

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:

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Reverend Christian Amah
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Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli
Deacon John Scott

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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:

Weekdays: 6:45am and 8:30am
Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm
Sundays: Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening),
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 21, 2021 - Bulletin
First Sunday of Lent

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalms 25:4*



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, February 21st

First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

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

MONDAY, February 22nd

George Washington's Birthday

- 6:45 Geraldine Panattieri
- 8:30 Joseph Liso

TUESDAY, February 23rd

St. Polycarp

- 6:45 John Iorio
- 8:30 Mary Johnson

WEDNESDAY, February 24th

- 6:45 Richarda Powers
- 8:30 Silvester Senzamici

THURSDAY, February 25th

- 6:45 Thomas Cawley
- 8:30 Salvatore Catalano

FRIDAY, February 26th

Abstinence

- 6:45 John Freyne
- 8:30 Charlie Giardino

SATURDAY, February 27th

St. Gregory of Narek

- 8:30 Angelina DelVecchio
"Happy Birthday in Heaven"

- 4:00 Francis Hruska

SUNDAY, February 28th - Second Sunday of Lent

- 7:00 Deceased Members of the Kamocsai and Duane Families
- 8:00 Maryann D'Abbraccio
- 9:30 Helen Procaro
- 11:00 Daniel Civarelli
- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish



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 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 |
| Carla DeCicco | Paolo Principe |
| Sean Fagan | Kim Rappold |
| Francisco Fernandez | Philip 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 |
| Elizabeth Mandile | 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 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 +

Giuseppa Salamone

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. Thank you for caring and for your support!

advocatesoflife@optonline.net

**Make sure you test positive for Faith;
Keep distance from Doubt;
and isolate from Fear;
Trust God through it all!**

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family,

“Repent and believe in the gospel.” We heard that on Ash Wednesday and we hear it again in today’s gospel on this First Sunday of Lent. Therefore, it must be important. I know many people missed getting ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday, but 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.

We are in the season of Lent and it is a time when the Church gives us the chance to repent from all of our sins by fasting, praying and almsgiving. We know that fasting means skipping a meal or two. Fasting can also mean giving up something for Lent. Usually we give up something we really like and enjoy as a way of showing God we are sorry for our sins. Praying is important every day but especially during Lent. We can use the prayers we know by heart like, the Our Father and Hail Mary or we can use other prayers from books and pamphlets. Lent is a good time to perhaps read some of the Bible. Reading the Bible like a book starting on the first page may not be the best way to read the Scriptures. So, choose a book in the Bible (*maybe from the New Testament*), read a little every day and think what does that mean for me? Almsgiving means donating money or food to those who are in need and we know during this difficult year many are in need.

So, perhaps Lent did not start the way it always did in the past but this can be a beautiful, holy and powerful Lenten Season for all of us through fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

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

Fr. Stephen Norton

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.

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



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!

DURING LENT

Every Friday during Lent we will have English Stations of the Cross on our website. Go to: www.stbenedictchurchny.org Then scroll down the page on the lower left side and click on Virtual Stations of the Cross and then click on Lenten Stations of the Cross.

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!**

Spiritual Readings for the Week of February 21, 2021

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021	\$5,180.00
SUNDAY, February 7, 2021	\$5,900.00
SUNDAY, February 14, 2021	\$8,226.00

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

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: StBenedictRELedu@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 (Liturgy)

Lenten Morning of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on the meaning of Lent for their lives today, their ministry and their parish communities.

Join us for this online webinar, which will include inspiring talks and an opportunity to unite together in prayer with other parish liturgical ministers.

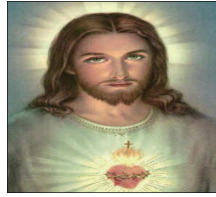
Saturday, March 6th from 10:00am-11:30am. Reg. Fee is \$15.00.

Location: Online Webinar— Learn from the comfort of your own home! More info and registration: morningofprayer.eventbrite.com

Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914-968-6200, x8177

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

Throughout the pandemic, our parish and diocesan personnel, and countless volunteers, continued to serve not only the faithful, but all who approach our church doors in their time of need. The geographic reach of the archdiocese coupled with the existing network of parishes and charitable organizations meant that we had a presence from New York City and the Bronx to Ulster or Dutchess counties. There is still much work to be done. You can be part of this amazing outreach with a single or monthly gift to the Cardinal's Appeal. Please visit: www.cardinalsappeal.org. We are most grateful for your generosity.



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

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.

REMINDERS:

Baptisms

Sun., Feb. 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st at the 11am Mass

You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask

Baptism Instructions

Mon., Feb. 22nd - Zoom (see page 3)
You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask

