

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 SUMMER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:

9:00am until 12:00pm

1:00pm until **4:00pm**

Friday:

9:00am until **12:00 Noon**

Saturday:

9:00am until **4:00pm**

Sunday: Closed

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Pastor

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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,)

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 SUMMER HOURS:

Tuesdays in the Chapel from 9:00am until 5:00pm and

Fridays in the Chapel from 9:00am until 12:00 Noon

(see page 4 of this bulletin)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Cancelled until further notice

Bulletin - July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.**

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, July 4th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

7:00 For the Advancement of the Cause of Canonization of Terence Cardinal Cooke

8:00 MaryAnn D'Abbraccio

9:30 St. Benedict's Parish

11:00 Shawn Crosby

NO 7:00pm

MONDAY, July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

NO 6:45am

8:30 John Monnelly

TUESDAY, July 6th

St. Maria Goretti

6:45 Italia DiPaolo

8:30 Carmelo Fidanza

WEDNESDAY, July 7th

6:45 Elizabeth Jennings

8:30 Angelina DelVecchio

THURSDAY, July 8th

6:45 Peter Lennon

8:30 Michaelangelo Cipollone

FRIDAY, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

6:45 Peter Lennon

8:30 Rosalie Battista

"Living - Happy Birthday"

SATURDAY, July 10th

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Angelina DelVecchio

4:00 Assunta Vitiello

SUNDAY, July 11th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Rose Volpicella

8:00 MaryAnn D'Abbraccio

9:30 Hugo Fucci and the Shea Family

11:00 St. Benedict's Parish

7:00 Tina Alfis

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS 2021

Effective July 1st through September 4th, the rectory summer hours are as follows:

Monday through Thursday

9:00am until 12:00pm and 1:00pm until 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am until 12:00 Noon

Saturday 9:00am until 4:00pm

Sunday Closed

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Have a Blessed and Safe Summer!

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

His Aunt Lula Dedivanovic

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Nua Nicaj

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

Joseph Abbate	LauMei Sheung Louie
Ramon G. Barreiro	Louis
Anthony Battista	Elizabeth Mandile
Judy Berardinone	Elaine Marin
Eleanor Blasucci	Ann Marro
Jack Bonacorso	Jenny Mauro
Kathleen Bowers	Kevin McCarthy
Apollonia & Wendelin	Chris McPadden
Brenner	Denise McPadden
Walter Buddington	Sue McVey
Peter Burnett	Jose Mendez
Amy Buscamonte	Christie Madonna Muccino
Inez Cantamessa	Rosa Munoz
Carolyn Chiappetta	Lisa Murphy
Lillian Corrado	Maylee Roman Overman
Carlos Cruz	Angelo Palumbo, Sr.
Tom Curran	Lorraine Parisi
Vinny D'Amico	Rob Passanisi
Mike & Louis D'Annuncci	Pasquale Preziosa
Carla DeCicco	Paolo Principe
Sandra Edwards	Kim Rappold
Sean Fagan	Philip Rebia
Francisco Fernandez	Phillip Rivera
Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez	Antonette Roublick
John Fernandez	Ashley Saucedo
David Fisher	Ann Samhammer
Diane Freitas	Dave Samhammer
Debra Ann Garcia	Margaret Geddis Schmidt
Marion Gruber	Kathy Selvaggio
Sharon Holzapfel	Nina Serpati
Eileen Jennings	Robert Siniscalchi
Edward Kennedy	Maria Soto
Daniel Kundig	Theresa Stanton
Elise Lawle	Pasquale Tartaglione
Frankie Lettera	Thomas Vecchio
Jessica Lettera	Antonio Vitiello
Richard LoCascio	Leeann Williams
	Robert Ziehl

+ Babies/Children +

Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Olivia lafelice, Baby Noelle Jablonka, Infant Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Infant Lucas Ortiz, Riku, Noah Santino, Tiffany Toro, Azalea Vargas, Rayne Weiner



