

# *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

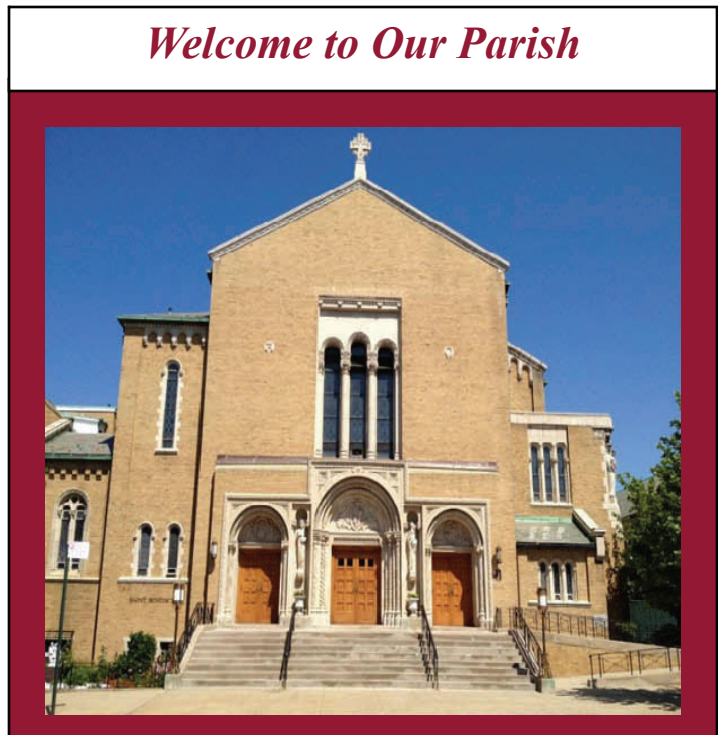
### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Mr. Ray Vitiello, *School Principal*

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

1-718-829-1200 or: [StBenedictRELEdu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictRELEdu@gmail.com)

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!*

**February 7, 2021 - Bulletin**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.**

— *Psalm 147:4*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, February 7th**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday**

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

**MONDAY, February 8th**

**St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking**

- 6:45 Mercedes Mejia De Liza
- 8:30 Michael Tedeschi, Jr.

**TUESDAY, February 9th**

- 6:45 John Freyne
- 8:30 Owen Patrick Faughnan  
"10th Anniversary In Heaven"

**WEDNESDAY, February 10th**

**St. Scholastica**

- 6:45 Eileen Fitzpatrick
- 8:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Capra Family

**THURSDAY, February 11th**

**Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick**

- 6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 8:30 Martin Halpern

**FRIDAY, February 12th**

**Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**

- 6:45 Rosina & Guiseppe Presta and Family
- 8:30 Robert Moruzin  
"5th Anniversary In Heaven"

**SATURDAY, February 13th**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:30 Margaret & Lester Kamocsai
- 4:00 Elisa Perrino and Antonio Palumbo

**SUNDAY, February 14th**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 Pasqua & Antonio Paolo
- 8:00 MaryAnn & Anthony D'Abbraccio
- 9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
- 11:00 Marc DeLuca
- 7:00 Mary Johnson

**The Bereavement Group will be starting Saturday, March 6th from 11:00am until 12:30pm in the Convent, Edison Avenue. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101.**

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

*The Almodovar and Chin Families*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

*Marisol E. Almodovar*

**Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!  
May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!**

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| 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           |
| 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'Annuncci     | Paolo Principe           |
| Carla DeCicco               | Kim Rappold              |
| Sean Fagan                  | Philip 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  |
| Debra Ann Garcia            | Kathy Selvaggio          |
| Marion Gruber               | Nina Serpati             |
| Eileen Jennings             | Robert Siniscalchi       |
| Edward Kennedy              | Maria Soto               |
| Daniel Kundig               | Ronald Stanton           |
| Elise Lawle                 | Theresa Stanton          |
| Frankie Lettera             | Pasquale Tartaglione     |
| Jessica Lettera             | Thomas Vecchio           |
| LauMei Sheung Louie         | Antonio Vitiello         |
| Louis                       | Leeann Williams          |
| Elizabeth Mandile           | 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 +**

Lawrence T. Boyle, David DeFedele, Juana Morejon, Emily Paterno, Alice Pizzo, Marie Ventura

**COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, please visit online: <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>. First and foremost, be sure to contact your physician for their advice. Feel free to call Bronx Community Board #10 at 718-892-1161 with any questions on vaccine distribution centers.

