



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
718-549-8053

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,

We Have Reached Our Cardinal's Appeal Goal; Thank You!

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The archdiocese serves 2.5 million Catholics, as well as countless others, across the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx, as well as the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is a critical component of the archdiocesan mission. The funds raised sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout our local church here in New York.

It is very important that each parish reaches its annual goal. This year our goal was \$166,000 and this past week we surpassed it! From my heart, I wish to thank all of you who made the sacrifice to contribute towards this important cause and helping our parish to reach its goal. May God reward you!

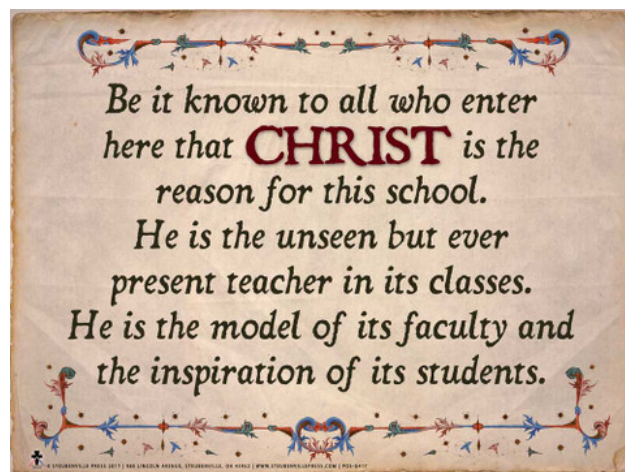
St. Margaret - St. Gabriel School

The beginning of the academic year is right around the corner. What makes a Catholic school so special is what is inscribed in the front lobby of our own cherished Catholic school here at St. Margaret - St. Gabriel:

It is never too late to enroll your child in our school. If you would like more information or to take a tour, contact the principal:

Mr. Richard Kruczek, Principal
St. Margaret of Cortona-St. Gabriel School
452 West 260th Street, Bronx, NY 1047

E: rkruczek@smsgny.org Tel: 718-549-8580



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“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted; he saves those who are crushed in spirit.” —Ps.34:18

Just before this bulletin went to print, the heartbreaking news broke about the horrific violence that took place at the Annunciation Parish and School in Minneapolis. As of this writing, the full scope of the tragedy remains unknown.

With these few words I wish to express our own parish and school's prayerful solidarity with the grief-stricken Catholic community of Annunciation in Minneapolis. These are our brothers and sisters who are not alone in their grief. We share in their pain and mourn with them the loss of their innocent loved ones.

Let us pray at the Holy Mass this Sunday for the salvation of the departed, the consolation and hope of the grieving, and for an end to senseless violence everywhere.

Jesus the Lord died and rose so all might live forever. Through his loving mercy, may those who perished in this tragedy rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in Christ,
Father Seán



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First Saturday Mass

In honor of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

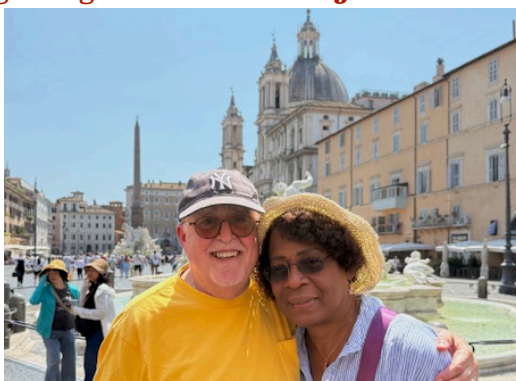
*Celebrated according to the
Usus Antiquior of the Roman Rite*

First Saturday of every month,
at 12 p.m.

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



Photos from our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee



The Baltimore Catechism Teaches

Important Truths about the Unity and Trinity of God: Both reason and revelation assure us that there is, and can be, only one God, for the very idea of the Supreme Being makes it impossible for God to have an equal; but from revelation we learn that the one God is three distinct Persons, known as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Before the coming of the Son of God this truth was not manifested even to the Jews, although there are some texts in the Old Testament which seem to imply that there is more than one Person possessing the divine nature--for example: "Let *us* make man to our image and likeness." (Gen. 1:16).

In His discourse at the Last Supper our Blessed Lord mentioned the three Persons by name, and He clearly spoke of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity to the apostles just before He ascended into heaven...There was also an external manifestation of the Holy Trinity at the time of Our Lord's baptism by St. John in the River Jordan. On that occasion it was God the Son in His human nature who was baptized, while God the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove and God the Father announced from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17).

Hence, according to Catholic belief, there are three divine persons, but only one divine nature. All three Persons are perfectly equal to each other, because all possess the same divine nature with all its infinite perfections. From all eternity, the Son proceeds from the Father as the Word, the product of the intellectual act whereby the Father understands the divine nature; and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son as the products of the act of love of these two Persons for the divine goodness. All the actions of God outside of those whereby the second and third Persons proceed are acts of the three Persons operating together through the one divine nature. However, certain works performed by all three Persons are appropriated or attributed to particular Persons as if they individually performed them--for example, the work of creation to the Father, the work of producing the human nature to the Holy Spirit (Lk. 1:35); but only the Second Person became incarnate.