- III. *Jessica Marino & Michael Cahalin*
- III. *Caitlyn Veccia & Anthony Gentile*
- II. *Gianna Rachiele & Nicola Terzulli*
- I. *Jennifer Mendez & Jesse Dulman*
- I. *AnnMarie Tenga & Kevin Gil*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

His Wife Mary Lou Balogh

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Louis Balogh

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Message from Father Pergjini:

Dear faithful parishioners, friends, and visitors of Saint Benedict Parish,

It is with great joy that I write a few words on my first weekend as your pastor at this beautiful parish. On this Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and Independence Day, we thank Almighty Father for the gift of our faith, the gift to come and worship together on this sacred ground, for the blessing to live in this beautiful country that we love, for the leadership of my predecessor Father Norton who served you during these many years, beautiful and fruitful years, and for all of you who will share in my new priestly ministry. We assure to Father Norton our humble prayers and many blessings as he continues his priestly ministry at Saint Ann Parish in Yonkers.

As I think back to my priestly life and those parishes that I have served, I humbly thank God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon me. My first assignment was Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 187th Street, Bronx. The second parish was at Saint Philip Neri, Grand Concourse. The third parish was Our Lady of Shkodra, Hartsdale. The fourth was Saint Lucy Parish with its famous Grotto, Bronx. After 11 years at Saint Lucy, I was asked to go on a mission experience in my native country, Albania. I served eight small mission churches located in a non-Catholic area. After my mission experience, I came back last year and served at Holy Cross Parish in the Soundview area, Bronx. It was a beautiful and fruitful experience wherever I served. I met people whose faith has been a blessing and inspiring to my priestly life. They were powerful witnesses of the Risen Christ who deeply touched my ministry. I am sure the faithful people of Saint Benedict will be a blessing and inspiration to me. I never asked or thought that one day I would be assigned to this beautiful parish. Neither did I refuse to come here.

As I promised obedience to the late Cardinal O'Conner, may he rest in peace, who ordained me, and to his successors, I humbly and gratefully said yes to come and serve at Saint Benedict's Parish. Here we are this Sunday, and it happens to be the Fourth of July celebration, to worship God as a community at one table around the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit who gathers and unites us everywhere. I humbly ask the intercessions of the Blessed Mother, Saint Benedict our patron saint, and your prayers and support. Since I was ordained, with some exceptions, every single time after the distribution of Holy Communion I would spend a few moments on my knees praying. During those silent moments I thanked Christ for the gift and privilege of my vocation to cooperate in the most powerful celebration on earth, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I pray for those parishes where I was blessed to serve. Now serving you, I will be praying for you. Also, I pray for those people who ask me to pray for them, for those who do not have anyone to pray for them, for those who have died, and for those who suffer physically, mentally, and spiritually. If other intentions and requests come to my mind during those silent and divine moments, I place them before Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI, your namesake, many years ago said that the Church is most present not where there is organizing, reforming, and governing going on, but he/she who simply believes and receives from church the gift of faith that is life to them. Only he/she who has experienced this, regardless of changes in her ministers and forms, the Church raises us up, gives to us a home and a hope, a home that is hope-the path to eternal life.



To all the wonderful people of St. Benedict's parish,

As I am beginning another phase in my service to the church, I am remembering all of you in my prayers. Thank you does not seem to be enough to say to all of you but from the bottom of my heart - thank you! Thank you for your notes, cards and gifts. Thank you for a wonderful celebration last Saturday.

