

# *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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### CLERGY:

Reverend Stephen P. Norton  
*Pastor*  
Reverend Christian Amah  
*Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli  
Deacon John Scott

### PASTORAL STAFF:

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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:

**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

March 7, 2021 - Bulletin  
Third Sunday of Lent



I, the LORD, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, March 7th**

**Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny**

- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
- 8:00 Giuseppe Assalone
- 9:30 Angela Berger
- 11:00 Anastasia Vazquez Nieves
- 7:00 Members of the Carroll Family

**MONDAY, March 8th**

**St. John of God**

- 6:45 Vitina Rotella
- 8:30 Michelle & Mary DeBartolo

**TUESDAY, March 9th**

**St. Frances of Rome**

- 6:45 Tina Rotella
- 8:30 Rose & Joseph Demo

**WEDNESDAY, March 10th**

- 6:45 Nick Rotella
- 8:30 The Deceased Members of the Perrone Family

**THURSDAY, March 11th**

- 6:45 John Freyne
- 8:30 Anna Sebesta

**FRIDAY, March 12th**

**Abstinence**

- 6:45 John Mulvey
- 8:30 Joan Squillante

**SATURDAY, March 13th**

- 8:30 Antoinette & Joseph Felice
  - 4:00 Acela Torres
- "Happy Birthday in Heaven"**

**SUNDAY, March 14th**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
  - 8:00 MaryAnn & Anthony D'Abbraccio
  - 9:30 Johanna Sacco
- "Happy 95th Birthday in Heaven"**
- 11:00 Francesco Grandilli
  - 7:00 Frank Foley



**SPRING FORWARD!**  
Daylight Saving Time

**NEXT WEEKEND**  
**DON'T FORGET TO:**  
**Set your clocks ahead one hour**

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

**Maria & Charles Spina**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
**Sister Nancy Licata and Nephew Ronnie Licata**

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

Joseph Abbate	Elaine Marin
Ramon G. Barreiro	Ann Marro
Anthony Battista	Jenny Mauro
Judy Berardinone	Kevin McCarthy
Eleanor Blasucci	Chris McPadden
Kathleen Bowers	Denise McPadden
Apollonia & Wendelin 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 +**

**Marjorie Brinko, John Mele, Stephen Rychlicki, Pasqualina Viscogliosi**



**II. Joseph Perez and Devin Quinn**

**Please keep all Military, Police, Firefighters, and First Responders in your prayers.**  
**Thank you and God Bless you!**

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

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### *From the Pastor:*

My Dear Parish Family,

Halfway through Lent and sometimes it seems so difficult to fast. What are the rules about fasting? What happens if I forget to fast? Fasting can be a challenge especially with all the fast-food places on every corner and restaurants opening up again. On fast days it seems that I am hungry the entire day even more so than on other non-fast days.

Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights according to the Bible and we often struggle with fasting one day a week. Fasting is part of many religions and is done on different days and in different ways, but for us, Catholics, fasting is on Fridays and suggested also on Wednesdays.

- Fasting can mean skipping a meal like lunch or dinner;
- Fasting can be drinking only water instead of our favorite cup of coffee or tea;
- Fasting can be not eating any snacks during the day or in the evening while watching tv;
- Fasting can also be not watching tv one night a week and instead perhaps reading a spiritual book or praying the rosary.

By the way, the rectory has copies of a wonderful spiritual book about Mary written by one of our parishioners. The book is only \$15.00 and all the proceeds go to the parish.

- Fasting can be a challenge for us but it is a great gift to give to Almighty God especially during Lent;
- Fasting is a sacrifice to show God how much we love Him;
- Fasting is a way to offer to God our sorrow for the sins we have committed;
- Fasting is a way to say "thank you" to God for His love and lavish mercy given to each of us;
- Fasting is not always easy to undertake but the benefits of fasting are eternal.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you especially on days of fasting; remember that even if you forget to fast you can always start again. God delights in our efforts and rewards us for the times we try our best to pray and to fast.

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

*Fr. Stephen Norton*

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

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

**Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIiUXR2MUVhZz09)

[pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIiUXR2MUVhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTIiUXR2MUVhZz09)

**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](http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org) Then scroll down the page on the left side and click on **"Click here for Lenten Stations of the Cross from St. Benedict's Chapel"**

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 March 7, 2021

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Alternate readings (Year A):**

1Sm16:1b,6-7,10-13a;Ps23:1-6;Eph5:8-14;Jn 9:1-41[1,6-9,13-17,34-38]



WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021 \$8,180.11
50/50 WINNERS:
January 24, 2021 Mr. & Mrs. James Schroeder \$114.00
February 21, 2021 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Salomone \$114.00

Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

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

Rehearsals for Confirmation in the Church

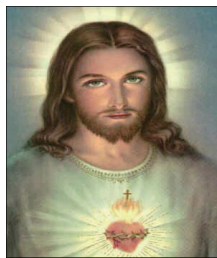
Monday, March 8th from 4-5pm (for the 9:30am Group)
Tuesday, March 9th from 4-5pm (for the 11:30am Group)

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 from 11:00am until 12:30pm. If interested, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101.

Advocates of Life - The Advocates of Life have resumed 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

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

Next weekend we will conduct our Commitment Weekend for the Cardinal's Appeal by gathering the commitments of our parishioners. I am asking everyone to please consider completing the response envelope you received in the mail or fill one out online at: www.cardinalsappeal.org. Additional envelopes are by the entrance, please take one home. You are welcome to bring it to mass next weekend or do it in advance and bring it to the rectory. I thank you for remembering that "all that we are" and "all that we have" are gifts from God and your commitment to sharing your time, talent, and treasure with our community of faith here at St. Benedict's Parish and our broader New York faith community.



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, Sgt., Randy Vaccaro, Reserves, Pvt. 1st Class, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff 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

REMINDERS:

- Baptisms Sun., March 7th, 14th, 21st at the 11am Mass You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask
Baptism Instructions Mon., March 15th - Zoom (page 3) You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask
St. Patrick's Day Rectory Closed (Wed., March 17th)
NO Baptisms Sun., March 28th (Palm Sunday) and Sun., April 4th (Easter)

