

*We Congratulate the Children of our Parish Family
Who Received their Confirmation on
Saturday, March 13, 2021
Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church*

*Almestica, Dylan
Alvarado, Alexander
Aponto, Mateo
Aristy, Emily
Avery, John
Bariatti, Alex
Bezada, Brianah
Bonilla, Kristopher
Brito, Alana
Brogan, Pierce
Bruno, Victoria
Cabral, Amy
Caiola, Giana
Carpenter, Ava
Ceballos, Kaden
Clark, Madison
Coley, Gabrielle
Collado, Angel
Connolly, Kaitlyn
Corte, Michelle
Cortez, Zacharry
Corvino, Nicholas
Cozzi, Domenic
Creales, Ervido
Croce, Angela
Cunaj, Andrew
Cyntje, Emily
Dayre, Cameron
DeRosa, Joseph
Diaz, Alexandra
DiNapoli, Adriana*

*Dominguez, Lauren
Esperanza, Daniela
Espinosa, Elizabeth
Fico, Jr., Neil
Finnin, Sophia
Fiore, Bianca
Fraguada, Ava
Fred, Skyla
Garcia, Sharlene
Garcia, Xavier
Gerena, Leila
Glatteman, Ariella
Grant, III, Kenneth
Griffen, Brendan
Herrera, Andrea
Herrera, Emily
Hoo, Caden
Hosein, Samaya
Jurado, Brian
Kilmer, Jazlynn
Kumar, Jaden
Lourdes, Dionisios
Loyola, David
Luquis, Sophia
Magnuson, Jonathan
Maisonette, Jaylene
Maldonado, Mariah
Malone, Victoria
Mancusi, Emilia
Marrone, Matteo
Medina, John*

*Medrano, Colin
Mercora, Pasquale
Montes, Aniyah
Monti, Frankie
Nesselt, Sophie
Nowack, Ava
Oquendo, Zuleyka
Ortiz, Hailey
Ortiz, Jonathan
Pagan, Jacob
Pannazzo, Sofia
Pastrana, Andrew
Perez, Soleil
Petrera, Anthony
Petro, Marisa
Phillips, Noah
Price, Gabriella
Pricoli, Scott
Rodriguez III, Angel
Romero, Sophia
Ryan, Elise
Sabater, Lucas
Salerno, Lia
Sanchez, Leslie
Santander, Caden
Sheridan, Aidan
Terzulli, John
Vazquez, Leonardo
Velez, Benjamin
Vidal, Jaclyn
Zillitto, Adrianna
Zillitto, Joseph*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, March 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time

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 Farley

MONDAY, March 15th

6:45 Angelina DelVecchio
8:30 Johanna Sacco

TUESDAY, March 16th

6:45 For the Advancement of the Cause of Canonization of Terence Cardinal Cooke

8:30 Joseph Wallace

WEDNESDAY, March 17th, St. Patrick

6:45 Catherine Dunne
8:30 Charles Halton

THURSDAY, March 18th, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

6:45 Antonetta & Giuseppe Rocchio
8:30 John Freyne

FRIDAY, March 19th, St. Joseph; Abstinence

6:45 Angelina DelVecchio
8:30 Mary & Emil Salomone

SATURDAY, March 20th, Spring begins

8:30 Evelyn Egan O'Halloran
4:00 John & Immacolata Scandura

SUNDAY, March 21st

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 Joseph Panarese
8:00 Bettina & Francesco Ficarra
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
11:00 Ada Riccoboni
7:00 Joseph Duffy

"4th Anniversary in Heaven"

The RECTORY will be CLOSED Wednesday, March 17th in Observance of St. Patrick's Day. If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403.

*Have a Blessed and Safe St. Patrick's Day!
Have a Blessed and Safe St. Joseph's Day!*

RECONCILIATION MONDAY will be March 29, 2021

We will have confessions from 4:00pm until 8:00pm in our Church. This has become known as Reconciliation Monday around the Archdiocese of New York. We hope you will go to confession and also encourage others to go to confession to embrace your Easter Duty.

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES ARE SPONSORED BY:

*The Knights of Columbus
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:*

*The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney
who founded the Knights of Columbus
on March 29, 1882*

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

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| Joseph Abbate | Elizabeth Mandile |
| Ramon G. Barreiro | Elaine Marin |
| Anthony Battista | Ann Marro |
| Judy Berardinone | Jenny Mauro |
| Eleanor Blasucci | Kevin McCarthy |
| Frank Bonacorso | 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 |
| | 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 +

Rose Ascatigno, Raffalle DeSieno, Francesco Dilluvio, Frank Farley, Edward Foley, John Mauro, Nydia Roldan, Giuseppe Trudo, Pauline Viggiano



III. Joseph Perez and Devin Quinn

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Eugene Lynch

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Acela Torres

Happy Birthday in Heaven

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family,

What is the difference between fasting and abstinence? Are Catholics required to fast and abstain only on Fridays or every day in Lent?

