

# *Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church*

## *2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465*

The Home Parish of Terence Cardinal Cooke ~ (March 1, 1921 - October 6, 1983)  
Cardinal Archbishop of New York—Motto: *Fiat Voluntas Tua*, meaning, "Thy Will Be Done"

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### **RECTORY HOURS:**

#### **Monday - Friday:**

9:00am until 12:00pm

1:00pm until 5:00pm

**Saturday:** 9:00am until 4:00pm

**Sunday: Closed**

### **SCHOOL:**

1016 Edison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

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### **CLERGY:**

Reverend Stephen P. Norton

*Pastor*

Reverend Christian Amah

*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli

Deacon John Scott

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Mr. Ray Vitiello, *School Principal*

Ms. Joann LaDisa, *Religious Education Office - School*

1-718-829-1200 or: [StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com)

Mrs. Anne Myers, *Director of Music*

### **SERVING YOUR SACRAMENTAL NEEDS:**

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Rectory for a date soon after the birth of your child.

**The Sacrament of Marriage:** Please call the Rectory at least six (6) months prior to date of Marriage.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Please inform the priests if you have a family member in the hospital.

**The Sacrament of Holy Orders:** If you feel called to serve the church as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, please call the rectory to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

**Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?** Please contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have classes to help people learn about our faith and decide if becoming Catholic is best for you. This whole process of inquiry and potential conversion is called RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**We will respect your personal journey with God!**

## *Welcome to Our Parish*



## **MASSES:**

**Weekdays:** 6:45am and 8:30am  
**Saturdays:** 8:30am and 4:00pm  
**Sundays:** Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening),  
**Sundays:** 7:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
Vigil 7:00pm (Night before)  
6:45am, 8:30am and 12:00 Noon

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (CONFESSION)**

**Saturdays:** 9:00am until 9:30am and  
3:00pm until 4:00pm

**Any time by appointment**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Cancelled until further notice

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Cancelled until further notice

**September 20, 2020**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

#### SUNDAY, September 20th

##### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Louis S. Dinino  
8:00 Jozef & Ndue Gega  
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish  
11:00 For Our First Responders  
7:00 Michael Prince

#### MONDAY, September 21st

##### St. Matthew

6:45 Mary Marco  
8:30 Anthony Buonaiuto

#### TUESDAY, September 22nd

##### Autumn begins

6:45 Clifford DeAngelis  
8:30 John Freyne

#### WEDNESDAY, September 23rd

##### St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

6:45 In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio  
8:30 Deceased Members of the Aiello & Derasmo Families

#### THURSDAY, September 24th

6:45 William Dinaso  
8:30 Anthony Buonaiuto

#### FRIDAY, September 25th

6:45 Dila Kalaj  
8:30 Michael Kosits  
*"Second Anniversary in Heaven"*

#### SATURDAY, September 26th

##### Saints Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio  
4:00 Deceased Members of the Triano and Nocerino Families

#### SUNDAY, September 27th

##### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Bishop Robert Brucato  
8:00 Irene Orosz Sudano  
*"Happy 70th Birthday in Heaven"*  
9:30 Louis Broccoli  
11:00 Memorial Mass for Covid-19 Victims  
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

### REMINDER (For Parents of Scheduled Baptisms:)

*Fr. Stephen Norton is inviting you to a scheduled Baptism Instruction Zoom meeting as follows:*

**Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:00pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTNBZz09)

[pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTNBZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTNBZz09)

**Meeting ID: 814 4897 1550**

**Pass code: Baptism**

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

*The Durkin Family*  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
*Clifford DeAngelis*

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!**  
**May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!**

