

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"



*Solemnity of Our Lady
of the Assumption*

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday, August 15, 2021

7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 7:00pm

Bulletin - August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.

— *Luke 1:42*

THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

MONDAY, August 16th

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Stephen of Hungary

6:45 Digna Matos
8:30 John Anthony Delgado

TUESDAY, August 17th

6:45 Jimmy E. Matos
8:30 Adamo Mannarino

WEDNESDAY, August 18th

6:45 Joseph Drudo
8:30 Carmelo & Lucia Macaluso

THURSDAY, August 19th

St. John Eudes

6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:30 Angelina DelVecchio

FRIDAY, August 20th

St. Bernard

6:45 Joseph Drudo
8:30 Antoinette Felice

SATURDAY, August 21st

St. Pius X

8:30 Catherine Dunne
4:00 Deceased Members of the Kamocsai and Duane Families

SUNDAY, August 22nd

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Michaelangelo Cipollone
8:00 Anthony & Silverio DiMeglio
9:30 Giuseppe Assalone
11:00 Frank Bonfiglio
7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

St. Benedict's Principal

I, along with Mr. Ray Vitiello, are pleased to announce that Ms. Mary Scheer will be assuming the principal position of St. Benedict's School immediately. Ms. Scheer joins us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in Catholic Education.

Please join Mr. Vitiello and I in extending our warmest well wishes and all God's Blessings in welcoming Ms. Scheer to our school community.

Fr. Nikolin Pergjini, Pastor

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III. *Kimberly Jackson and Joshua Hubany*
- II. *Melinda Rivera and Alessandro Guida*

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

*Loving Daughter and Son-in-Law
Denise & Michael Raucci*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Catherine Dunne

**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
Pat Eaccirano	Kim Rappold
Sandra Edwards	Philip Rebia
Sean Fagan	Phillip Rivera
Francisco Fernandez	Antonette Roublick
Isabelle Mercedes	Ruth Sakola
Fernandez	Ann Samhammer
John Fernandez	Dave Samhammer
David Fisher	Joseph P. Santangelo
Tyler Gallagher	Ashley Saucedo
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	Leeann Williams
Richard LoCascio	Robert Ziehl

+ Babies/Children +

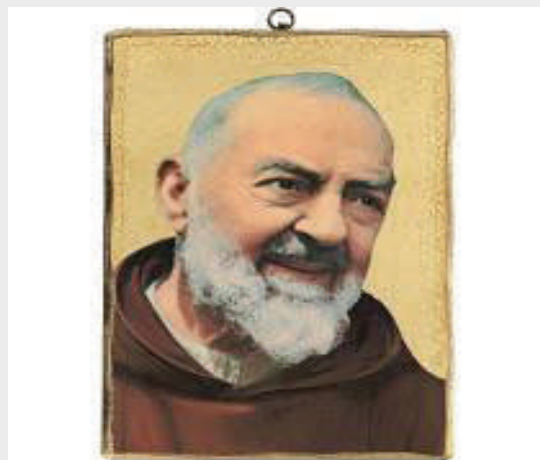
Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Olivia lafelice, Baby Noelle Jablonka, Infant Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Infant Lucas Ortiz, Riku, Noah Santino, Tiffany Toro, Azalea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

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

Diane Freitas, Carmelo Gonzalez,
Dave Sabatano

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

*Loving Wife Diana and Children
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Loving Husband and Father
Adamo Mannarino
Second Anniversary in Heaven*



Padre Pio Shrine, Barto, Pennsylvania Tuesday, September 28, 2021

We will be having a bus trip to Padre Pio's Shrine, Barto, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 leaving from in front of St. Benedict's Church. The bus will leave at 8:00am sharp and then leave Barto, Pennsylvania at 4:00pm. The cost is \$45.00 per person. You must pay for your bus seat by September 24th and you must wear a mask.

Bring your own food - picnic tables available. Mass, talk, and video will be provided on the life and works of St. Padre Pio. On the way home we will stop at one of the Farmer's Markets (not far from Padre Pio's Shrine.)

If you are interested, please come to the rectory to reserve your seat and pay the \$45.00 per person. Thank you.

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

The next First Friday for Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be September 3, 2021 from 8:00pm until 6:00am.

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

Thank you!

