



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 Dies Domini, "Day of the Lord"

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. (except for the First Saturday of the month)

Confessions

Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. | 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

First Saturday in Honor of the Immaculate Heart - 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 Dies Domini, "Day of the Lord"

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. | Upon request

Devotions Honoring the Mother of God

The Miraculous Medal Novena - Monday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

The Holy 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,

The Baptism of the Lord

On today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, eleven children from our parish school and religious education program will be born again by water and the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism. The children of our parish are the future of the Church. Let us support them always with our prayers.

There is nothing more important anyone can obtain in life than the Sacrament of Baptism. This will be the day of his spiritual rebirth, in which he will receive a share of the Divine Life, making him a child of God and an heir of Heaven. The Lord teaches: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:5).

St. John was destined to be the final prophet sent by God to prepare the world for His coming. He was called "the Baptist" because of the rite he initiated when he came of age as a sign of repentance for sin. He went out to the wilderness of the desert to Bethany beyond the Jordan to preach repentance, the coming of the Lord and to baptize.

Jesus did not need to be baptized as did the Israelites who came to John as a confession of their sins. He, of course, was wholly without sin. He was baptized for the same reason He became a man, to place Himself in solidarity with our fallen race. The Baptism preached by John was symbolic and intended to arouse sorrow for sin and a commitment to a reformation of one's life. It was a preparation for the Baptism that Christ would institute through the Church He established over the course of His ministry.

Baptism is the first of the Church's seven sacraments as it brings the soul to life. As the Catechism states: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" (CCC 1213). And: "Grace is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of his Body" (CCC 1997).

Finally, emphasizing the utter importance of this sacrament, Christ ended his earthly life and mission by giving the Church a great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt 28:19). Such is the great and joyful call of every one of us who has been baptized into Christ, whose own baptism we celebrate today.

Ordinary Time and the Christmas Creche

The Christmas season has drawn to a close and now we return to what is called "Ordinary Time" in the liturgical season represented by the color green. From the US Conference of Bishops: "Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ."

Just because it is Ordinary Time, doesn't mean you have to put the creche (Nativity scene) of your family home away. The first few Sundays of Ordinary Time are a kind of interim state between Christmas and Lent. As such, they simultaneously function as "Sundays after Epiphany" and "Sundays before Lent."

There is an old custom of keeping the creche out until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem on 2nd February (40 days after Christmas) which we will keep at St. Margaret's Church.

In the newborn King,
Father Seán

Support the 55th Men's Beefsteak: "The Night on the Town Raffle"

The 55th Annual Men's Beefsteak will be held this year on **6th February at 7:00 p.m.** in the Msgr. Daniel A. Peake Memorial Hall in St. Margaret's. All the proceeds of this fundraiser are used to cover the expenses for operating St. Margaret's - St. Gabriel's athletic teams and maintaining our facilities. Raffle tickets are still only \$1 each or a book of six for \$5. "The Night on the Town Raffle" is a way everyone can participate in the Beefsteak and support the athletic program for the youth of our parish. The Grand Prize is a Manhattan hotel reservation, dinner for two at Smith and Wollensky, and two tickets to a Broadway show. Members of the Beefsteak Committee and their supporters will have raffle books for sale after Masses on the weekends of:

Thank you for your support!



Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." -Matthew: 3:13-17

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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 a 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.



Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:15)