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Joseph Abbate               | Ann Marro               |
| Zobeida Almodovar           | Jenny Mauro             |
| Ramon G. Barreiro           | Kevin McCarthy          |
| Anthony Battista            | Chris McPadden          |
| Judy Berardinone            | Denise McPadden         |
| Kathleen Bowers             | Sue McVey               |
| Apollonia & Wendelin        | Kesnel Menard           |
| Brenner                     | Jose Mendez             |
| Walter Buddington           | Ann Monnelly            |
| Amy Buscamonte              | Rosa Munoz              |
| Inez Cantamessa             | Maylee Roman Overman    |
| Lillian Corrado             | Lorraine Parisi         |
| Carlos Cruz                 | Rob Passanisi           |
| Tom Curran                  | Paolo Principe          |
| Vinny D'Amico               | Kim Rappold             |
| Mike & Louis D'Annuncci     | Philip Rebia            |
| Carla DeCicco               | Phillip Rivera          |
| Sean Fagan                  | Antonette Roublick      |
| Francisco Fernandez         | Ashley Saucedo          |
| Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez | Ann Samhammer           |
| John Fernandez              | Dave Samhammer          |
| Marion Gruber               | Margaret Geddis Schmidt |
| Eileen Jennings             | Kathy Selvaggio         |
| Mary Johnson                | Nina Serpati            |
| Edward Kennedy              | Maria Soto              |
| Daniel Kundig               | Pasquale Tartaglione    |
| Elise Lawler                | Alex Trebek             |
| Frankie Lettera             | Jean Varela             |
| LauMei Sheung Louie         | Thomas Vecchio          |
| Louis                       | Antonio Vitiello        |
| Elizabeth Mandile           | Leeann Williams         |
| Elaine Marin                | Paul Yeancades          |
| Kenneth Marin               | Robert Ziehl            |

### + Babies/Children +

Baby Amari, Mia Carolla, Danielle Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Baby Olivia lafelice, Baby Noelle Jablonka, Infant Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Infant Lucas Ortiz, Noah Santino, Tiffany Toro, Azalea Vargas, Rayne Weiner

### + Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of our Parish and their Grieving Families +

Stephen Callinan, Hedwig Jedlica, Maryann Vitarelli

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection **NEXT** weekend for St. Joseph's Seminary Appeal. Please be as generous as you can for this collection. See page 3 of this bulletin. Many, many thanks.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*II. Lisa Houston & Jacob Rodriguez*  
*II. Giovanna Santiago & Jeremy Hoyfe*  
*I. Amanda Lugo & Timothy Calliman*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

*Their Children and Grandchildren*  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
*Nunziato and Rosa Pilla*

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### From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family:

I know it is not easy, but we must stay diligent regarding Covid-19! As you enter the Church you **MUST WEAR YOUR MASK!** I am sorry but we must all wear the mask for the protection of everyone. You may be thinking - I hate the mask! I agree because so do I! You may think - it is no longer a big deal! But it is! You may say - but I feel fine and that is great but in Christian charity we must protect one another. There are many people still unsure about coming to Church because it is obvious that others are not wearing the mask. Obviously, that is un-caring and un-Christian of us not to be concerned about others especially during a pandemic. Some people in our parish have underlying illnesses; for example a person may have had cancer at one time, and although they are in full remission, they are still rightly concerned about being out of their homes during this pandemic. Despite their concerns and fears about leaving their homes, they so want, and in fact need, to attend Mass on Sundays as well as receive Holy Communion. Therefore, we must all do our part as a caring, loving, Catholic parish family to be mindful of one another and always wear our masks properly. Please make sure your mask is at all times around your nose and mouth. It is not to be around your chin; it must cover your nose and mouth. We all want Covid-19 to stop, but until this virus is contained I am begging all the members of the parish to wear your masks properly at all times when in the Church building.

