

# *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

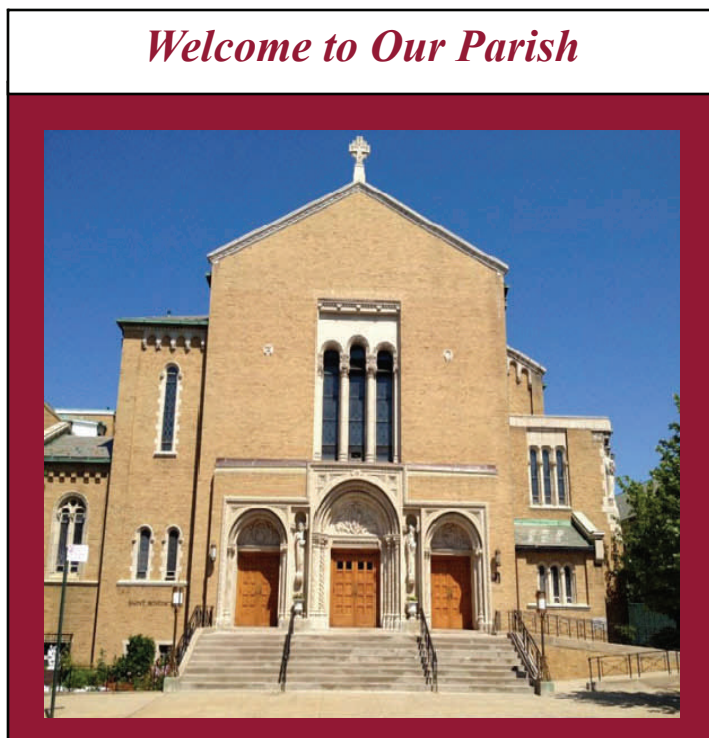
### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Mr. Ray Vitiello, *School Principal*

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

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Mrs. Anne Myers, *Director of Music*



### **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: Canceled 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 31, 2021 - Bulletin**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD  
who made us.**

— *Psalm 95:6*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, January 31st**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week**

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

**MONDAY, February 1st**

6:45 Souls in Purgatory  
8:30 Living Members of the Festo Family

**TUESDAY, February 2nd**

**The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles;  
Groundhog Day**

6:45 For the people that have the Corona Virus  
"Living Intention"  
8:30 Addolorata Iaffaldano

**WEDNESDAY, February 3rd**

**St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats**

6:45 Souls in Purgatory  
8:30 Catherine Dunne

**THURSDAY, February 4th**

6:45 All the Souls that are deceased from the Corona Virus  
8:30 Paul Turdely

**FRIDAY, February 5th**

**St. Agatha; First Friday**

6:45 Special Intention  
8:30 St. Benedict's School

**SATURDAY, February 6th**

**St. Paul Miki; First Saturday**

8:30 Anna & Dominick Vigliotti  
4:00 Elida Torres

**SUNDAY, February 7th**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Louis S. Dinino  
8:00 Abbondanza Piacquadio  
9:30 Maria LaVia  
11:00 The Four Chaplains  
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

**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.*

**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=L2FHM1Y2VTpU0NNRTlUxR2MUVhZz09)

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

**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	Chris McPadden
Brenner	Denise McPadden
Walter Buddington	Sue McVey
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'Annuncci	Pasquale Preziosa
Helen Pace Daversa	Paolo Principe
Carla DeCicco	Kim Rappold
David DeFedele	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
Debra Ann Garcia	Nina Serpati
Marion Gruber	Robert Siniscalchi
Eileen Jennings	Maria Soto
Edward Kennedy	Ronald Stanton
Daniel Kundig	Theresa Stanton
Elise Lawle	Pasquale Tartaglione
Frankie Lettera	Thomas Vecchio
Jessica Lettera	Antonio Vitiello
LauMei Sheung Louie	Leeann Williams
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 +**

**Joseph Alongi, Maria Catalanotto,  
Margaret Giangregorio, Robert Guzzola, Jr.  
Theresa Kunze, Luis Sampoll**

- *Please keep all Military, Police, Firefighters, and First Responders in your prayers!*
- *Please pray for all those that do not have anyone to pray for them.*

**Thank you and God Bless you!**

**We Need Your Help! 718-828-3403, Ext. 101**

If you moved or if you are going to move, please contact the rectory and let us know. If you know of someone that has moved, please let us know. It is very important that our records are up-to-date. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

