



THE RIVERDALE CATHOLIC

A weekly bulletin of the

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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA
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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,

Our New Archbishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ronald Hicks

On 6th February, the Most Reverend Ronald Hicks was enthroned at St. Patrick's Cathedral as the 14th bishop and 10th metropolitan archbishop of New York, one of the most prestigious sees in the United States and in the whole world.

Here is a brief survey of his life and ministry:

Ronald Aldon Hicks was born on 4th August 1967, in Harvey, Illinois, to Ronald and Roselee Hicks. He has a younger brother, Rick. He grew up in South Holland, Illinois, where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and grade school.

He graduated from Quigley Preparatory Seminary South in 1985. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Niles College of Loyola University, Chicago, in 1989, and both his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2003 from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

Hicks was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 21, 1994. He served as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago from 1994 to 1996 and at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, Illinois, from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered at St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago as the dean of formation.

In July 2005, with permission from Cardinal Francis George, Fr. Hicks moved from Chicago to El Salvador to begin his five-year term as regional director of *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos* (NPH) in Central America. NPH is a home dedicated to caring for more than 3,400 orphaned and abandoned children in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

From 2010 to 2014, Fr. Hicks served as the dean of formation at Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he assisted with weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Fr. Hicks was appointed vicar general of the Archdiocese of Chicago by Cardinal Blase Cupich on 1st January 2015. On 17th September 2018, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

On 17th July 2020, Bishop Hicks was appointed by Pope Francis as bishop of the Diocese of Joliet.

On 18th December 2025, Bishop Hicks was appointed as archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York and was enthroned, beginning this new ministry just this past week on 6th February.

A Prayer for our New Shepherd and Father in Faith, His Excellency Archbishop Hicks

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Ronald, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world. Amen.

Archbishop Hicks's Coat of Arms

From the blog of Fr. Guy Selvester, who assisted the archbishop is designing and drawing his coat of arms:

EXARANDORUM: Fr. Guy Selvester's blog of Ecclesiastical Heraldry:



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BLAZON: Arms impaled, in the dexter: Argent, on a saltire between four Greek crosses all Gules, the sails of a windmill arranged in saltire Argent. (Archdiocese of New York); in the sinister: Azure, on a fess wavy Argent a sprig of rosemary Proper; in chief a sword and a quill in saltire Or below a heart Gules fimbriated Argent; in base a sprig of lily of three blossoms Argent. (Archbishop Hicks). The achievement is ensigned with an archiepiscopal cross Or behind the shield and an archbishop's galero Vert cords and twenty tassels disposed in four rows of one, two, three and four all Vert. On a scroll below the shield the motto: "Paz Y Bien".

On the left side of the shield as we view it is the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of New York. It is composed of a silver (white) field on which is displayed a red saltire; a cross in the form of the letter "X." This is known in heraldry as a "Cross of St. Patrick," and by its use an allusion is made to the titular patron of the cathedral church in New York and of the archdiocese. Upon the saltire is a silver (white) mill-sail (a wind mill), which is also seen in the seal of New York City, to reflect the Dutch heritage of the founders of the city that was originally known as "New Amsterdam." Within the four areas of the field created by the saltire are seen four small red crosses with arms of equal length, referred to as "Greek crosses" in heraldry, for the four Gospels, emblematic of the Church's mission to bring "The Good News" to those entrusted to its care.

The personal coat of arms assumed by Archbishop Hicks combines symbols that are meaningful to him reflecting his life and priestly ministry. On a blue field we see a silver (white) wavy bar across the center, heraldically known as "a fess." This is indicative of water, symbolizing Lake Michigan, to honor the bishop's home town of South Holland, Illinois. On the fess wavy is a sprig of rosemary, depicted "proper," that is, as it appears in nature, to honor the martyred archbishop of El Salvador, St. Oscar Romero. The Spanish word for the herb rosemary is "romero" and the saintly bishop had this as a charge in his own coat of arms as well.

Above the fess are a quill pen and sword, both gold (yellow) and crossed in a saltire, alluding to St. Paul, because the sword was the instrument of his execution and martyrdom and the pen of his writings that were so important for the archbishop, who grew up in an ecumenical family. These charges are placed below a red heart, outlined or fimbriated in silver (white) in order to set it off from the blue field. This heart is included to remember the archbishop's service with the NPH (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"), a "heartfelt people," who care for orphans and abandoned children throughout Central and South America.

Below the fess is a silver (white) three-blossom sprig of lilies that is taken from the arms of the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, where the archbishop attended the seminary, earned his doctorate in ministry and served on the faculty and staff.

The motto below the shield is, "Paz Y Bien" the Spanish for "Peace and Good". This phrase, attributed to St. Francis, emphasizes that true peace comes from Christ and all the good he shares through his word and sacraments.

