

# *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"

**RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-718-828-3403**  
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### **RECTORY SUMMER HOURS:**

#### **Monday - Thursday:**

10:00am until 12:00pm  
1:00pm until **4:00pm**

#### **Friday:**

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

#### **Saturday:**

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

**Sunday: Closed**

### **SCHOOL:**

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### **CLERGY:**

Reverend Nikolin Pergjini  
*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:**

**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

*Confession is also available a half hour before and a half hour after the Sunday Masses, and any time by appointment!*

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**Monday through Saturday in the Chapel from 9:00am until 1:00pm (see page 3 of this bulletin)**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Every Monday after the 8:30am Mass

**ST. ANTHONY PRAYERS:** Every Tuesday after each Mass there will be devotional prayers to St. Anthony

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven.**

**—John 6:51**

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, August 8th**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Louis S. Dinino  
8:00 Giuseppe & Rosa Chiodi  
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish  
11:00 Charles Vieni  
7:00 Mikolaj Blaszczyszyn

**MONDAY, August 9th**

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

6:45 For the Advancement of the Cause of Canonization of Terence Cardinal Cooke  
8:30 Donald T. Clarke

**TUESDAY, August 10th**

**St. Lawrence**

6:45 Katirina Ndoci  
8:30 Carmelo Fidanza

**WEDNESDAY, August 11th**

**St. Clare**

6:45 John Freyne  
8:30 John & Maryann O'Halloran

**THURSDAY, August 12th**

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

6:45 Anne Fucci  
8:30 Charles Halton

**FRIDAY, August 13th**

**Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus**

6:45 Theresa Perez  
"Living - Healing"  
8:30 John J. MacKnight

**SATURDAY, August 14th**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**

8:30 Gloria Medina  
4:00 Larisa Janicki

**SUNDAY, August 15th**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Salvatore Catalano  
8:00 MaryAnn & Anthony D'Abbraccio  
9:30 Emilia Mercora  
11:00 Frank Moscato  
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish



- III. **Amanda Catherall and Eric Dirvin**
- II. **Kimberly Jackson and Joshua Hubany**
- I. **Melinda Rivera and Alessandro Guida**

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

*Their Loving Families  
Gail & Matty Gleason  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
Our Dear Aunt and Sister  
Margaret "Nanny" Sack  
Irene Orosz Sudano*

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

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Joseph Abbate          | Louis                    |
| Ramon G. Barreiro      | Elizabeth Mandile        |
| Anthony Battista       | Elaine Marin             |
| Judy Berardinone       | Ann Marro                |
| Eleanor Blasucci       | Benny Mastrandrea        |
| 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'Annucci | Pasquale Preziosa        |
| Carla DeCicco          | Paolo Principe           |
| Pat Eaccirano          | Kim Rappold              |
| Sandra Edwards         | Philip Rebia             |
| Sean Fagan             | Camiel & Orlando Rivera  |
| Francisco Fernandez    | Phillip Rivera           |
| Isabelle Mercedes      | Antonette Roublick       |
| Fernandez              | Ruth Sakola              |
| John Fernandez         | Ann Samhammer            |
| David Fisher           | Dave Samhammer           |
| Diane Freitas          | Joseph P. Santangelo     |
| Debra Ann Garcia       | Ashley Saucedo           |
| Marion Gruber          | Margaret Geddis Schmidt  |
| Sharon Holzapfel       | Kathy Selvaggio          |
| Eileen Jennings        | Nina Serpati             |
| Edward Kennedy         | Robert Siniscalchi       |
| Daniel Kundig          | Maria Soto               |
| Elise Lawle            | Theresa Stanton          |
| Frankie Lettera        | Pasquale Tartaglione     |
| Jessica Lettera        | Thomas Vecchio           |
| Richard LoCascio       | Leeann Williams          |
| LauMei Sheung Louie    | 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

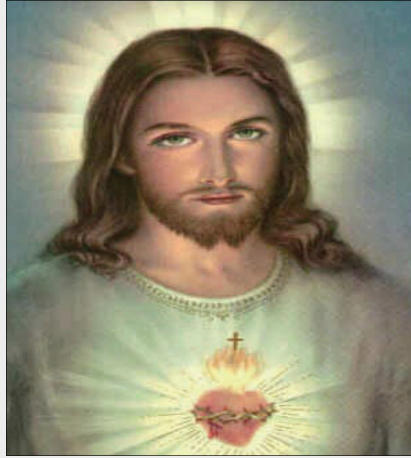
**+ Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of our Parish and their Grieving Families +**

