

# *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 24, 2021 - Bulletin** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— *Mark 1:15*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, January 24th**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00	Theresa Hannon Raleigh	
8:00	Francesco Chioldi	
9:30	Barbara Bartolatta	<b>"2nd Anniversary in Heaven"</b>
11:00	Gianpiero Bianco	
7:00	Matthew Genovese	

**MONDAY, January 25th**

**The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

6:45	Patricia Zayas	<b>"1st Anniversary in Heaven"</b>
8:30	Michele & Giuseppina Scarola	

**TUESDAY, January 26th**

**Ss. Timothy and Titus**

6:45	Ann Monnelly	
8:30	Deceased Members of the Webster & McGuire Families	

**WEDNESDAY, January 27th**

**St. Angela Merici**

6:45	St. Benedict's Parish	
8:30	Roman Kaminski	

**THURSDAY, January 28th**

**St. Thomas Aquinas**

6:45	Souls in Purgatory	
8:30	Gary Triano	

**FRIDAY, January 29th**

6:45	Gladys Passarelli	<b>"1st Anniversary in Heaven"</b>
8:30	Jerry Komaniak	

**SATURDAY, January 30th**

8:30	Andrew Skiko	
4:00	St. Benedict's Parish	

**SUNDAY, January 31st**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00	Deceased Members of the Scorese Family	
8:00	MaryAnn D'Abbraccio	
9:30	Angela Berger	
11:00	Giacinto & Maria Ferrara	
7:00	Louis M. Giuliano	

**REMINDER (For Parents of Scheduled Baptisms:)**  
*Fr. Stephen Norton is inviting you to a scheduled Baptism Instruction Zoom meeting as follows:*  
**Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm**  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHMTY2VTpU0NNRTlUUR2MUVhZz09)  
 pwd=L2FHMTY2VTpU0NNRTlUUR2MUVhZz09  
**Meeting ID: 820 5864 5489 Pass code: 474331**

**THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:**  
***Diana Mannarino and Family***  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
***Silvester Senzamici***

**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
Apollonia & Wendelin Brenner	Chris McPadden
Walter Buddington	Denise McPadden
Amy Buscamonte	Sue McVey
Inez Cantamessa	Kesnel Menard
Carolyn Chiappetta	Jose Mendez
Lillian Corrado	Christie Madonna Muccino
Carlos Cruz	Rosa Munoz
Tom Curran	Maylee Roman Overman
Vinny D'Amico	Lorraine Parisi
Mike & Louis D'Annuncci	Rob Passanisi
Helen Pace Daversa	Pasquale Preziosa
Carla DeCicco	Paolo Principe
Sean Fagan	Kim Rappold
Francisco Fernandez	Phillip Rebia
Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez	Phillip Rivera
John Fernandez	Antonette Roublick
Mario Fidanza, Sr.	Ashley Saucedo
David Fisher	Ann Samhammer
Diane Freitas	Dave Samhammer
Debra Ann Garcia	Margaret Geddis Schmidt
Marion Gruber	Kathy Selvaggio
Eileen Jennings	Nina Serpati
Edward Kennedy	Robert Siniscalchi
Daniel Kundig	Maria Soto
Elise Lawle	Ronald Stanton
Frankie Lettera	Theresa Stanton
Jessica Lettera	Pasquale Tartaglione
LauMei Sheung Louie	Thomas Vecchio
Louis	Antonio Vitiello
	Leeann Williams
	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 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 +**  
**Salvatore Catalano, Charles Giardino, Joseph Panarese, John Eric Riggs**

**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,

Everyone says it and it is true - St. Benedict's Church is beautiful! I know we are all so grateful to Fr. Albert (*may he rest in peace*) for designing and building such an amazing Church. Whether during Christmas, Easter or during ordinary times of the Church year, St. Benedict's stands out as a magnificent structure. We still need to get work done on our ceiling as the paint is peeling in a few places, but we will continue to maintain our Church so that it may remain the beautiful house of prayer it has always been. Recently, we acquired more votive candles to replace the worn out electric candles. There is something nice about actually lighting a candle in Church. We have two more racks to replace throughout the Church and then we will have all actual candles. I am looking into replacing the perpetual candles as they are also old but I have not found any nice looking permanent lighted candles yet. I will keep looking.