A special thank you to my brother in the priesthood and friend, Fr. Christian. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the celebration special. Thank you Carole and Danielle Janicki. Thank you John DiNoia and Carl Triano. Thank you Anne Myers and all the choir people who filled our beloved church with music on Saturday. Thank you Frankie Carpenter and his daughter Ava who are always willing to help in any way. Isabelle Welsh has done so much for me during my time as Pastor and I tend my thanks to her and Kenny. It was unbelievable that Otis Avenue was closed to traffic for the celebration. I know that Community Board #10, especially Pat Caruso were instrumental in making that happen along with the Fire Station around the corner on Bruckner Blvd., in particular, Lt. Diaz. The men and women who serve our community are the best! Thank you Detective John Souhrada and Police Officer Hannah Rivera. Deacon Michael and Maria Salvatorelli always serve our parish so faithfully - thank you! My brothers of the Knights of Columbus, especially Charlie Nesto. The best Principal in the entire Archdiocese, Ray Vitiello, and his wonderful family will always remain in my prayers of thanksgiving. Thank you to all the members of the Men's and Women's Cornerstone. They are an outstanding group of people from our parish who serve in so many ways. Thank you and God bless you all! Br. David has been at St. Benedict's this year and we are praying for him to know God's will. The altar servers who served last Saturday did an outstanding job and I am grateful to them for their service. Needless to say, I could go on and on and.... instead, I will end this way - thank you to all of you and be assured of my prayers.

A final request, please pray for me that I remain a faithful, humble servant priest of Jesus Christ now and always.

Until we meet again, peace and prayers. St. Benedict, pray for us! Cardinal Cooke, Servant of God, pray for us!

Fr. Stephen P. Norton

Spiritual Readings for the Week of July 4, 2021:

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Pastor's Column (continued)

May these words console our broken souls and take refuge in our Mother Church to strengthen our faith, our hope and walking together toward the path of Eternal Life. Amen!

Thank you and God Bless you! Saint Benedict, pray for us!

Fr. Nikolin Pergjini

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WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, June 27, 2021 \$8,197.64

50/50 WINNER: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Salomone \$121.00

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 at 718-829-9557 for a tour. A limited amount of scholarships are available to those eligible.

St. Benedict's School

School is closed for summer vacation.

The first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

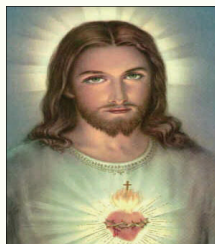
The school office will be open throughout the summer from 8:30am until 1:00pm, Monday through Thursday. 718-829-9557

(RE) CCD

Registration for Sept. 2021-2022 religious education is currently open for in classroom learning. My summer hours will be Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8am until 12:00 Noon. I am also available for registration by appointment. The fee this year for one child is \$100, two children \$130, 3 or more children \$150; which includes their books and all materials needed. We are also in search of CCD teachers either Wednesday afternoon (4:15-5:45) or Sunday mornings (10:30am -2:00pm) that are over 18 years of age and a Catholic in good standing. If interested in donating your time teaching our children one of the above days, please call the (RE) CCD office asap at 718-829-1200.

REMINDERS

- Baptisms** Sundays, July 11th, 18th, 25th at the 11am Mass. You must maintain social distancing; You MUST wear a Mask
- NO Baptisms** Sunday, July 4th
- Baptism Instructions** Wed., July 7th, Mon., July 19th Zoom meeting
- Nar-A-Non** Wednesdays in the Convent Upstairs from 7:00-8:30pm



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SUMMER HOURS



Effective immediately, the Eucharistic Adoration Summer Hours, in the **Chapel**, are as follows:

- Tuesdays:** 9:00am until 5:00 pm
- Fridays:** 9:00am until 12:00 Noon

Please join us for some quiet and prayerful time with the Lord (masks and social distancing is mandatory.)

Prayer List For Our U.S. Servicemen and Women

U.S. Air Force: 1st Class Airman Eric Bosco, General 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, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Parisi, Reserves, In Basic Training Daniel Smith Peters; 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-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas



Independence Day - Fourth of July

The **RECTORY** will be **CLOSED** Monday, July 5th in Observance of the Fourth of July. We will re-open Tuesday, July 6th at 9:00am.

If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403. Thank you!
Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will **NOT** be a 7:00pm Mass on Sunday, July 4th. There will **NOT** be a 6:45am Mass on Monday, July 5th.

COVER SHEET

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INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE PRINT 500 COPIES

Please GLUE OR STITCH EVERY WEEK. Do NOT leave any pages loose (unless there is an insert) and please do NOT staple. Thank you and God Bless All of You!

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