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

*Loving Wife Linda, and Children Chris, Jenn and Liz*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Owen Patrick Faughnan*

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**From the Pastor:**

My Dear Parish Family,

Just a quick reminder about what I stated last week in the bulletin regarding the blessing of the throats this year at St. Benedict's. 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 the weekend of February 7th (*the actual feast day is February 3rd.*) Once again, **no** individual blessings will be offered this year at St. Benedict's.

It is not too early to begin thinking about what we want to give up or do for Lent. Lent is a beautiful season and one filled with special opportunities to grow closer to God. Giving up things we enjoy or like, candy for instance, is a good way for us to remember the importance of having God as the center of our lives. We can all easily lose our focus on God. We can forget that God is everything for each of us and the whole world. Nothing else really matters except our relationship with God. Lent affords us all the opportunity to refocus our attention on God's great love and lavish mercy for each of us. Another way to refocus our attention on God is to do something for others. It can be simple acts of kindness at home. Perhaps arguing less or letting someone else choose what to watch on tv tonight. We can also wash the dishes instead of leaving them in the sink for someone else or do the laundry or make our bed. Yes, Lent is coming soon and it is a good time for us to begin to plan what we can do for ourselves and others to help us refocus ourselves on the most important thing in the world - God!

Undoubtedly, this Valentine's Day will be a little different due to the pandemic, but perhaps that is okay. Instead of going out to dinner or getting your love flowers, maybe, this year, we can show those we love how much we love them by praying for them. They will love you eternally for your prayers.

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

*Fr. Stephen Norton*

**The CARDINAL'S Annual Stewardship Appeal  
Sharing God's Gifts**

If there is anything that this past year has made clear, it is the fact that our world is in need of missionary disciples. This discipleship begins with a Catholic education, and is nurtured through a lifetime of formation and conversion. Our Catholic schools, as well as the Adult Faith Formation and Catechetical offices of the Archdiocese, all supported by the Cardinal's Appeal, are committed to this work of evangelization and Christ-centered education. Visit: [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) to learn more or make a gift! Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

**Monday, February 22, 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**

**Rectory Telephone #: 1-718-828-3403, Tel. 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 February 7, 2021**

**Monday:** Gn1:1-19; Ps104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24,35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

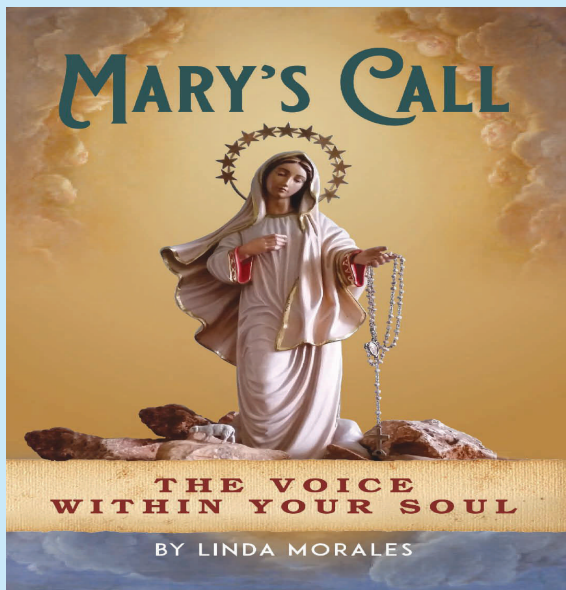
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**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, January 31, 2021 \$**

**Will be published in another bulletin**

*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."*

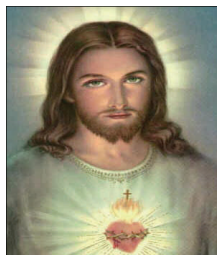
In these pages Morales shares the messages with you, hoping each day's inspiration helps you. Hear the voice within your soul as the Blessed Mother Mary brings you peace from heaven. Embark on your own journey with her and rediscover the love of her son, Jesus Christ. Feel new joy as you come to believe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

**Blessings of the Throats  
Weekend of Feb. 6th/7th  
Rectory Closed  
Baptisms**

**A General Blessing of the Throats  
at each Mass**

**Mon., Feb. 15th - President's Day  
Sun., Feb. 21st, Sun., Feb. 28th,  
March 7th at the 11am Mass**

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

**Baptism Instructions**

**Mon., Feb. 22nd - Zoom  
(see page 3)**

**Nar-Anon**

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

