

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

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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*

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.

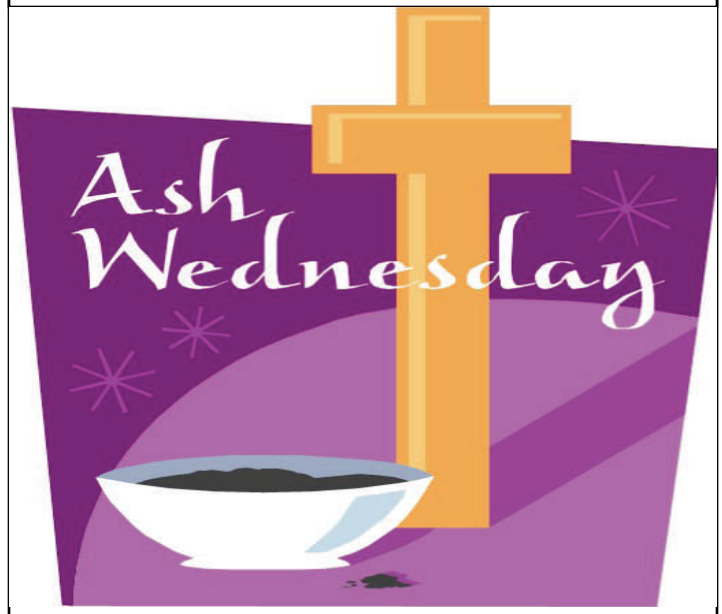
The Sacrament of Holy Orders: If you feel called to serve the church as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, please call the rectory to speak to one of the priests or deacons for guidance.

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!

Welcome to Our Parish



MASSES: (Ash Wednesday Masses/Services, please see page 3)

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



February 14, 2021 - Bulletin
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, February 14th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day;

Valentine's Day

- 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

MONDAY, February 15th

Presidents' Day

- 6:45 Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 Members of the Salomone Family
"Living Intention"

TUESDAY, February 16th

Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

- 6:45 Sue Pirone
- 8:30 For the Advancement of the Cause of Canonization of
Terence Cardinal Cooke

WEDNESDAY, February 17th

Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

- 6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass
- 8:30 St. Benedict's School Mass (Grades 3-8)
- 12:00 Noon Service
- 5:00 pm Service

THURSDAY, February 18th

- 6:45 Lillian Welsh
- 8:30 Anne O'Mahony

FRIDAY, February 19th

Abstinence

- 6:45 Joseph DeFedele
"Happy Anniversary in Heaven"
- 8:30 Daniel Shea

SATURDAY, February 20th

- 8:30 Andrew & Betty Farese
- 4:00 Rachel Gonzalez

SUNDAY, February 21st

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 Anne Fusillo
- 8:00 Giuseppe Chiodi
- 9:30 Onorio DiNardo
- 11:00 St. Benedict's Parish
- 7:00 Peter Vitarelli

Healing Mass here at St. Benedict's Church

Please join us to pray for spiritual, physical, and emotional healing for all of us on **Friday, Feb. 26, 2021.**

6pm-6:45pm Confessions/6:30pm Rosary/Praise/Worship, 7pm Holy Mass, 7:45pm-8:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayers.

Masks are required. The large seating capacity of our church allows for comfortable social distancing.

1 Peter 2:24

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

Caterina Chiodi

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Francesco & Giuseppe Chiodi

**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 +**

Agatino Badalato, David Calvert,
Hugh P. Doherty, Vincenzo Nardone

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection **THIS** weekend for Peter's Pence for the Works of the Holy Father.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity. God Bless you!

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Eugene Lynch

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

***Lawrence & Florence Lynch
Happy Anniversary in Heaven***

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family,

Undoubtedly, we are all aware that this coming Wednesday is *Ash Wednesday* the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be very different this year due to COVID-19. I cannot stress enough that it is NOT A SIN if we do not get ashes. Missing Sunday Mass is a sin and must be confessed before receiving Communion, but the receiving of ashes is not the same. Therefore, Fr. Christian, Deacon Michael, as well as myself, are encouraging people to remain at home and follow the guidelines of fasting and prayer on Ash Wednesday, however, if you do choose to come to St. Benedict's Church on Ash Wednesday **every-one must wear a mask at all times while in the Church.** If someone is not wearing a mask they will be asked to put one on or to leave.

