



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

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: _____

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☐ Change of address/telephone number

☐ Moving, please remove from parish list

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