

# *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*

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

#### **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*

*The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



### **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 27, 2020 - Bulletin**

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Happy New Year 2021**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**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

**MONDAY, December 28th**

**The Holy Innocents**

- 6:45 Angelina Iorio *"Happy Birthday in Heaven"*
- 8:30 Christmas Novena

**TUESDAY, December 29th; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket**

- 6:45 Paula Diaz
- 8:30 Christmas Novena

**WEDNESDAY, December 30th; Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

- 6:45 Ronald Gremler
- 8:30 Mary Stenger

**THURSDAY, December 31st; Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve**

- 6:45 All Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 Josephine Feola
- 7:00pm Fr. Kenneth Marks and Deceased Family Members

**FRIDAY, January 1, 2021, The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday**

- 6:45 Deceased Members of the Kamocsai & Duane Families
- 8:30 Lorraine Nugent
- 12:00 Noon Angelina DelVecchio

**SATURDAY, January 2nd; Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday**

- 8:30 Cathy Masserano
- 4:00 Prisca Alamo

**SUNDAY, January 3rd**

- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
- 8:00 All Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 Fernando Ghiotti
- 11:00 All who have died from St. Benedict's during 2020
- 7:00 Patti Damm Schiafo Chucka



**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!**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 +  
Virginia Barbara**

**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!

**REMINDER (For Parents of Scheduled Baptisms:)**  
*Fr. Stephen Norton is inviting you to a scheduled Baptism Instruction Zoom meeting as follows:*  
**Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIUXR2MUVhZz09)  
[pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIUXR2MUVhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIUXR2MUVhZz09)

**Meeting ID: 820 5864 5489 Pass code: 474331**

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***From the Pastor:***

My Dear Parish Family:

Although for all of us Christmas was very different this year, nevertheless, the Savior has come! Jesus is the Savior of the whole world from the beginning of time until the end of time in good times of peace and during more difficult times like a pandemic. We rejoice as Catholic Christians because nothing can take away our faith. Jesus, the Word made flesh, now dwells among us. Let us pray for a healthy and happy New Year but let us always pray for a true belief in the promised Savior, Jesus, who lives with us forever.

The Church throughout the world celebrates Holy Family Sunday, when we remember Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were a family. Jesus, the Son of God, was obedient to Joseph and Mary. We need to pray for our children to learn to respect the gift of their parents and honor them always. We remember Joseph and Mary as parents. We pray for parents to be holy and watchful over their children, meeting not just their children's physical needs but more importantly their spiritual needs. Parents are called to raise their children to God by bringing them to Church each Sunday and Holy Days and to teach them to pray at home before meals and in the morning, as well as before bed. Children learn by example and for parents there is no better model than Joseph and Mary. Joseph and Mary were a married couple and so they are a perfect model for all husbands and wives to learn to love and respect one another all the days of their married life. I know that marriage is not always easy, but if we ask Joseph, Mary and Jesus to help and intercede for our marriages and our families we will have a greater peace and stronger lives together as a family. Let us pray that all the families of our parish will strive to be like the Holy Family.

Be assured that Fr. Christian, Deacon Michael, Deacon John Scott as well as myself, will hold you in our prayers as we begin the Year of Our Lord 2021. Thank you for your prayers, gifts and especially the baked goods that have lovingly come to the rectory. May God continue to bless His Church throughout the world, and in particular, our parish community.

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

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

***Please keep all Military, Police, Firefighters, and First Responders in your prayers!***

**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.***

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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



***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***

**Please Note: The 12:00 Noon Mass will be live streamed**

You can find the above Mass Schedules, and that of our other local parishes, on our website: [www.stbenedictchurchny.org](http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org)



There will **NOT** be Eucharistic Adoration on:

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

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

**RECTORY**

<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>Open from 9:00am until 12:00pm</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sat., Jan. 2, 2021</b>	<b>Open from 9:00am until 4:00pm</b>

***Blessed, Healthy & Happy New Year***

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**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, December 13, 2020 \$7,844.80**

*Due to the New Year 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](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**

**Classes resume as follows:**

- **Sunday, January 3, 2021**
- **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**You are in our prayers.**

**Have a Blessed, Safe, and Happy New 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.

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

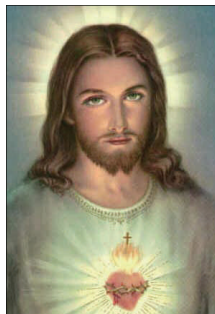
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**NO Adoration  
NO Rosary  
on New Year's Day  
(Fri., Jan. 1st)**



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. 20th and Sun., Jan. 3rd at the 11am Mass.**

**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**