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 9/1

12 noon: **Ryan Ackley**

TUESDAY, 9/2

12 noon.: **Sheila Husk and Daniel Greaney**

WEDNESDAY, 9/3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon: **O'Neil and Ryan Families**

THURSDAY, 9/4

12 noon: **Theresa Williams**

FRIDAY, 9/5

12 noon: **Christine Fonseca**

SATURDAY, 9/6

8:30 a.m.: **All the Souls in Purgatory**

SUNDAY, 9/7 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

8 a.m.: **Richard DeNettis**

10 a.m.: **Cunney Family**

12 p.m.: **Sarah and John Carroll and Deceased Members of the Carroll Family**

5:15 p.m.: **For All who Perished in the 9-11 Terrorist Attacks**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 9/1

9:00 a.m.: **Theresa Williams**

TUESDAY, 9/2

9:00 a.m.: **Cecilia Luise Kotteenstette**

WEDNESDAY, 9/3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.: **Carlo Guarini**

THURSDAY, 9/4

9:00 a.m.: **Eileen O'Beirne**

FRIDAY, 9/5

9:00 a.m. (vigil): **Mary Lynch**

SUNDAY, 9/7 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Mary P. Brody**

9:30 a.m.: **The Rizzo and Williams Families**

11:30 a.m.: **Parishioners of St. Margaret-St. Gabriel**

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 Sunday 24th August

In-pew: \$12,459

Candles \$455

WeShare online giving: \$1,929

2nd Collection in support of the
National Shrine in Washington: \$1,177

Total: \$16,020

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an adult Catholic who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation or the other Sacraments? Are you unbaptized or not a Catholic and would like to consider entering the Catholic Church? Do you know of some friends or family who are in a situation such as this? We will begin classes and instruction in the Catholic faith in later September, in preparation for reception of the Sacraments at Easter next spring. Please begin to plan accordingly and consider speaking to your friends or loved ones about this opportunity.

Make an appointment at the rectory office with our pastor Father Seán, to become a part of this order.



Many years to the newly-illuminated, RORY ANTONIO O'BRIEN, born again by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism.



Let us pray for IDALIA NICOLAS, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!



Join us for a Lecture Series on:

The Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Church

To be given by:

Father Walter J. Genito Jr

**At St. Margaret of Cortona Church, 6000 Riverdale Ave,
Bronx, NY**

At 7:00 p.m. on the following eight Mondays:

15th September 2025

20th October 2025

10th November 2025

15th December 2025

12th January 2026

9th February 2026

16th March 2026

13th April 2026

This book will serve as an invaluable guide for this series:

**The First Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787): Their History
and Theology**

By Leo D. Davis SJ (1988)

*If you are unable to either obtain a copy of this book or attend every
lecture, please keep on attending this Lecture Series whenever you can.
You will not have to "make up" missed lectures in order to understand
and appreciate the ones you do attend.*



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donations!**

**Please go to our parish website homepage,
riverdalecatholic.org, for a link for the
donation page.**



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Registration for Religious Education

Our parish's religious education program is intended to assist parents in fulfilling their obligation in the formation of their children in the Catholic faith. Our children should be baptized as infants and then catechized so they are well prepared for the happy day of their first holy communion ideally at seven years of age, and their confirmation ideally at twelve years of age. As a part of the program, all families are expected to regularly worship with our parish community at Sunday Mass, an obligation shared by all Christians.

We have two distinct programs:

--**St. Margaret's** with class on Wednesday's from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the school building

--**St. Gabriel's** with class on Sunday's immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the school building

The program runs from late September to May.

To register you children, please fill out the forms available in the vestibule of our churches and drop them off either in the sacristies after Mass or at our rectory offices.

For any questions, please contact our religious education program directors:

Ms. Frances Lopez Alvarado at St. Margaret's:
riverdalecatholicreled@gmail.com

Ms. Pamela Singho at St. Gabriel's:
smsgbxccd@yahoo.com.



Saints of the Week

Pope St Gregory the Great (540 - 604), Feast Day 3rd September

He was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years.

He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, on a mission that lasted five years.

He was elected Pope on 3 September 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and designated himself "servant of the servants of God."

He died on 12 March 604, but as this date always falls within Lent, his feast is celebrated on the date of his election as Pope.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997), Feast Day 5th September

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born on 26 August 1910 at Skopje in Macedonia. She left home at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, where she received the name Sister Mary Teresa, after St Thérèse of Lisieux. In 1931 she was assigned to the order's Calcutta house and taught at their school there, where she eventually became headmistress.

She received a new vocation to help the poor and destitute, and in 1948, obeying this call, she left the convent and took up a new life caring for them wherever they might be: lying sick in the street or even dying in dustbins. Some of her former pupils joined her, one by one, and the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was established in the Diocese of Calcutta in 1950, spreading across India and eventually onto every continent, even behind the Iron Curtain. Many related orders followed, involving men and women, clergy and laity, and both the active and the contemplative life. Mother Teresa died on 5 September 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 October 2003 and canonized by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

Mother Teresa's widespread appeal comes from the directness of her inspiration, and her direct response to it. She went out and did things where they were needed.

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: _____

- ☐ Please send me a New Parishioner's Packet
- ☐ Change of address/telephone number
- ☐ Moving, please remove from parish list