

# *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:**

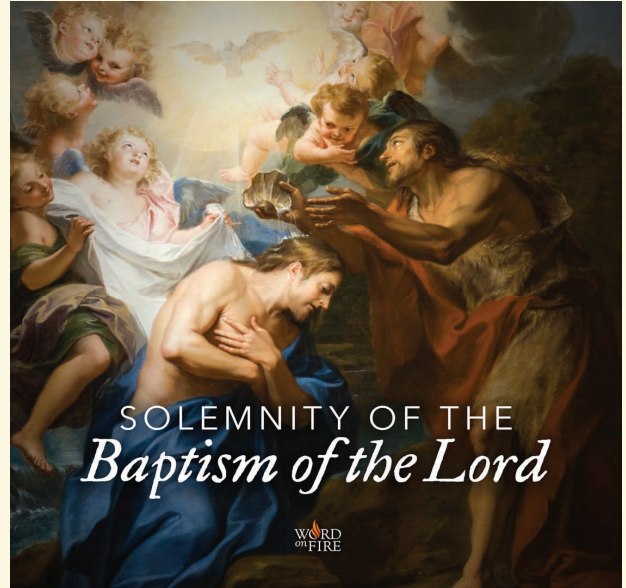
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Mrs. Anne Myers, *Director of Music*

## *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

### **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!*

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**The Baptism of the Lord**

**All you who are thirsty, come to the water!**

— *Isaiah 55:1*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, January 10th**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

- 7:00 All Souls in Purgatory
- 8:00 MaryAnn & Anthony D'Abbraccio
- 9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
- 11:00 John Anthony Delgado
- 7:00 Clergy of St. Benedict's Parish *"Living Intention"*

**MONDAY, January 11th**

**First Week in Ordinary Time begins**

- 6:45 Antonio & Pasqua Paolo
- 8:30 Lorraine Nugent

**TUESDAY, January 12th**

- 6:45 Carlos Mejia
- 8:30 Mary Elizabeth O'Neill

**WEDNESDAY, January 13th**

**St. Hilary**

- 6:45 Maureen Fitzgerald
- 8:30 Christopher Rouch

**THURSDAY, January 14th**

- 6:45 All the Souls that are deceased from the Corona Virus
- 8:30 Deceased and Living Members of the Merluccio Family

**FRIDAY, January 15th**

- 6:45 William L. Carter
- 8:30 Michelle & Mary DeBartolo

**SATURDAY, January 16th**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:30 Addolorata Iaffaldano
- 4:00 John Anthony Delgado

**SUNDAY, January 17th**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Louis S. Dinio
- 8:00 All Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
- 11:00 Silvester Senzamici
- 7:00 Deceased Priests from the Archdiocese of New York



**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a **Second Collection THIS weekend** for Catholic Communications Campaign and The Catholic University of America. Thanking you in advance for your support and generosity.

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

**THEIR LOVING CHILDREN:**

*Gail & Matty Gleason and Family*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR PARENTS:**

*Joseph & Mary Orosz and*

*Thomas & Kathleen Gleason*

**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           | Antonia Maria Melendez   |
| Amy Buscamonte              | Kesnel Menard            |
| Inez Cantamessa             | Jose Mendez              |
| Carolyn Chiappetta          | Christie Madonna Muccino |
| Lillian Corrado             | Rosa Munoz               |
| Carlos Cruz                 | Maylee Roman Overman     |
| Tom Curran                  | Lorraine Parisi          |
| Vinny D'Amico               | Rob Passanisi            |
| Mike & Louis D'Annucci      | Pasquale Preziosa        |
| Helen Pace Daversa          | Paolo Principe           |
| Carla DeCicco               | Kim Rappold              |
| Sean Fagan                  | Phillip 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 Yeancades           |
| Louis                       | 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

**+ Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of our Parish and their Grieving Families +**  
**Neisy Gonzalez, Joseph Russo, Patricia Tosi**

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

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

**THEIR LOVING:**

*D'Abbraccio Family*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

*MaryAnn & Anthony D'Abbraccio*

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### *From the Pastor:*

My Dear Parish Family,

This weekend officially ends the Christmas Season with the Baptism of Our Lord, Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. It is a day to thank God for our own Baptism and perhaps to pray for the priest or deacon who baptized you, even if you do not know or remember his name. Becoming a child of God through Baptism is an awesome gift - a gift that will bring us into eternal life and so, praise God for the gift of Baptism!

Until next week, peace and prayers!  
St. Benedict, pray for us. Servant of God, Terence Cardinal Cooke, pray for us.

*Fr. Stephen P. Norton*

### **A Prayer for the New Year**

Blessed Lord, as we prepare to leave one year behind and start on a new one, we thank you for making all things new and fresh. We thank you for what you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the challenges, for they all remind us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every day.

We pray for your spirit to lead us each step of this new year. We ask you to guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you keep our footsteps firm and on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful.

Help us to be generous and kind. Help us to look to the needs of others, and not be consumed by only our own needs and desires. May we be lovers of truth, and may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives—your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us, this day and every day.

Through Christ our Lord: Amen!

### **RECTORY**

The Rectory will be **CLOSED** Monday, January 18th in **Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**. We will re-open Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00am. If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403.

**Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday!**

### **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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#### **Telephone Extensions:**

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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

### **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**

We are 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/>

Sunday Mass at 11:00am can be found on our Parish webpage, or you can attend Mass in our Church (see *the front cover of the bulletin for the Masses*.)

#### **RE (CCD) Office Hours:**

- 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

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at: [StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com) or 718-829-1200.

God Bless you, Joann LaDisa, DRE

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

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

**Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NRTlUUR2MUVhZz09)

**pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NRTlUUR2MUVhZz09**

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

### **Spiritual Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021**

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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### WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020 \$6,977.00

#### 50/50 WINNERS:

The Mahony Family (12/06/20) \$125.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whelan (12/27/20) \$125.00

SUNDAY, January 3, 2021 \$8,464.00

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

### THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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### A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

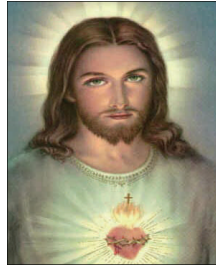
Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

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.

### RESPECT LIFE

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



### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Class Airman Eric Bosco, Lt. Col. Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgr. 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., Jan. 10th and Sun., Jan. 24th at the 11am Mass. **You must maintain social distancing; you MUST wear a Mask**

#### **NO Baptisms**

Sunday, January 17th

#### **Nar-Anon**

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