Fasting, as was mentioned in last week's Pastor's column, is not eating at all. It can be skipping a meal or two especially on Fridays during Lent. Abstaining from eating meat on Fridays is a very old custom for Catholic Christians. We abstain from eating meat as a sacrifice. We eat fish on Fridays instead of any kind of meat. I happened to be a person who enjoys most fish dishes so it is not so much of a sacrifice for me. Therefore, I try to abstain from other things I enjoy like potato chips or candy as a way to help me remember how Jesus sacrificed on the cross for my sins. We may abstain from watching tv or from spending so much time on our computer or phone. A good sacrifice during the remaining weeks of Lent might be to abstain from social media or from having that second cup of coffee in the morning. It is not fasting but simply giving up or abstaining from foods or activities we enjoy to help us remember the lavish love of Almighty God in giving us Jesus to be our Savior.

With all this explanation of abstaining, especially on Fridays, there will be an exception this coming week. This year has been dedicated to St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, and Husband to Our Blessed Lady as well as Foster-father to Jesus. Our Cardinal has given the dispensation for Friday, March 19th in honor of St. Joseph. March 19th is the feast of St. Joseph and for this year only Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York do not need to abstain from eating meat. It is a festival day for the Church as we honor the Patron of the whole Church. Cardinal Dolan is inviting all of us to celebrate without abstaining from meat, if we want. I still may have fish because I enjoy it so much, but the obligation is lifted for all of us.

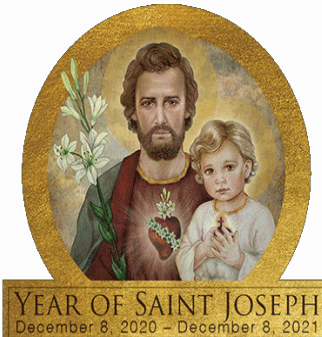
Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day to everyone! May you all enjoy a good traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner and perhaps a nice spaghetti and meatball dinner in honor of St. Joseph with a zeppole or sfingi for dessert this week!

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

Fr. Stephen Norton

St. Patrick, Pray for us!

St. Joseph, Pray for us!



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=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTlIUXR2MUUhZz09)

[pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTlIUXR2MUUhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82058645489?pwd=L2FHM1Y2VThPU0NNRTlIUXR2MUUhZz09)

Meeting ID: 820 5864 5489 Pass code: 474331

Prayer • Sacrifice • Good Works



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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

"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 left side and click on "Click here for Lenten Stations of the Cross from St. Benedict's Chapel."

In addition, Stations of the Cross will be in Church at 7:00pm on Fridays.

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 14, 2021

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, March 7, 2021 \$7,570.00

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)

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding RE (CCD), please contact me at:

StBenedictRELeDu@gmail.com or 718-829-1200.

God Bless you, Joann LaDisa, DRE

The following are important dates regarding sacraments:

First Penance: April 17th

First Holy Communion: May 1st

Dispensation from Meat

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Consecration of the Archdiocese of New York to St. Joseph

His Eminence will offer the Consecration of the Archdiocese of New York to St. Joseph on Friday, March 19th following the 7:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass and consecration will be live streamed and archived on the web page at:

www.saintpatrickscathedral.org. The consecration prayers can be found on the website: www.archny.org.

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

Over the past several months, our parish has come together to serve the needs of our community by participating in the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The Appeal is the lifeblood of our diocese and is critical to the work of our parishes and the parishioners we serve. It is in this light of self-sacrifice and love of neighbor that I appeal to you once again for your generosity in contributing to the Cardinal's Appeal. You can complete a pledge form or go to: www.cardinalsappeal.org and **click donate**. Thank you for supporting our friends and neighbors and for considering a gift today.

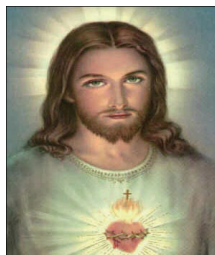
**45th Precinct Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, March 21st
Throgs Neck Little League Field, 12:00 - 2:00pm, FREE!**

Ages 0-4 Egg Hunt begins at 12:30pm

Ages 5-12 Egg Hunt begins at 1:00pm

Games, Prizes, Picture with Easter Bunny, and More!

45th Pct Community Affairs: 718-822-5449



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, 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, 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 William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas

REMINDERS:

- Baptisms** Sun., March 14th, and 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)