The external ornaments include a gold archiepiscopal cross with two horizontal bars (sometimes referred to as a patriarchal cross) placed vertically behind the shield decorated with red jewels. This is often mistaken for a processional cross like the one used in liturgical processions. However, like other heraldic ornaments the archiepiscopal cross has its origins in something which is no longer actually used. At one time all bishops had, in addition to the processional cross at the head of the procession, another cross carried directly in front of them by a cleric. This other cross was a sign of the office of bishop. It originated as a custom that such a cross was carried before archbishops only. Later, the cross was adopted for use by all bishops so archbishops added a second horizontal bar to their crosses to distinguish them from the episcopal cross of simple bishops. While no longer actually used it has remained a symbol of the archiepiscopal office in heraldry. There are other clerics who make use of the ecclesiastical hat with its many tassels but the one true heraldic emblem of an archbishop—and the only essential one—is the archiepiscopal cross placed behind the shield.

It is not, as is sometimes supposed, a symbol of the office of Metropolitan because the archiepiscopal cross is used by all archbishops, even those who are not Metropolitan Archbishops.

Above the shield is the ecclesiastical hat, called a *galero* which, in heraldry, replaces the martial helmet, mantling and crest. "The hat with pendant tassels (green, purple or black) on each side is universally considered in heraldry as the sign

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of prelacy. It, therefore, pertains to all who are actually prelates.” (Heim, Bruno B., *Heraldry in the Catholic Church* 1978, page 114). This broad-brimmed green galero was, at one time, worn by bishops and archbishops in outdoor processions and cavalcades. No longer used it remains a heraldic symbol of the office of (arch)bishop. In Catholic heraldry the color and number of tassels on the galero indicates the rank of the bearer. Green is used in the coats of arms of bishops and archbishops because, again at one time, green was the color worn by those prelates before they later adopted the familiar Roman purple. The double barred archiepiscopal cross and the green galero with twenty tassels signifies the coat of arms of an archbishop according to the Instruction of the Holy See, “Ut Sive” issued in 1969.

It was a great pleasure and a real privilege for me to assist the Archbishop with the preparation of his armorial bearings.

Yours in Christ,
Father Seán



The Baltimore Catechism Teaches

A running series of questions and answers from the Baltimore Catechism to grow deeper in knowledge and love of God.

86. How was the Son of God made man?

The Son of God was conceived and made man by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

87. When was the Son of God conceived and made man?

The Son of God was conceived and made man on Annunciation Day, the day on which the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.

88. Is Saint Joseph the father of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ had no human father, but Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian, or foster father, of Christ.

Mark your calendars!

Ash Wednesday 18th February, the beginning of our Lenten Fast



8:30 a.m. Holy Mass - St. Margaret's

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass - St. Gabriel's

12 noon Holy Mass - St. Margaret's

4:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word - St. Margaret's

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word - St. Gabriel's

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word - St. Margaret's

**Congratulations Fr. Brian McCarthy on your
50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood!**

‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek’” (Psalm 110:4).



St. Margaret of Cortona

MONDAY, 2/9

12 noon: **Mary Elizabeth Murphy**

TUESDAY, 2/10 *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

12 noon.: **Raj Chadha**

WEDNESDAY, 2/11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

12 noon: **Mary and George Williams**

THURSDAY, 2/12

12 noon: **Renato Giallorenzi**

FRIDAY, 2/13

12 noon: **Mary Elizabeth Murphy**

SATURDAY, 2/14 *St. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop*

8:30 a.m.: **Patrick "Joe" Cunney**

SUNDAY, 2/15 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:15 p.m. (vigil): **John Furth and Eamon Furth**

8 a.m.: **Margaret and Rachel Lauria**

10 a.m.: **Mary Mannion**

12 p.m.: **Teresa Guido**

5:15 p.m.: **Mario Martini**

St. Gabriel

MONDAY, 2/9

9:00 a.m.: **Mary Ramoutar**

TUESDAY, 2/10 *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

9:00 a.m.: **Michaela Prescoitti**

WEDNESDAY, 2/11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

9:00 a.m.: **Jose Villalona**

THURSDAY, 2/12

9:00 a.m.: **The Harmon Family**

FRIDAY, 2/13

9:00 a.m.: **Mary Ramoutar**

SUNDAY, 2/15 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5 p.m. (vigil): **Peter and Kitty Tureski**

9:30 a.m.: **Ayeshia Medlin-Dobbs**

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 Total 1st February 2026:

In pew: \$11,883

2nd collection in support of our parish school:
\$3,502

Candles: \$546

WeShare online giving: \$2,704

Total: \$18,635

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Parish of St Margaret-St. Gabriel!**

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