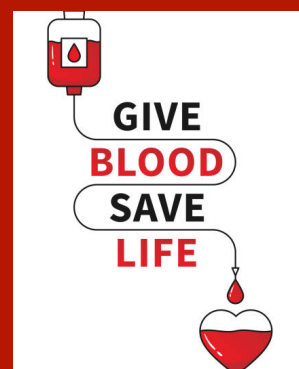
First Communion Masses at St. Margaret's: Saturday 17th May at 10:00 a.m. for school children and 1:00 p.m. for children of the religious education program

Visit from our archbishop, Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Cardinal's Appeal Promotion: Saturday 17th May at the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Margaret's followed by a reception in the school gym

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Edmund Whalen: Saturday 24th May at 1:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's

Blood Drive Sunday 18th May 2025

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall
at St. Gabriel's Church
3250 Arlington Ave
Bronx, NY 10463



St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 5/12

12 noon: Sheila Husk and Daniel Greaney

TUESDAY, 5/13

12 noon.: Jimmy Becker

WEDNESDAY, 5/14

12 noon: Devine and Murphy Families

THURSDAY, 5/15

12 noon: Peter Hoey

FRIDAY, 5/16

12 noon: Manuel Garcia

SATURDAY, 5/17

8:30 a.m.: Joan Donofrio

SUNDAY, 5/18 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): Michael and Margaret Sheehan

8 a.m.: Cliff McKenzie

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

12 p.m.: Venedam Family

5:15 p.m.: Fran Vukaj

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 5/12

9:00 a.m.: Isaias P. Nailing

TUESDAY, 5/13

9:00 a.m.: Kevin Farrell

WEDNESDAY, 5/14

9:00 a.m.: Maureen Rydlewski

THURSDAY, 5/15

9:00 a.m.: Jesus Tadeo and Violet Quimosing (living)

FRIDAY, 5/16

9:00 a.m.: Robert Quinn

SUNDAY, 5/18 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5 p.m. (vigil): Ricky Brody

9:30 a.m.: Anne Tiedenann

11:30 a.m.: Marcia Reidy

For our parish benefactors.

Deign, O Lord, for Thy Name's Sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.

Sunday Collection 4th May 2025

In-pew: \$13,713.00

1st Sunday for Parish and School: \$4,192

Latin Mass: \$240

Weshare: \$2,562

Total: \$20,707

Couples celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2025 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 1st June at 2:30 p.m.. Each couple may bring up to four (4) additional guests. Pre-registration is required. Please contact our rectory office to register.

50TH
ANNIVERSARY

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

The St. Margaret's Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Baby Shower today to celebrate the birth of our spiritually adopted babies born this month. Most needed are diapers and baby wipes. Let us all continue to pray for an end to the scourge of abortion and the protection of innocent human life in the mother's womb.

