

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

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CLERGY:

Reverend Stephen P. Norton

Pastor

Reverend Christian Amah

Parochial Vicar

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Deacon John Scott

PASTORAL STAFF:

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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 27, 2020
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 27th

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Migrants and Refugees; Priesthood Sunday

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

MONDAY, September 28th

Saint Wenceslaus; Saint Lawrence Ruiz

6:45 James Dobbs

8:30 Anthony Buonaiuto

TUESDAY, September 29th

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

6:45 St. Michael the Archangel

8:30 Deceased Members of the McGuire and Webster Families

WEDNESDAY, September 30th

Saint Jerome

6:45 Frank Vignola

8:30 Robert Moruzin

THURSDAY, October 1st

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

6:45 John Freyne

8:30 Andrew & Teresa Granitto

FRIDAY, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday

6:45 Anne & Hugo Fucci

8:30 St. Benedict's School Mass

SATURDAY, October 3rd

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

8:30 Addolorato Iaffaldano

4:00 Mary Ann D'Abbraccio

SUNDAY, October 4th

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 James Feeley

8:00 Antonio Vitiello

9:30 Maria R. Boiano

"Happy Birthday in Heaven"

11:00 Thomas Gleason, Sr.

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **THIS** 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.

REMINDER (For Parents of Scheduled Baptisms:)

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

Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00pm and

Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTlBNzZ09)

[pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTlBNzZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81448971550?pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTlBNzZ09)

Meeting ID: 814 4897 1550

Pass code: Baptism

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

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

+ 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 Iafelice, 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 +

Mary Ann D'Abbraccio, Jovita Esperenza Cedeno, Peter Manzione, John Spinelli

Spiritual Readings for the Week of September 27, 2020

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MARRIAGE BANNS

III. *Lisa Houston & Jacob Rodriguez*

III. *Giovanna Santiago & Jeremy Hoyfe*

I. *Jennifer Marie Grillo & Jesus Maldonado, III*

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family:

Due to COVID-19 and the lockdown there was no First Holy Communion in May, but we have rescheduled for October 17th. There will be a 9:30am Mass and 12:00 Noon Mass for the children who should have received First Communion in May. **Please note this is for the children who were not able to receive in May. We will have First Holy Communion in May 2021 for the upcoming First Communion class.**

On Saturday, October 17th the First Communion will only be open to the children receiving the Sacrament and their mother and father. No one else will be permitted to attend the First Communion, but the Mass will be live-streamed on our webpage. We are still in a serious time of pandemic and so we must follow the guidelines provided for everyone's health and safety. Please pray for our First Communion children and watch them receive Jesus for the first time online at home.

First Communion reminds all of us of the gift of receiving Jesus not only the first time but every Sunday. Our beloved St. Benedict's Parish is open and we are celebrating all the Masses each day and on Sunday. Needless to say, **social distancing and masks are required to be worn by everyone at all times when inside the Church.**

As a reminder, masks are to be over our nose and mouth not on our chin. The guidelines are clear and will be enforced at all times at St. Benedict's Parish. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy including your priests. Anyone not wearing a mask or not wearing it properly will be asked to wear the mask properly. However, if that request is refused the person will need to leave. I do not want nor like being the "mask police" but I am concerned for the health of everyone and will enforce the guidelines and directions given by my superiors at the Archdiocese. Therefore, I ask all of you to also follow the guidelines at all times.

Let us pray for an end to this pandemic and continue to ask God for the strength to remain diligent through this pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation.

Religious Education classes for all students will begin online beginning the second week of October. More details will be forthcoming.

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

Fr. Stephen P. Norton

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 2020 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. 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.

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 or contact Cecile: 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.

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WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, September 20, 2020 **\$6,833.00**
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 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.

StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com / 718-829-1200

May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Respectfully, Joann LaDisa, DRE

REMINDERS:

Baptisms

Sun., Sept. 27th 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

Sacro Cuore

Fri., Oct. 2nd at 12:00 Noon - Church
Social distancing, 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!

Priesthood Sunday - September 27, 2020

To Our Pastor Fr. Stephen Norton, our Parish Priest Fr. Christian Amah, and to Deacon Mike Salvatorelli and Deacon John Scott

On this special day, we pray for you, our priests, in praising God for your dedication and generosity. Please know of our loving care and gratitude for your presence in the life of St. Benedict's Parish. May God always bless you and your faithful ministry. Many, many thanks.

Please remember to pray for Vocations!

With love and prayers, Your Rectory Staff and Parish Family

The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.

Saint John Vianney

Pray for Our Priests,

**"He who honors a priest honors Christ;
He who insults a priest insults Christ"**

St. John Chrysostom

Prayer List For Our U.S. Servicemen and Women

U.S. Air Force: 1st Class Airman Eric Bosco, Lt. Col. Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. 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, 82nd 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, 1st 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. 1st 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

