

# *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"

**RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-718-828-3403**  
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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

Tel: 1-718-829-9557

Fax: 1-718-319-1898

Website:

<http://www.stbenedictschoolbx.org>

### **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:**

**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

**December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill  
shall be made low.

— *Isaiah 40:4*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent**

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
8:00 Pietro Piacquadio  
9:30 MaryAnn D'Abbraccio  
11:00 Angela Berger  
7:00 Michael Landonio

**MONDAY, December 7th**

**St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

6:45 Michael Linder  
8:30 MaryAnn D'Abbraccio  
7:00pm Bishop Edmund Whalen "Living Intention"

**TUESDAY, December 8th**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:45 Carmela & Franco Mazzella  
8:30 Mary Brogan  
12:00 Noon James Conniff

**WEDNESDAY, December 9th**

**St. Juan Diego**

6:45 Michael Linder  
8:30 Geraldine & Al Carra

**THURSDAY, December 10th**

**International Human Rights Day**

6:45 Joseph DeSimone  
8:30 Gary Triano

**FRIDAY, December 11th**

**St. Damasus I**

6:45 Cindy Serino  
8:30 Frederick J. Ludwig

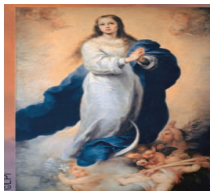
**SATURDAY, December 12th**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 John O'Connell  
4:00 Living and Deceased Members of the Wilfinger Family

**SUNDAY, December 13th, Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00 Louis S. Dinio  
8:00 Salvatore Giancarli  
9:30 Lena Tartaglione and Aniello Fabozzi  
11:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
7:00 Marie & William Carroll



**Immaculate Conception**  
of the  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
December 8

**RECTORY**

The Rectory will be **CLOSED** Tuesday, December 8th in observance of "The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary." We will re-open Wednesday, December 9th at 9:00am.

If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403  
Have a Blessed and Safe Holyday!

**MASSES**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 7th 7:00pm  
Tuesday, December 8th 6:45am, 8:30am, 12:00 Noon

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

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

**RESPECT LIFE**

If anyone is interested in joining the parish's Right to Life Ministry, please call Gia at 646-247-5528.

**Second Collection**

There will be a second collection NEXT weekend for the "Retirement Fund for Religious." Thanking you in advance for your generosity.



**II. Nicole Potenzo & Richard Mandarin**

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### *From the Pastor:*

My Dear Parish Family:

We begin the second week of Advent. I once again invite all the members of the parish to an Advent Retreat to take place in your own homes and at your own pace. We began last week but if you did not have a chance to join our retreat last week you are warmly encouraged to begin this week. We are invited, as a parish family, to take advantage of the COVID-19 restrictions and slow down during these weeks of Advent. I am inviting you to join with me in prayer. Establishing a prayer time every day is not always easy because of all the real life activities that are part of all of our lives.

Our retreat format will be that I will give you a line from Scripture, invite you to quietly reflect on the Scripture and then close with slowly reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary and then use the prayer offered or to choose one of your own. The daily retreat will be 5 minutes and can be done anytime during the day that is best for you. Try to pray each day during the weeks of Advent. Just 5 minutes a day!

Let us begin by sitting in a chair with our feet firmly on the floor. Let your hands rest on your lap or the arm of the chair. Close your eyes and breath in and out. Become aware of your breathing and slow down. Allow all the distractions to take a break from your mind. If any thoughts or distractions come to your mind, ask God to remind you of them later and concentrate on your breathing - in and out, in and out, in and out. Say the name of JESUS with each breath.

This week we read about St. John the Baptist. Pray and ask St. John the Baptist to show you Jesus as he did for so many during his lifetime. Think of St. John the Baptist as you read from the prophet Isaiah:

***A voice cries out!***

***In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!***

Now read the scripture again, slowly. Ask God to help you to prepare a place in your heart for Jesus. Allow St. John the Baptist to prepare a pathway in your heart to recognize Jesus in your everyday life. Sit quietly for a minute or two. Then, pray an Our Father and Hail Mary. Thank God for the prayer time with the following prayer:

***God of power and mercy, help me create a clear path in my life for Jesus to come to me at Christmas. Allow me to hear the voice of St. John the Baptist to confess all my sins which prevent me from accepting you, sweet Jesus, as my Lord and Saviour. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!***  
***Amen.***

We will continue our retreat next week together, but in the meantime be assured I am praying for our parish families to have a peaceful Advent this year.

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

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

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

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

**Monday, December 7, 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**

### **Rectory Telephone #: 1-718-828-3403**

#### **Telephone Extensions:**

Fr. Stephen Norton	109
Fr. Christian Amah	112
Deacon Mike 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

### **STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE**

A prayer for strength is often needed during difficult times. Please remember that God is always here for us, to give us strength, guidance and lift our hearts when all seems hopeless.

### **PRAYING TO THE ANGELS**

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.  
St. Ambrose



### **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 are in the back of the Church. The Masses will be reserved from January 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 December 6, 2020:**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY, November 1, 2020	\$10,704.00
50/50 WINNER:	
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Grillo	\$116.00
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SUNDAY, November 15, 2020	\$8,122.00
50/50 WINNER:	
Ms. Danielle Janicki	\$116.00
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SUNDAY, November 22, 2020	\$7,797.31
50/50 WINNER:	
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Strivero	\$116.00
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SUNDAY, November 29, 2020	\$7,494.00

*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

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:

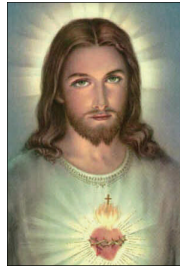
Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 9am until 2pm  
Every Wednesday from 2pm until 6pm  
Every Thursday from 9am until 2pm  
Every Sunday from 10am until 2pm

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 pray for all those that do not have anyone to pray for them. Many thanks.*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**NO Adoration and NO Rosary on Tuesday, December 8th in Observance of "The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary"**



We have **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Tuesday and Friday from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm (unless otherwise noted)** 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, Pvt. Matthew 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, Lieutenant Colonel 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- Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas

### REMINDERS:

**Baptisms**

**Sun., Dec. 6th and Sun., Dec. 13th at 11am Mass. You must maintain social distancing and you MUST wear a Mask**

**Immaculate Conception Tuesday, Dec. 8th**

**RECTORY CLOSED NO ADORATION NO ROSARY**

**Nar-Anon**

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

