

# *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:**

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### **CLERGY:**

Reverend Stephen P. Norton  
*Pastor*

Reverend Christian Amah  
*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli  
Deacon John Scott

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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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!**

## *Respect Life Month*



### **MASSES:**

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

**Tuesdays and Fridays in the Church from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm (see page 4 of this bulletin)**

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

**October 4, 2020**

### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

— *Philippians 4:6*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, October 4th**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday**

- 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

**MONDAY, October 5th**

**Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**

- 6:45 In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
- 8:30 Angela & Domenico Pirraglia

**TUESDAY, October 6th**

**St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher**

- 6:45 For the Advancement of the Cause of Canonization of Terence Cardinal Cooke
- 8:30 Marie Carroll

**WEDNESDAY, October 7th**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

- 6:45 John Freyne
- 8:30 Mary Elizabeth O’Neill

**THURSDAY, October 8th**

- 6:45 John Freyne
- 8:30 Anthony Buonaiuto

**FRIDAY, October 9th**

**St. Denis; St. John Leonardi**

- 6:45 In Thanksgiving to St. Jude
- 8:30 Herbert Cintron

**SATURDAY, October 10th**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:30 Deceased Members of the Aiello and Derasmo Families
- 4:00 Francesco D’Antonio

**SUNDAY, October 11th**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 St. Benedict’s Parish
- 8:00 Giovanni Boiano
- 9:30 Daniel Shea
- 11:00 Maria & Julio Lebron
- 7:00 Frank & Ellen Marie Dobbs

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of October 4, 2020:**

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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

*Francesca Ricco and Family*  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
*Ada Riccoboni “Rest in Peace”*

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

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| Joseph Abbate               | Elaine Marin            |
| Zobeida Almodovar           | Kenneth Marin           |
| Ramon G. Barreiro           | Ann Marro               |
| Anthony Battista            | Jenny Mauro             |
| Judy Berardinone            | Kevin McCarthy          |
| Kathleen Bowers             | Chris McPadden          |
| Eddie Braden                | Denise McPadden         |
| Apollonia & Wendelin        | Sue McVey               |
| Brenner                     | Kesnel Menard           |
| Walter Buddington           | Jose Mendez             |
| Amy Buscamonte              | Ann Monnelly            |
| Inez Cantamessa             | Rosa Munoz              |
| Anthony Carotenuto          | 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                  | Antoinette Roublick     |
| Francisco Fernandez         | Ashley Saucedo          |
| Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez | Ann Samhammer           |
| John Fernandez              | Dave Samhammer          |
| Mario Fidanza, Sr.          | 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            |

**+ 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 +**

Jovita Esperenza Cedeno, Maryann D’Abbraccio, Santiago Gomez, Ellen R. Kuhl, Cesare Recine, Angelina Russo, Gary Triano



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

**THIS WEEK’S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:**

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### ***From the Pastor:***

My Dear Parish Family:

October is Right to Life month and so I beg you to pray for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. I ask you to pray with me for all human beings. May Almighty God continue to allow all people to enjoy the freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness no matter what nationality, race, creed, color or whether female or male because we are all God's children and we must treat one another as sisters and brothers. Pray for Life!

We, as a parish family, will celebrate First Holy Communion in a few weeks and I ask the whole parish to pray for our First Communicants and their families. It will be a different First Communion because of COVID-19 which will only allow the Communicants and their parents to attend. This will be difficult for all their families and I am sure there will not be any big family gatherings after the First Communion because of the pandemic. However, all that is important is that these young girls and boys receive Jesus for the first time and that we pray they will receive Him often especially each Sunday for the rest of their lives. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is truly the Bread of Life to help us attain Heaven! Please join me in praying for our First Communion people and their families.

I regret that we will not have a blessing of the animals this year because of the pandemic. We live in a strange time in history and so we must continue to take all the necessary precautions. We will look forward to having the blessing of the animals in 2021. Sadly, after my Teddy died in April I was reluctant to get another dog, besides I still have Petite who is 13 years old. However, Bosco needed to be rescued and so about a month ago he came to live at the rectory. He is such a puppy and certainly needs a blessing! LOL! However, we will be together with our dogs, cats and other pets for a blessing next year.

We will resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays and Fridays beginning in October (please see the bulletin or webpage for details.) **Adoration will be in the Church (NOT THE CHAPEL)** from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm. The schedule is being abbreviated for now until we can see if this virus continues to spread as we enter into the fall and winter seasons. Kindly be patient with the process of coming back to Adoration. Obviously, I am inviting the entire parish to come to Adoration because prayer before the real presence of Jesus is essential for all of us, especially in a pandemic and with election season upon us. I pray we will return to our full schedule soon, but until then kindly come to pray in the Church on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm.

Finally, for this week's column, I have been encouraged to ask for an increased offering campaign for the parish. We have all been affected by this lockdown due to the pandemic, but I am asking, if it is possible, to please give a little more to our weekly collection. If you cannot at this time, please do not. The generosity of so many of you, especially during the lockdown, helped sustain us as a parish. We were able to pay our bills and pay the staff during a difficult time; thanks to all of you. I will never forget the generosity of this parish, but we still need your support. You may leave a donation in the box in the center aisle, drop your envelope at the front door of the rectory, or you can give online through our webpage at: **WeShare**. WeShare is easy and safe.

Thank you very much for all your prayers and financial support to our beloved St. Benedict's Parish. God bless you for your generosity!

Until next week, pray for the continued holiness of the priesthood! St. Benedict and Terence Cardinal Cooke, Servant of God pray for us!

***Fr. Stephen P. Norton***

## **Bereavement Support Group**

The Bereavement Support Group is a time for prayerful reflection, sharing one's grief journey, learning strategies for coping, and discovering that you are not alone as you begin to find healing and consolation. The Bereavement Support Group here at St. Benedict's will be in the Convent downstairs (1082 Edison Avenue) on Saturdays starting **Sat., Oct. 10th** from 11:00am-12:30pm. If interested, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, x101.

## **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!**

## **REMINDER (For Parents of Scheduled Baptisms:) *Fr. Stephen Norton is inviting you to a scheduled Baptism Instruction Zoom meeting as follows:***

**Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00pm**

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

**pwd=dU9NSDI1dXJnZ09Ndng3bUNZQTNBZz09**

**Meeting ID: 814 4897 1550**

**Pass code: Baptism**

## **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 27, 2020** \$7,084.42

### **50/50 WINNER:**

**Mr. & Mrs. James Schroeder** \$206.00

*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 the Fall 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., Oct. 4th and Sun., Oct, 11th at 11am Mass.**

**Social Distancing and You MUST wear a Mask**

### **Baptism Instructions Bereavement Group**

**Zoom (See page 3 of this bulletin)  
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**

## **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

## **ADORATION**

Adoration will resume every Tuesday and Friday **starting Tuesday, October 6th and Friday, Oct. 9th** from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm in the Church (**not the Chapel**) for the time being.

Please join us (**masks and social distancing is mandatory**) for some quiet and prayerful time with the Lord. We will expand the time in the future and return to the Adoration Chapel when circumstances allow.

## **RESPECT LIFE**

**If anyone is interested in joining the parish's Right to Life Ministry, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101**

## **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, 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, 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