Our religious education program remains under the guidance of Ms. LaDisa along with a small group of others assisting her. We will have on-line learning for our religious education students beginning in October. We will have a program on-line for all the grades in our program and will be celebrating First Communion and Confirmation in 2021 for all our parish children. **Please note that Saturday, October 17, 2020 is reserved for First Holy Communion for all the children of the parish who were not able to receive this Sacrament in May of 2020 due to the pandemic.** Religious Education will begin online by mid-October for all students of St. Benedict's Parish. If you are not registered with our Religious Education Office please do so ASAP. You may call Ms. LaDisa at (718) 829-1200 or email her at [StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com).

Until next week, St. Benedict and Cardinal Cooke, Servant of God, pray for us!

*Fr. Stephen P. Norton*

### Spiritual Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

### The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2020 Sharing God's Gifts

The Archdiocese of New York is hard at work, mobilizing our medical, charitable, and administrative constituencies to make sure we are prepared to serve and care for the people of New York during this public health crisis. Your support of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is an essential part of this process, and we invite you to consider making a gift of any size to help our Church make it through this time. To learn more about the Appeal and where your gifts go, I invite you to visit: [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org). If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider Your Gift!

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

**Your gift promotes the growth and vitality of the  
Church in New York!**

### Second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary

We received the following letter from Cardinal Dolan:

September 2020, Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

"Dear friends in the Lord:

As I write to you today, I not only give thanks for our new rector, the Most Reverend James Massa, but also for the exemplary Leadership of Monsignor Peter Vaccari, rector for the past eight years; and to Father William Cleary who has been serving as interim rector this year. Whenever I receive letters from parishioners, no letter delights me more than when I read how much the faithful love their priests. And as you know, many were educated and formed at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last 124 years, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today, I ask you to consider, in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the *Annual Seminary Appeal*. It will be collected on the weekend of September 27, 2020. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for about 25 seminarians of the archdiocese studying here (if you include seminarians from other dioceses and religious orders, the total population is 64.) In a word, your support will help prepare young men who will inspire those letters of admiration that I receive daily about so many of our great priests.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. Please help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church as they embark on their training to become your priests. To learn more visit [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York"

### 40 Days For Life (September 23rd - November 1st)

The *40 Days for Life* campaign is a peaceful campaign of prayer, fasting, vigil, and outreach to end abortion, supported by the Archdiocese of New York. There is a need for prayer, especially in the Bronx, where, in 2017, 37% of pregnancies ended in abortion, the highest rate of any county in New York State, and where 1 in 2 pregnancies ended in abortion for teens. In New York State, 56% of women who came for abortions came for repeat abortions, and over 4,600 women who came for abortions had 4 or more previously. We invite you to pray and fast for the protection of unborn children, for women and men in crisis pregnancies, for the closing of abortion facilities, for the conversion of those who end unborn lives, and for healing for those who have had abortions.

Please join us for one or more hours of peaceful, prayerful presence, **within Covid-19 guidelines, across the street** from the abortion facility at 2070 Eastchester Road, near Pelham Parkway. Sign up for email updates and/or prayer hours: [www.40daysforlife.com/Bronx](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Bronx) or contact Cecile: [40days.Bronx@gmail.com](mailto:40days.Bronx@gmail.com), 347-697-7589.

If you know a woman in a crisis pregnancy, or someone who has suffered an abortion and is in need of healing, please refer her to the Sisters of Life at 877-777-1277 or [www.visitationcenterus.org](http://www.visitationcenterus.org).



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### WEEKLY OFFERING:

**SUNDAY, September 13, 2020** \$8,835.00

**50/50 WINNER:**

*For now, the 50/50 Winners will be published once a month.*

*Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for all that you do for St. Benedict's Parish throughout the year!*

### **ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL**

St. Benedict's School offers FULL & HALF DAY Pre-K 3 and 4 Year Old Programs and FULL DAY Kindergarten through Grade 8. If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend St. Benedict's School for the **2020-2021** school year, please visit our website at:

[www.stbenedictschoolbx.org](http://www.stbenedictschoolbx.org) for important registration/application information. Please feel free to contact St. Benedict's School (718-829-9557) for a tour. A limited amount of scholarships are available for those eligible.

