

# *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:**

Mr. Ray Vitiello, *School Principal*

Ms. Joann LaDisa, *Religious Education Office - School*

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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!*

## **January 17, 2021 - Bulletin** **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, January 17th**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Louis S. Dinino  
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

**MONDAY, January 18th**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary  
8:30 Benny & Rosa Mastrandrea and Family

**TUESDAY, January 19th**

6:45 Yahaira Ortiz-Gutierrez  
8:30 Daniel Shea

**WEDNESDAY, January 20th**

**St. Fabian; St. Sebastian**

6:45 Martha Gutierrez  
8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

**THURSDAY, January 21st**

**St. Agnes**

6:45 John Freyne  
8:30 Aiello and Derasmo Families

**FRIDAY, January 22nd**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

6:45 Special Intention  
8:30 William Dyer

**SATURDAY, January 23rd**

**St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope**

8:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
4:00 Angela Berger

**SUNDAY, January 24th**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Theresa Hannon Raleigh  
8:00 Francesco Chiodi  
9:30 Barbara Bartolatta "2nd Anniversary in Heaven"  
11:00 Gianpiero Bianco  
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

**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=L2FHM1Y2VTpU0NNRTlIUXR2MUVhZz09)  
[pwd=L2FHM1Y2VTpU0NNRTlIUXR2MUVhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VTpU0NNRTlIUXR2MUVhZz09)  
**Meeting ID: 820 5864 5489 Pass code: 474331**

**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!**

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

**+ Babies/Children +**  
Baby Amari, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Olivia lafelice, 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 +**  
Charles Brancati, Vincent Carotenuto, Felix Diaz, Joseph E. Gearity, Anna Longhitano, Angel Negrin, Jr., Fulvio Prencis

**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:**  
*His Loving Wife Lorraine, Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Frank N. Parisi, Sr.*  
*Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather*

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**From the Pastor:**

My Dear Parish Family,

Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend! I hope we will be able to honor the ideals and vision of Dr. King for peace and justice for all God's children. Our world seems to be so filled with hatred that this weekend provides us with the perfect time to pray for peace. Although it may seem like a distant memory, but it was really only a few short weeks ago that we celebrated the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. What better gift could we possibly ask of Almighty God than peace in the world, not just at Christmas time, but throughout the year.

Dr. King, one of my favorite and most admired Americans, calls us to pray for peace. His voice still echoes throughout our country to remember no matter what the color of our skin or where we were born, we are all children of God. There is so much violence in the world, but let us not forget that peace begins with me! In our beloved country there are still too many children, women, the elderly and so many others caught up in a violent existence. Prayer is a powerful weapon and God will hear every voice, every whisper of prayer we make for peace. So, please join me in begging the Prince of Peace to come again into our world that all God's children will know peace in their lifetime!

As a reminder, masks are to be over our nose and mouth, NOT on our chin. The guidelines are clear and will be enforced at all times at St. Benedict's Parish. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy including your priests. Anyone not wearing a mask or not wearing it properly will be asked to wear the mask properly. However, if that request is refused the person will need to leave. I do not want nor like being the "mask police" but I am concerned for the health of everyone and will enforce the guidelines and directions given by my superiors at the Archdiocese. Therefore, I ask all of you to also follow the guidelines at all times.

Let us pray for an end to this pandemic and continue to ask God for the strength to remain diligent through this very difficult time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

*Fr. Stephen P. Norton*

**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.

**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: [StBenedictREdu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictREdu@gmail.com) or 718-829-1200. God Bless you, Joann LaDisa, DRE

The following are important dates regarding sacraments:

- Confirmation:** March 13th
- First Penance:** April 17th
- First Holy Communion:** May 1st

**Archdiocese of New York - Respect Life Office**

Please promote this to your friends and keep the spiritual fruitfulness of this effort for Life in your prayers.

**Every 3rd Saturday of the month!**

**Witness for Life: Bronx** - St. Anselm and St. Roch Church, 685 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY at 8:00am Mass and Procession.

Come witness to the sanctity of life and pray for an end to abortion. Join us for Mass and a peaceful rosary procession to Dr. Emily's abortion clinic.

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of January 17, 2021**

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, January 10, 2021 \$10,821.00**

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

**NYC Health + Hospitals - Bronx Testing Sites\***

**Days and times vary**

Testing is available to those age 2 and older, unless otherwise indicated.

**North Central Bronx Hospital, Bronx, NY 10467**

Appointments: 844-692-4692, Gen. Info 718-918-5700  
Monday-Sun: 8:30am-4:30pm

**Jacobi Hospital, Bronx, NY 10461**

718-918-5000, Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm, Sat-Sun 9:00am-3:30pm

**Co-op City Retail Space, 105 Dreiser Loop, Bronx, NY 10475**

Mon-Sun 9:00am-7:00pm

**Mobile Testing, Partner Sites (Age 4 and older)**

**Days vary. Testing Hours: 8:00am-7:00pm**

**NYCHA Castle Hill Houses, 2144 Seward Ave., Bx, NY 10473**

\*There are copies in the Church for additional Bronx sites and also on our website at: [www.stbenedictchurchny.org](http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org)

For a full list, please go to: [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest) or call 212-COVID19.

**TO FIND TESTING SITES ACROSS NYC:**

**Call 212-COVID19 or go to: [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest)**

**A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask**

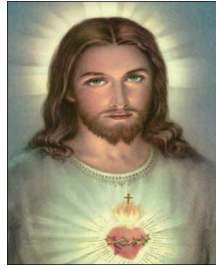
Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

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.

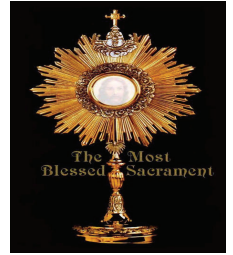
Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

**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, 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 Jimenez, 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. 24th and Sun., Jan. 31st at the 11am Mass.**

**You must maintain social distancing; you MUST wear a Mask**

**NO Baptisms**

**Sunday, January 17th**

**Baptism Instructions**

**Mon., Jan. 18th (see page 2)**

**Rectory CLOSED**

**Mon., Jan. 18th**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Holiday**

**Nar-Anon**

**Wednesdays from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in the Convent upstairs.**

**Social distancing, no refreshments and you MUST wear a Mask**