The schedule for Ash Wednesday will be Mass at 6:45 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. with a simple service at 12:00 Noon and again at 5:00 P.M.

In order to receive ashes the phrase "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" will be stated once at the beginning of the distribution of ashes. In other words, it will not be said to each person as in other years. Ashes will be sprinkled on the top of each person's head as is always done by the Pope in Rome. No priest or Deacon will touch your forehead with ashes. If you think you need ashes on your forehead there will be small packages of blessed ashes available at the back of Church for people to take home. Please be mindful of others and only take one package per household. There will be plenty of ashes in each package for more than one person.

I am sure that all of you are disappointed in this way of distributing ashes but it is for the safety of our priests, deacons, and everyone who will be coming to Church on Ash Wednesday. Therefore, I am asking everyone to follow the protocols being put into place for this year. I am praying that by Easter we are all able to return to Church without masks and without taped-off sections in the Church. Until such time, please follow the guidelines being set for the protection of the entire parish community.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please contact me through email or by calling the rectory.

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

Fr. Stephen Norton



The Rectory will be **CLOSED Monday, February 15th** in Observance of President's Day. We will re-open Tuesday, February 16th at 9:00am. If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403. **Have a Blessed and Enjoyable Holiday!**

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

Prayer • Sacrifice • Good Works



LENT
A TIME OF PREPARATION

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As a way of reminding everyone about the guidelines for the Lenten Fast & Abstinence, I offer the following explanation:

"Lenten Fast and Abstinence"

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

"Fasting"

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

"Abstinence"

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence!
FRIDAYS in Lent are days of Abstinence!

Ash
Wednesday 

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17th

Ashes will be distributed in the Church as follows:

MASSES: 6:45am, 8:30am
SERVICES: 12:00 Noon, 5:00pm

DURING LENT - Every Friday during Lent we will have English Stations of the Cross on our website (more information to follow.)

We will continue to have Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm in the Church.

You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask!

The Bereavement Support Group is a time for prayerful reflection, sharing one's grief journey, learning strategies for coping, and discovering that you are not alone as you begin to find healing and consolation. Here at St. Benedict's, we meet in the convent downstairs, 1082 Edison Avenue, every Saturday **beginning Sat., March 6th from 11:00am until 12:30pm**. If interested, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101.

Spiritual Readings for the Week of February 14, 2021

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl2:12-18; Ps51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2Cor 5:20- 6:2; Mt6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021 \$

SUNDAY, February 7, 2021 \$

The above collections will be published in a future bulletin.

CHRISTMAS 2020 Thank You
\$29,565.00



Thank you for your goodness and faithful sacrifices at Christmas. Your generosity enables our parish to continue the work of God in all the many ways we do.

You will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your families.

*Gratefully,
Fr. Stephen Norton, Pastor*

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 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 or 718-829-1200. God Bless you, Joann LaDisa, DRE

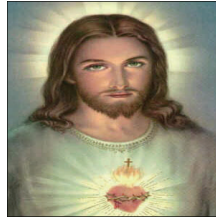
The following are important dates regarding sacraments:

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

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

The Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence provides a comfortable and safe home for retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York. Help us care for those who cared for us with a one-time or monthly gift at: www.cardinalsappeal.org. We are most grateful for your generosity.

OLD PALMS - There is a bin in the vestibule of the Church to deposit the palms we received in the past year. They will be burned and become the ashes of this year as we continue the annual cycle—really a spiral—of growing closer to God. Thank you.



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:

1st 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, 82nd 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, 1st 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. 1st 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:

Rectory Closed
Baptisms

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 (page 3)