Another nice aspect of this Church are our statues. We have Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony along with Padre Pio, to name just a few. I am respectfully asking that we stop putting petition papers into the fingers of the statues because they are being broken. The fingers on a statue can only be repaired so often before they become un-repairable. You will notice that we have placed a basket in front of some of our most popular statues for your petitions and prayers. The basket is not for money. Please continue to place your donations into the locked donation box. This is for safety reasons. The basket is for your prayers. Fr. Christian and I will take the baskets at least once a week to place them upon the altar so that all your prayer requests may be offered during a weekday Mass. After the Mass we will empty the basket and return it to the statue for your upcoming weekly prayer requests to our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony. *However, once again, I am begging you not to put any more prayer requests into the fingers of the statues because of possible damage being done to the statues.* If I fail to place a basket at your favorite statue kindly let me know and I will take care of getting a basket for that statue. We will begin with the baskets at Our Blessed Mother, St. Anthony, Padre Pio and St. Jude.

Thank you for your faithfulness to our Saints and thank you for helping to keep our beloved St. Benedict's Church beautiful!

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

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

### **March For Life - January 29th**

We regret to share with you that the in-person **March for Life** has been officially cancelled. The event will take place in a modified-form virtually. We will no longer be taking a bus trip to Washington, D.C. this year. If you want to participate in the virtual March For Life, please go to:

**[archny.org/march-for-life](http://archny.org/march-for-life)**

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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 **2021-2022** 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:

<b>Confirmation:</b>	March 13th
<b>First Penance:</b>	April 17th
<b>First Holy Communion:</b>	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 24, 2021**

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

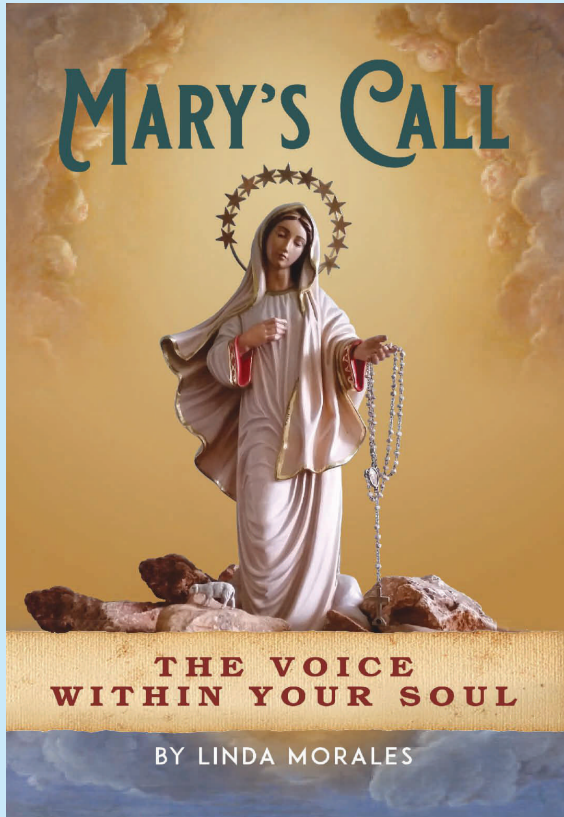


**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, January 17, 2021**

**\$7,061.00**

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



***Book, Mary's Call:  
The Voice Within Your Soul  
by Linda Morales***

In an excerpt from the book it describes:

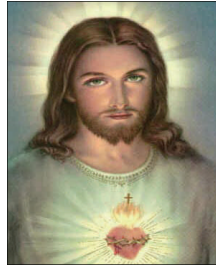
*"I awoke in the night and heard the voice of the Blessed Mother Mary. "My Child," she said, "I am the voice within your soul. Awaken and give your life to God the Almighty, who knows what you need and has a purpose just for you. Obey, my child. Surrender to my love. Follow him. Pray. I bless you, Your Mother."*

In these pages Morales shares the messages with you, hoping each day's inspiration helps you. Hear the voice within your soul as the Blessed Mother Mary brings you peace from heaven. Embark on your own journey with her and rediscover the love of her son, Jesus Christ. Feel new joy as you come to believe that God truly does exist.

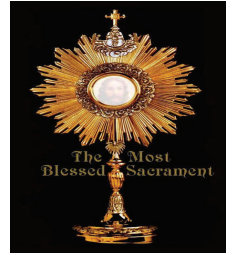
The Blessed Mother lets us know God really does exist! May she bring peace in your heart today and always!

Foreword written by Father Richard Bretone.

Now available at St. Benedict's Rectory (\$15.00) as well as on Amazon at: [www.amazon.com/books](http://www.amazon.com/books)



**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. 31st and Sun., Feb. 7th at the 11am Mass.**

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

**Baptism Instructions**

**Mon., Feb. 1st (see page 2)**

**Sacro Cuore**

**Fri., Feb. 5th—12:00 Noon - Church**

**NO Baptisms**

**Sunday, Feb. 14th**

**Nar-Anon**

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

