

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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*Masses for Christmas, the New Year and the
Rectory days/hours,
please see page 3 of this bulletin*

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M A S S E S:

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



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35

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Merry Christmas

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, December 21st

Winter begins

6:45 Jeanne Iurato
8:30 Gary Triano

TUESDAY, December 22nd

6:45 William J. Dinaso
8:30 Joseph DeFedele "Merry Christmas in Heaven"

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd

St. John of Kanty

6:45 Alice Banker, Irene Ramberg, and Nicholas Colandro
8:30 Michael Prince

THURSDAY, December 24th

The Vigil of Christmas

NO 6:45

8:30 John Bruno, Sr.
4:00 Christmas Novena
10:00 Christmas Novena

FRIDAY, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

NO 6:45

7:00 Christmas Novena
NO 9:30

11:00 Christmas Novena

NO 7:00pm

SATURDAY, December 26th

St. Stephen

8:30 Salvatore Garofalo
4:00 Christmas Novena

SUNDAY, December 27th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:00 Christmas Novena
8:00 Theresa & Antonio D'Abbraccio
9:30 Christmas Novena
11:00 Misael Vasquez
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

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 & you MUST wear a mask.

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	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 +
Vertuile Argilagos**

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 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!

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Loving Wife Linda, and Children Chris, Jenn and Liz

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Owen Patrick Faughnan

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family:

Now, we come to the fourth week of Advent and the conclusion of our at-home parish retreat. I 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 of 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.

The Annunciation is our focus this week. The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the Mother of Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world from the beginning of time until the end of time.

For nothing will be impossible for God!

It was true for a Virgin in a small town over two thousand years ago and it remains true for us living in the midst of a pandemic.

Now read the scripture again, slowly. Ask God to give your heart the joy of knowing no matter what Jesus loves you and is with you. 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 in Heaven help us to be like Mary. Help us to believe that nothing is impossible for you. Help us to remember you love us so much and have sent us your Son as our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever.

Amen!

I pray that this Advent season has been filled with peace for you and your family. Even if troubles continue to flood your heart and mind believe the truth that the Savior has come and lives forever for you and all whom you love.

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

Fr. Stephen P. Norton



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

Please Note: All Christmas Masses (except the 7:00am) will be live-streamed

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***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***

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

Eucharistic Adoration

There will NOT be Adoration on the following dates:

Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1, 2021

***Adoration will begin again starting
Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 12:00 Noon until
3:00pm in the Church***

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Christmas Eve	Open from 9:00am until 12:00pm
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Sat., Dec. 26th	CLOSED
New Year's Eve	Open from 9:00am until 12:00pm
New Year's Day	CLOSED
Sat., Jan. 2, 2021	Open from 9:00am until 4:00pm

***Merry Christmas and a Very
Blessed, Healthy & Happy New Year***

**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)

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Meeting ID: 814 4897 1550 Pass code: Baptism



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WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, December 13, 2020 \$

Due to the Christmas Holiday, this bulletin had to be sent earlier than usual.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

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:

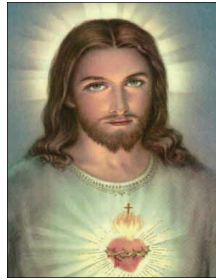
- Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 9am until 2pm
- Every Wednesday from 2pm until 6pm
- Every Thursday from 9am until 2pm
- Every Sunday from 10am until 2pm

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

Spiritual Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

- Monday:** Sg2:8-14 or Zep3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Friday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**NO Adoration
NO Rosary
on Christmas
Day and New
Year's Day**



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. 20th at the 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

