

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

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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!**



### **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:**

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

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

**November 22, 2020**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."**

— *Matthew 25:35*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, November 22nd**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
8:00 All the Souls that are deceased from the Corona Virus  
9:30 Michael Sysak  
11:00 Lorraine Borelli  
7:00 Elena Fino

**MONDAY, November 23rd**

**Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban;  
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro**

6:45 Joseph & Antoinette Felice  
8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

**TUESDAY, November 24th**

**St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc**

6:45 William J. Dinaso  
8:30 Michele & Giuseppina Scarola

**WEDNESDAY, November 25th**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria**

6:45 Alice Banker, Irene Ramberg and Nicholas Colandro  
8:30 Robert Chiappetta

**THURSDAY, November 26th**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

9:00 Special Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass

**FRIDAY, November 27th**

8:30 Josephine Alvarado

**SATURDAY, November 28th**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 Catherine Dunne  
4:00 Michael Landonio

**SUNDAY, November 29th**

**First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 Rosa Reina  
8:00 Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 Michael Sysak  
11:00 Michael DiMaggio  
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

**Second Collection** - Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Catholic Charities will direct the funds back to parishes and community-based organizations to fund local projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information about the collection can be found at: [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org)

**Saturday Bereavement Group**

There will be **NO** meeting on Sat., Nov. 28th  
We will **resume** the following Sat., Dec. 5th

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

*Loving Wife Lorraine, Children, and  
Grandchildren*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather*  
*Frank N. Parisi, Sr.*

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

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

**+ Babies/Children +**

Baby Amari, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, 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 +**

Andrew Conte, Rhonda VanDeren



**III. Daniele Marie Saccoccio  
and  
Anthony Joseph Mercurio**

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

*Her Loving Family*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Laura M. Patti*

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### *From the Pastor:*

My Dear Parish Family:

As our country, and in fact the whole world, begins to embrace the "holiday season" it will be a very different holiday for all of us due to COVID-19. However, some things do not change! We as Christians must remain steadfast in our resolve to celebrate this year even more so than in years past.

Thanksgiving was a day set aside for our country to stop and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us as a Nation. We usually feast with family and friends, perhaps, watch football or go out to get those "black Friday special savings." However, this year all that most likely must change. We may be tempted to lament this year being affected by the ongoing virus, but I am suggesting we rejoice in these changes during this holy season. We may not be able to have the entire family over for Thanksgiving Dinner, but we can still gather with a smaller amount of people and thank God for our families and our country. Perhaps, God is providing the opportunity to remember what Thanksgiving is truly all about - giving God thanks!

During Christmas, we may not be able to go to every "holiday party," but instead stop to recall the real reason for Christmas - the birth of the Saviour of the world. All the joy that is Christmas does not need to be diminished because of COVID-19. Sometimes we have "celebrated Christmas" so much during the season of Advent that by the time we actually get to Christmas Day we are looking to take down the tree and turn off the continuous playing of Jingle Bells. This year provides us with a unique chance to enjoy the spiritual blessings of Advent and Christmas.

Advent is a beautiful, holy and joyous season to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Word Made Flesh. Maybe God is providing us with a unique moment for each of us to slow down and prayerfully prepare for the celebration of our salvation. We should also remember that Christmas does not end on December 25th. Instead, the Church celebrates some beautiful holy days following December 25th. We will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Perhaps, the feast of the Holy Family provides us with the chance to rejoice and give thanks for our own family both living and deceased; we could perhaps re-dedicate our families to God before the beginning of 2021 on the feast of the Holy Family. Maybe we could plan a special family day as we recall the gift of the Holy Family. We will also celebrate Epiphany when we recall the visit of the Magi who brought gifts to the newborn Saviour. This year, perhaps, we can have the opportunity to celebrate Epiphany by recalling all the many gifts of family and faith that we have in our lives. **No virus can stop us from celebrating the gift of God in our lives and in the world.**

However, I am not proposing that God wants us to be lockdown and endlessly wearing a facemask while keeping a distance from one another. However, I am suggesting that we can turn this trying time into a blessing as we pause to thank God for all that we have on Thanksgiving and to truly celebrate Advent and the fullness of the Christmas season. We may not have as many presents to buy or to be received, but recalling the gift of the Saviour of the world will enrich us abundantly now and into eternal life.

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

*Fr. Stephen P. Norton*

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Parish Manager (Phil Persico)	101	
Carole Janicki	102	
Carl Triano	117	

### **THANKSGIVING DAY (Thursday, November 26th)**

**Church Opens at 8:00am**

**NO**

**6:45am Mass**

**NO**

**8:30am Mass**

**9:00am**

**Special Thanksgiving Day Parish Mass**

**Rectory is CLOSED**

**If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403**

*Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners  
and families!*

*Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday!*

### **Friday, November 27th**

**Church Opens at 7:00am**

**NO 6:45am Mass**

**8:30am Mass ONLY**

**NO**

**Adoration**

**NO**

**Rosary**

**Rectory is CLOSED**

### **Saturday, November 28th**

**Business "As Usual"**

**Church**

**8:30am and 4:00pm Masses**

**Rectory is OPEN from 9:00am until 4:00pm**

### **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

It is that time of year again. If you would like to reserve Announced Masses, please complete the "blue" form that is in the back of the Church and return it to the rectory with your check. **The "blue" forms will be in the Church starting the weekend of Nov. 28th/29th. The Masses will be reserved from Jan. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.** The Masses will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

### **Spiritual Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020:**

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

*Thanksgiving (suggested):* Sir50:22-24; Ps145:2-11; 1Cor1:3-9; Lk17:11-19

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



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**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, November 15, 2020 \$**

**50/50 WINNER:**

*This bulletin was sent earlier than usual. Therefore, the collection will be in another bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!*

**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**

All remote learning classes have begun and are 45 minutes once a week. The teachers will give all work and collect work remotely. Classes include prayer time, lessons, and activities. I am continuing to accept 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 Mass in our Church (see the front cover of this bulletin for the Masses.)

**RE (CCD) NEW OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 9am until 2pm

Every Wednesday from 2pm until 6pm

Every Thursday from 9am until 2pm

Every Sunday from 10am until 2pm

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

[StBenedictREdu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictREdu@gmail.com) / 718-829-1200

God Bless you and keep you safe.

Respectfully, Joann LaDisa, DRE

**Please Note: Thanksgiving break will be from Nov. 19th until Nov. 28th**

**REMINDERS:**

**Baptisms**

Sun., Nov. 22nd and Sun., Nov. 29th at 11am Mass. You must maintain social distancing and You MUST wear a Mask

**NO Bereavement Group on Saturday, November 28th**

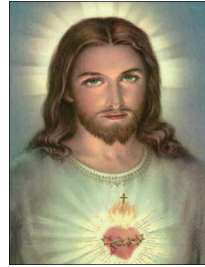
**We will resume Saturday, Dec. 5th**

**Christmas Bereavement Service**

Sun., Dec. 13th at 3:00pm in Church (See page 4) You must maintain social distancing 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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for Friday, November 27th, Day AFTER Thanksgiving



We have Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday and Friday 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.

**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:** Lt. Commander 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

**Christmas Bereavement Service**

**Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 3:00pm in the Church**

Come and honor your loved one this year (or in recent times) and pray for them and all of God's people. Please write a letter to your loved one and bring it with you.