Juan Arroyo, Christopher Dalton, Anthony Hacker, Santa Montas, Kevin Quilligan, Ralph Siciliano, Serafina Villanueva, Gloria J. West, Marie Zanglia

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

*Loving Wife Linda, and  
Children Chris, Jen, and Liz  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
Owen Patrick Faughnan*

## ***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION***



**Monday through Saturday  
9:00am until 1:00pm  
St. Benedict's Chapel**

*Please join us for some quiet and prayerful time  
with the Lord!*

### ***Overnight Eucharistic Adoration***

*The First Friday of each month we will have **Overnight Eucharistic Adoration** from 8:00pm until 8:00am with Benediction in the Chapel, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:30am in the Church.*

*We always need volunteers. If you are interested, please sign the book in the vestibule of the Church.*

*Thank you!*

*Message from Father Pergini:*

After we profess our faith, the prayers of the faithful follows. The prayers of the faithful are addressed to Almighty Father through Christ. These prayers are composed based on the readings of Sunday but also on our daily needs as a parish, society, country, and the world. These intercessions may end trusting the Blessed Mother reciting one Hail Mary. It is a very moving moment of trust saying together "Hail Mary" invoking her help. Then the presentation of the gifts takes place followed by taking the collection. Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic exhortation "The Sacrament of Charity" describes so significantly the meaning of the presentation of the gifts: "This humble and simple gesture is actually very significant: in the bread and wine that we bring to the altar, all creation is taken up by Christ the Redeemer, to be transformed and presented to the Father. In this way we also bring to the altar all the pain and suffering of the world, in the certainty that everything has value in God's eyes. The authentic meaning of this gesture can be clearly expressed without the need for undue emphasis or complexity. It enables us to appreciate how God invites man to participate in bringing to fulfillment his handiwork, and in so doing, gives human labor its authentic meaning, since, through the celebration of the Eucharist, it is united to the redemptive sacrifice of Christ." So beautifully explained this gesture when the priest standing before the Altar waiting for those who are assigned to bring the bread and wine

that will become presented to the Father. After the altar is prepared by the priest for the consecration, the Eucharistic prayer follows. The Eucharistic prayer is the center and summit of the entire celebration. The Eucharistic prayer contains spiritual and theological richness handed down to us by the Church's living tradition. Every Eucharistic prayer expresses thanksgiving, acclamation, invocation of the Holy Spirit (Epiclesis), institution narrative and consecration, the prayer recalling to mind the passion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ (anamnesis), offering intercessions and the final hymn of praise (doxology.) It is the most powerful moment of this divine celebration.



The faithful are kneeling and focused what takes place on the Altar of the Lord. The only person standing is the priest who stands in the person of Christ. It is not a magic moment that one may expect flame or smoke suddenly appearing to impress or amaze the faithful. A humble faithful Catholic knows by faith what takes place at that moment when the Eucharistic prayer is quietly said by the priest. The priest is not supposed to make believe that we are in Passion Play. It is the moment when Christ himself commended "do this in memory of Me." The church with its members invoke the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by the human hands become the body and blood of Christ. The faithful should be aware that this unique moment of this divine celebration embraces all of them in the mystery of our salvation. Everyone at this point should experience that Christ is so close to us that none of us can imagine. During those moments of kneeling the faithful in that power of silence and peace is touched in unique way by the invisible power of Christ on the altar. In time of huge sexual temptations, Christ says to Saint Catherine of Siena: **"I have never been so close to you as in this moment."** And this is the moment when on the Altar Almighty Father through the unbloody sacrifice of His only begotten Son is waiting for you and me that we may discover within ourselves His closeness to us and the redeeming value of the Holy Mass. And this takes time, takes the time to be aware that this celebration is not a human action. It needs our faith to accept what God has revealed to us through Christ. Christ entrusted this sacrament of Charity to his Catholic Church and we by faith accept and experience its power. During these two thousand years, our Catholic Church continuous, and will continue to the end of time celebrating the Holy Mass for the salvation of the whole world. It takes time to realize that the value of the Holy Mass does not depend how holy or sinful the priest is when he celebrates it. The power, the redeeming value of the Holy sacrifice belongs to Christ and not to us. Only then we will be aware before whom we stand and whom we worship.

**RECTORY SUMMER HOURS 2021**

The rectory summer hours are as follows:

**Monday through Thursday**

10:00am 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!*

**Preston Center of Compassion's Afterschool Recreation Program (PCC)**

PCC is offering our afterschool Recreation Program on the grounds of Preston High School for grades K-7. This program includes independent homework time and snack as well as other fun activities. This program runs on all school days, from 3pm to 6pm. The cost of this program is \$4 per hour / \$60 per week / \$240 per month.