### **St. Benedict RE (CCD) Program - 2020-2021**

This coming season of Religious Education we will be learning remotely. The classes will be held virtually at a specific time of the week; 2 times a month. We will let you know the times and dates when they are determined. The teachers will give all work and collect work remotely. The classes can be any where from 60 to 90 minutes; which includes prayer time, lessons, and activities. More information will be given at a later date.

**Please Note:** if your child was suppose to make First Holy Communion earlier this year, the **new date is Sat., Oct. 17, 2020**. I am accepting online registration for 2020-2021. If you would like to register online, please email me as soon as possible. However, I can be available during the evenings or weekends **by appointment only**.

Website: <https://stbenedictchurchny.org/>

Along with Fr. Norton, our Pastor, please remember that Masses can be found each Sunday at 11:00am on our Parish webpage, or you may wish to attend an on-site Mass at our Church (see the front cover of this bulletin for the Masses.) Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and I will make sure to get back to you as soon as possible. If you are emailing or contacting me via text, please let me know who your child/children are and class for September that they will attend.

**StBenedictREdu@gmail.com / 718-829-1200**

May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Respectfully,

Joann LaDisa, DRE

### REMINDERS:

**Baptisms**

**Sun., 09/20 & 09/27 at 11am Mass.**  
**Social Distancing and You MUST wear a Mask**

**Baptism Instructions**

**Zoom (See page 2 of this bulletin)**

**Bereavement Group**

**Begins Sat., Oct. 10th at 11:00am in the Convent. Social distancing, no refreshments and you MUST wear a Mask.**

**Nar-Anon**

**Wednesdays from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the Convent upstairs.**  
**Social distancing, no refreshments and you MUST wear a Mask**

### **CENSUS - For your information**

The Census ends on **Sept. 30th**, and our Community Board Service Area still has not reached its goal. It is important that everyone in our area is counted, as that means we are guaranteed funding for the next 10 years for hospitals, education, social services, community improvement, among others.

**Bronx Community Board #10  
Bronxworks and US Census Bureau are  
Partnering to do Outreach in our Community**

**Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at Bronx Community Board #10, 3165 East Tremont Avenue. A table will be set up to help you fill out the Census and answer questions.**

**MASKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED!**

### **RECTORY TELEPHONE #: 1-718-828-3403 TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS**

When the recording comes on, please dial the extension.

The extension numbers are as follows:

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Fr. Stephen Norton          | 109            |
| Fr. Christian Amah          | 112            |
| Deacon Michael Salvatorelli | 107            |
| Parish Manager              |                |
| (Phil Persico)              | 101            |
| Carole Janicki              | 102            |
| Carl Triano                 | 117            |
| Ms. Joann LaDisa (CCD)      | 1-718-829-1200 |
| School                      | 1-718-829-9557 |

### **Prayer List For Our U.S. Servicemen and Women**

#### **U.S. Air Force:**

1<sup>st</sup> Class Airman Eric Bosco, Lt. Col. Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgr. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Major Sean Stumpf.

#### **U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:**

Pvt. Michael Careswell, SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Fr. (Chaplain) James Collins, Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, Jason Engeldrum, Sgt. Pedro Flores, Pvt. Anthony Grieco, Jr., 2nd Lt. Christopher Hackett, Johnny Jiminez, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Corporal Jenna Kuhl, Sergeant First Class Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Captain Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Captain Fr. Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi SanJuan, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Renee SanJuan, Col. Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

#### **U.S. Coast Guard:**

Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

#### **U.S. Marine Corps:**

Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik M. Mango, Major Frank Parisi-Reserves, Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro-Reserves, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Jason R. Wager-Reserves.

#### **U.S. Navy:**

Diplomat John Brunetti, Petty Officer Gillen, Lt. Jennifer Groger, ABH3 (AW) Christopher Hough, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas

