

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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Website:

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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

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 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY, December 14th

St. John of the Cross

6:45 Anna Civarelli
8:30 Frank DiGiannantonio

TUESDAY, December 15th

6:45 Jean Valenti
8:30 Anna & Dominick Vigliotti

WEDNESDAY, December 16th

Las Posadas begins

6:45 Deceased Clergy of the Archdiocese of New York
8:30 Patrick J. O'Halloran

THURSDAY, December 17th

6:45 Antonio & Carmella Pepe
8:30 Olga Burnett

FRIDAY, December 18th

6:45 Carmella & Rocco Mastrandrea
8:30 Angela & Domenico Pirraglia

SATURDAY, December 19th

8:30 Thomas Gleason
4:00 Paula Diaz

SUNDAY, December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 Vincent & Laura Patti
8:00 Antonio Bolcini
9:30 Joseph Chiappetta
11:00 Angela Berger
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

Christmas Schedule 2020

Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Confession)
After 8:30am Mass (from 9:00am to 9:30am)

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00pm,
Mass at 10:00pm

Christmas Day 7:00am, 11:00am (both in English)
Please Note: NO 9:30am or 7:00pm Masses

Mass New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31, 2020
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Masses New Year's Day - January 1, 2021
6:45am, 8:30am, 12:00 Noon

You can find the above Mass Schedules and that of our other local parishes at our website: www.stbenedictchurchny.org

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

Eugine and Candida Tighe
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Vincent and Laura M. Patti

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	Christie Madonna Muccino
Carolyn Chiappetta	Rosa Munoz
Lillian Corrado	Maylee Roman Overman
Carlos Cruz	Lorraine Parisi
Tom Curran	Rob Passanisi
Vinny D'Amico	Pasquale Preziosa
Mike & Louis D'Annucci	Paolo Principe
Helen Pace Daversa	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
Tommy Lasorda	Thomas Vecchio
Elise Lawle	Antonio Vitiello
Frankie Lettera	Leeann Williams
Jessica Lettera	Paul Yeancades
LauMei Sheung Louie	Robert Ziehl
Louis	

+ 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

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

Barbara Altieri, Mirna Morales



III. Nicole Potenzo & Richard Mandarino

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Loving Wife Mary, Children, and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Frank DiGiannantonio

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family:

We embrace the third week of Advent. Next week will conclude our at-home parish retreat. I continue to invite all the members of the parish to our Advent Retreat to take place in your own homes and at your own pace. Even if you did not have a chance to join our retreat thus far, you are warmly encouraged to be with us 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 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 light the one pink candle in the midst of the purple candles on our Advent wreaths which reminds us that we are in a joyful preparation time. Despite the difficulties we are all embracing due to COVID-19 and other struggles, we are called to rejoice because the Savior is coming!

Our scripture passage is:

My soul rejoices in my God!

Now read the scripture again, slowly. Ask God to give you peace. Ask God to help you believe the truth that God loves you and is concerned for you now and always. 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:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope of Jesus' coming to be our Savior now and forever.

Amen!

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 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

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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

Reconciliation Monday

Find Peace through Forgiveness on Reconciliation Monday, December 21st. Our priests will hear confessions here from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Confessions are available in Churches at the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ!

You MUST maintain social distancing and you MUST wear a mask.



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!

Second Collection - There will be a second collection THIS weekend for the "Retirement Fund for Religious."

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

Spiritual Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020:

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep3:1-2, 9-13; Ps34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, December 6, 2020

\$7,091.00

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

A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

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

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/>

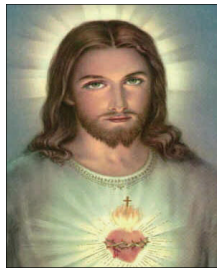
Along with Fr. Norton, our Pastor, please remember that Masses can be found each Sunday at 11:00am on our Parish webpage, or you may wish to attend Mass in our Church (see the front cover of this bulletin for the Masses.)

RE (CCD) 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.
StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com / 718-829-1200

God Bless you and keep you safe.
Respectfully, Joann LaDisa, DRE



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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: 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, Pvt. Matthew 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, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro, Reserves, Pvt. 1st 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. 13th and Sun., Dec. 20th at 11am Mass. **You must maintain social distancing and you MUST wear a Mask**
- Reconciliation Monday** Monday, December 21st from 4-8pm In the Church. **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**