**Preston Center of Compassion's Afterschool Tutoring Program (PCC)**

PCC is also offering our affordable afterschool Tutoring Program for Grades K-7. Please call us for details.

Free transportation is provided for local Throggs Neck Public and Catholic schools. For further information contact: Sr. Patricia Warner, Executive Director of Preston Center of Compassion, 718-892-8977.

**VERY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE**

If you want to receive Holy Communion on your tongue, you must kneel. This is to avoid the spreading of germs. If you do not kneel, holy communion will be given to you in your hand. Otherwise, you will be spreading germs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**SACRAMENTS**

This is an invitation to all Adults who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend classes here at St. Benedict's beginning the end of September 2021.

If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. 718-828-3403, ext. 101. Thank you.

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS**

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

*Deacon Mike is inviting you to a scheduled*

*Baptism Instruction Zoom meeting as follows:*

**Monday, August 23rd at 7:00pm**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969875292?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969875292?pwd=U1I3dGR4WGMrMkZQzFURUM2d0d3QT09)

[pwd=U1I3dGR4WGMrMkZQzFURUM2d0d3QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969875292?pwd=U1I3dGR4WGMrMkZQzFURUM2d0d3QT09)

Meeting ID: 889 6987 5292 Pass code: 276959

**Rectory Telephone #: 1-718-828-3403**

**Telephone Extensions:**

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Fr. Christian Amah	112
Deacon Mike Salvatorelli	107
Isabelle Welsh	101
Carole Janicki	102
Carl Triano	117
Joann LaDisa (CCD)	1-718-829-1200
School	1-718-829-9557



**We Welcome  
into the Roman Catholic Church and our  
Parish community of St. Benedict**

**Richard Gabriel Bruno  
Baptized on July 11, 2021**

**Petition To Stop The Up Zoning Of Bruckner  
Boulevard In The North East Bronx-Schuylerville,  
Pelham Bay, Throggs Neck— 10461 & 10465**

There is a Petition circulating to stop the above "Up Zoning." There are copies of the Petition in the back of our Church and in the rectory.

**Please sign the Petition.**

**Remember, this is our Community;  
Let's Protect our Community!**

**Second Collection**

There will be a Second Collection **THIS** weekend for the "Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa."

Thanking you in advance for your generosity and support.

God Bless you!

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021:**

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

**Day:** Rv1:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1Cor15:20-27; Lk1:39-56

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, August 2, 2021 \$11,099.23**

*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](http://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.

**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.**

**Wishing everyone a very blessed, peaceful, and joyous summer break.**

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

**(RE) CCD**

Registration for **Sept. 2021-2022** religious education is currently open for in classroom learning. Our summer hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8am until 12:00 Noon. You can also register 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 afternoons (**4:15-5:45**) or Sunday mornings (**10:30am-12:00pm**) that are over 18 years of age and a Catholic in good standing. If you are interested in donating your time teaching our children on one of the above days, please call the (RE) CCD office as soon as possible at 718-829-1200. Thank you!

**LAMP Catholic Ministries** would appreciate some help in their food and prayer outreach through the **LAMPcafe**. Would you occasionally have a little over two and a half hours in midday (roughly 10:45am-1:30pm) to help hand out a sandwich and a cool drink to those in need? All that's needed is a servant heart and a smile. The food truck used is in the driveway of LAMP's Center at 2704 Schurz Avenue, should you want to see it. We park for about an hour in front of three Catholic Churches in the S. Bronx (on separate days.) For more information and days when help is needed, please call 718-409-5062.

**REMINDERS**

- Baptisms**                      **Sundays, August 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at the 11am Mass.**
- Baptism Instructions**      **Mon., August 23rd**  
**Zoom meeting - 7:00pm**
- Nar-A-Non**                      **Wednesdays in the Convent**  
**Upstairs from 7:00-8:30pm**

**Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women**

**U.S. Air Force:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Jimenez, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**The Throggs Neck Community Alliance Food Distribution**

The Throggs Neck Community Alliance is a group of volunteers from Throggs Neck trying to help people in the Throggs Neck Section of the Bronx who may need food and other necessary items. The Alliance will be on the corner of Bruckner Boulevard and Edison Avenue every Wednesday and Saturday beginning at 12:00 Noon. They need volunteers of all ages. Please contact St. Benedict's Rectory and leave your name, contact number and email address. A staff member from the Alliance will contact you directly to set up a day and time you can volunteer.

You can also help by continuing to bring non-perishable food items to Church on Sundays. The Alliance will distribute the items according to the needs of the people from Throggs Neck who need help, especially during this difficult time of this on-going pandemic. Please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101 to volunteer.

Thank you!