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**From the Pastor:**

My Dear Parish Family,

I am sure you are as tired of COVID-19 and hearing about it as I am, but it is still very real and we must take it very, very seriously. Therefore, this year we will **not** be giving individual throat blessings for the Feast of St. Blaise. I am disappointed because it is a wonderful Catholic tradition that I like, but we cannot give out this blessing to everyone individually this year. Fr. Christian and I will give out a general blessing to everyone at the end of the Masses on the weekend of February 7th (the actual feast day is February 3rd.) Again, **no individual blessings will be offered this year at St. Benedict's.**

Believe it or not the beautiful season of Lent will be upon us soon. Ash Wednesday is mid-February and obviously due to COVID-19 the distribution of ashes will be very different this year. First, allow me to remind everyone that none of us "need to receive ashes." In other words, it is not a sin if you do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. I remind everyone that missing Mass on Sunday is a sin and should be confessed before receiving Communion again, but receiving ashes is not the same. Ashes on our forehead is a sacramental that should remind us about the season of penance we are embracing during Lent. It is a change of our hearts that is important, not the outward sign of ashes on our forehead. Pope Francis has come out with new directives for this year's distribution of ashes and the Bishops of the United States have also provided some directions and guidance regarding Ash Wednesday. The Pope allows the priest to sprinkle the ashes on the top of the head providing no touching by the priest. The Bishops have suggested that we place the ashes on the forehead of people without saying anything so as to move everyone along as quickly as possible and that the priest should wash his hands after every person who comes for ashes. Honestly, I am still unsure which direction we will follow but I will let you know as soon as Fr. Christian and I make a decision. Please know we will not have the distribution of ashes the same way it has been in the past here at St. Benedict's but we should also remember that receiving ashes is not necessary. Embracing the season of Lent, going to Confession and attending Mass regularly are what the Church invites us to do during Lent and always.

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

*Fr. Stephen Norton*

**Blessing of the Throats  
St. Blaise - Wednesday, February 3rd**

Due to COVID-19, the **Blessing of the Throats** will be different this year. At the end of all the Masses on the weekend of February 7th we will give out a general blessing to everyone. The **general blessing** will also be given out after the 2 Masses on the Feast Day of St. Blaise, Wed., Feb. 3rd.

***NO individual Blessings will be given out this year here at St. Benedict's Church!***

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**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.**

**The Archdiocese of New York** - "The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at: <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day."

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021**

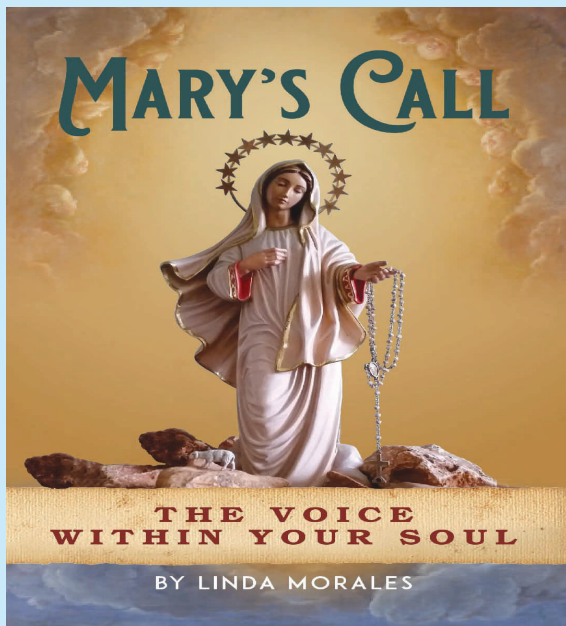
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, January 24, 2021**

**\$5,897.00**

*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."*

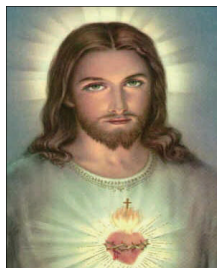
In these pages Morales shares the messages with you, hoping each day's inspiration helps you. Hear the voice within your soul as the Blessed Mother Mary brings you peace from heaven. Embark on your own journey with her and rediscover the love of her son, Jesus Christ. Feel new joy as you come to believe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

**Advocates of Life** - The Advocates of Life are resuming prayer vigils every Saturday at 12:00 Noon in front of the Yonkers Planned Parenthood, 22 South Broadway. We will assemble prayerfully and peacefully to pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy! Our time outside the abortion facility will save lives. The only time we would not meet is if there is a major snowstorm. Over 30 people, including the wonderful Sisters of Life took part in the Yonkers vigil last weekend. It was beautiful and prayerful. Thank you for caring and for your support! [advocatesoflife@optonline.net](mailto:advocatesoflife@optonline.net)



**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 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., Feb. 7th, and Sun., Feb. 21st at the 11am Mass.**

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

**Baptism Instructions**

**Mon., Feb. 1st Zoom (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**