Andrea Amato	Henley	William O'Connor
Yanni Anastasiou	Alina Hernandez	Eileen O'Flanagan
Irene Anzalone	Bart Holland	Jerry O'Leary
Joe Bastone	Yvonne Jones	Kitty O'Mahoney
John Beckley	Ena and John	Joseph O'Para Jr.
Betty Betz	Keenan	Bridie O'Sullivan
Iva Boatin	Mary Kitson	Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan
Kitty Boyle	Barbara Kiernan	John O'Sullivan
Ellen Brown	Brian Kolterman	Frank Paccione
Robert Carlson	Olivia Leroy	Maria Pereira
Maggie Caputo	Bridget Lynch	Carmen Perez
Cindy Casto	Frances Loughlin	Liam Philbin
Joy Chambers	Carolina	Brian Phillips
Fanny Chondris	Maldanado	Maryann Picco
Teresa Colgan	Jack Marchindo	Charlotte Pool
Barbara Cosme	Louis Marino	Raymond Powers
Thomas Cronin	Ramon Martinez	Michael Quinn
Kate Daly	Sheila and Myles	Patricia Taylor
Michael Dannucci	McCabe	Reeves
Jennifer Davey	Brigid McCann	Daniel Reynolds
Catherine Davis	Joe McElligott	Theresa Rinere
Antonio DeFeo	Caroline	Sylvia Rojas
Steven	McGlenhen	Vicente Romero
DeRavaneusich	Olga McGowan	Grace Rose
Kaelyn	Mary McGuire	Alejandrina Santos
Dirkschneider	Darlene McMeekin	Katie Searson
Michael DiRusso	Josephine Maselli	Jose Silva
Alice DiStasio	Innacone	Adelynn Smith
Jean Donahue	Miliana Mitrov	Harlie Smith
Eugene Donnelly	Mary Ellen	Henry Snyder
Patricia Dooley	Montros Daniel	Marilyn Spawn
Daniel Doran	Moran Maggie	Daniel Sullivan, Sr.
Pat Doran	Moran	Mary Rush Thomas
Michael Dunne	Irene Morgan	Catherine Tobin
Frances Dunne	Lorraine Moriarty	Terri Treanor
Jarek Dworakowski	Paul Moriarty	Debra Tritarico
Robby Ernau	Diane Morville	Elido Vega
Hector Figueroa	Maureen Moscato	Arlene Viola
Dennis Fitzpatrick	Bozena Mull	Janine Waxman
Pat Foldy	Linda Muracco	Eileen Winslow
Jaydon Jeremy	Michael Murocco	William Young
Gonzale	Mary Murphy	Marie Zangaglai
Lydia Gonzalez	Conrado Navarro	
Barbara Gray	Theresa Nolan	
Michael Griffin	Arlene O'Callahan	
Donna Hearla	Caitlin O'Callahan	
Michele Sanchez		



*Join us for a celebration
in honor of Fr. Brian McCarthy's
50th anniversary of ordination*

Sunday, 1st February 2026

12 noon Solemn Mass
Followed by a catered luncheon in the St.
Margaret's School Gymnasium

*Please call the St. Margaret's Rectory Office at
718-549-8053 to reserve a seat*

St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 1/12

12 noon: Patrick and Mary Colleary

TUESDAY, 1/13 *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

12 noon.: Peggy Brennan

WEDNESDAY, 1/14

12 noon: Kathleen O'Malley

THURSDAY, 1/15

12 noon: Wilson Family

FRIDAY, 1/16

12 noon: Michael O'Hara

SATURDAY, 1/17 *St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:30 a.m.: Mary C., Edward L., James J. And Eileen M. Smith and Nellie Keenan

SUNDAY, 1/18 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): Paul Cummings

8 a.m.: Thomas McGrath

10 a.m.: Ellen and Patrick Dougan and Mary Nolan

12 p.m.: Arthur Woodley

5:15 p.m.: Virginia Felixl

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 1/12

9:00 a.m.: Gregory Twomey

TUESDAY, 1/13 *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 a.m.: Maria Gadioma

WEDNESDAY, 1/14 9:00 a.m.: Thomas McGrath

THURSDAY, 1/15

9:00 a.m.: Clare Barbuti

FRIDAY, 1/16

9:00 a.m.: Ellen Brown

SUNDAY, 1/18 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): Maureen Mallory

9:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Margaret - St. Gabriel

11:30 a.m.: Paulita Rodriguez

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

Christmas 2025:

In pew: \$40,814

WeShare Online giving: \$1,044

Candles: \$208

Sunday 28th December 2025:

In pew: \$14,707

WeShare Online giving: \$1,899

Sunday 4th January 2025:

In pew: \$16,314

First Weekend Monthly Collection for our Parish

School: \$3,928

WeShare Online giving: 7,650

Candles: \$1,351

First Saturday Latin Mass: \$128**1st January Holy Day - Mother of God: \$7,650****Total: \$95,693****Welcome to the
Parish of St Margaret-St. Gabriel!**

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Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email Address: _____

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