Message from Father Pergjini:

Jesus said to the crowds: I am the living bread that came down from heaven: whoever eats this bread will live forever; Last Sunday's bulletin, August 8th, we ended describing the Eucharistic prayer, the most powerful moment of the Holy Mass. The Eucharistic prayer is indeed the center and summit of the entire celebration which requires 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, experience its power in our lives. Christ clearly states that the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. And the bread of life, the real presence of Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity is on the Altar of Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. After the consecration the priest and faithful united in the powerful spirit of the prayer that Christ taught us, the "Our Father." The "Our Father" is the "summary of the whole Gospel" (Tertullian) and Saint Thomas Aquinas said that the "Our Father" is the perfect prayer. Yes, indeed, it is the perfect prayer, and the summary of the whole Gospel for those who humbly and faithfully engage themselves in the power of this unique prayer. The Catechism of our Catholic Church reminds us that the full meaning of the "Our Father" is revealed in the Eucharist since its petitions are based on the mystery of salvation already accomplished in Christ. During the recitation of Our Father, as I observe at every Holy mass, are some people who open their arms. It has become like a norm for some, while others fold their hands. The catholic liturgical instructions explicitly states that only the main celebrant with the other Concelebrants, priests and deacons open their arms during the "Our Father." It is our duty as preachers to explain to the faithful regarding the liturgical norms. Liturgy is not liturgy if it is subject to us: to add or remove words or gestures as some would like to do is to go against what the Catholic Church universally teaches. And we are asked to be faithful to this liturgical unity given to us by our mother Church. After "Our Father" is the sign of peace. The Holy Mass by its nature is the sacrament of peace. The sign of peace is very important and a beautiful moment to express it. Christ gave His peace to his apostles and continues today at every time a Holy mass is celebrated. Sometimes the sign of peace is exaggerated, and people keep moving around the church exchanging the sign of peace. They have a good intention to do so, but they forget that on the Altar is the body and blood of Christ waiting for our reverence, a moment to worship what is sacred. Pope Benedict XVI reminds the faithful regarding the sign of peace: "that nothing is lost when the sign of peace is marked by a sobriety which preserves the proper spirit of the celebration, as, for example, when it is restricted to one's immediate neighbors." After the sign of peace is the distribution and reception of the Holy Communion. Majority of the faithful are aware and well prepared to receive the real presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Still, are people lined up because they see everyone is going to receive? It would be impossible and redundant to announce every single time before Holy communion the rules how to receive Holy Communion. It is our duty, as priests, directly and indirectly during our homilies to instruct, and inform the faithful regarding how to properly receive the Body of Christ. And encouraging the faithful to use the sacrament of confession in order to be in a state of grace when we receive the Body of Christ. It is a very delicate and difficult issue nowadays. Many people think that is like being in a normal meal celebration that everyone must receive it. The holy Mass is not, and never will be compared, with a regular meal. Christ before his last supper prepared in a unique way his apostles: washing the feet of his apostles, a gesture of humility and forgiveness. The washing of their feet meant to remove the dirty part of our body, and to be ready for the most powerful divine celebration for our salvation and the salvation of the whole world. Saint Paul is very strong regarding how to receive the body of Christ. He reminded the faithful back then, and us today, that we should not receive the Body of Christ without being properly prepared otherwise we will receive our own condemnation. And this is to help the faithful so that they may receive the benefits of this most powerful sacrament on earth. Christ powerfully states in this passage of Saint John: **"and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."** (John 6:51) **and this bread, which is flesh of Jesus Christ, offered for our salvation, and made possible, only through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our Catholic Church for our salvation. Amen!**



House of Gold Praesidium of the Legion of Mary

Our dear Pastor, Fr. Pergjini, has given permission and blessings to re-open the House of Gold Praesidium of the Legion of Mary here at St. Benedict's parish. We will soon have future details on the re-opening of the praesidium, which will start with an introduction to the legion. The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country around the world. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include evangelization inviting people to the parish, parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, bringing the Blessed Mother to a house for one or two weeks, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the Pastor and works under the permission of the Pastor. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they do two hours of definite work each week in pairs.



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.

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

Please call the rectory to register at 718-828-3403, Ext. 101.

[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:

Fr. Nikolin Pergjini	109
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

SAD NEWS

Unfortunately, Fr. Joseph Kotersky, a Jesuit Priest, has suddenly passed away. Some of you may remember him because he would occasionally celebrate Mass here on Sundays.

Please keep Fr. Kotersky in your prayers.
May he Rest in Peace!

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!**

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.

If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register or you can call us at 718-828-3403, ext. 101. Thank you.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We thank all of you who came to all-night Adoration. It was a great success and we hope and pray that we will continue all-night Adoration on the first Friday of every month. Again, many thanks and God Bless you!

Spiritual Readings for the Week of August 15, 2021:

Monday: Jgs2:11-19; Ps106:34-37, 39-40,43ab, 44; Mt19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;

Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, August 8, 2021 **\$7,860.00**

50/50 WINNER:

Ms. Elizabeth Barry **\$111.00**

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 for 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.

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!

FAREWELL TO BROTHER DAVID

Brother David has been accepted to the Minor Seminary in Douglaston, Queens. Although we are very happy for him we are also saddened that he will be leaving us next week.

Thank you Brother David for your presence and your inspiring spiritual example here at St. Benedict's for the past year.

We will miss you and we wish you the best of luck and all God's Blessings!

REMINDERS

Baptisms

Sundays August 15th, 22nd, 29th at the 11am Mass.

Baptism Instructions

Mon., August 23rd - Zoom meeting 7:00pm (see page 5)

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:

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

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!

