

# *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:**

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:**

1016 Edison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465  
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<http://www.stbenedictschoolbx.org>

### **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*  
1-718-829-1200 or: [StBenedictREdu@gmail.com](mailto:StBenedictREdu@gmail.com)  
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, 8:00am, 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

**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

## **Bulletin - August 22, 2021** **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD.*  
— *Joshua 24:15b*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**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

**MONDAY, August 23rd; St. Rose of Lima**

6:45 Lucas Falcione  
8:30 Angela & Giuseppe Campisi

**TUESDAY, August 24th; St. Bartholomew**

6:45 Alfredo Guzman  
8:30 Marcelino Soto

**WEDNESDAY, August 25th; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz**

6:45 Michael Drebycz  
8:30 Josephine & Joseph Kobylenski

**THURSDAY, August 26th**

6:45 Jovita Esperanza Cedeno  
8:30 Carmine & Antonio Pelosi

**FRIDAY, August 27th; St. Monica**

6:45 Barbara DeMaggio  
8:30 William & Ludvica Koppas

**SATURDAY, August 28th; St. Augustine**

8:30 Iris Lopez  
4:00 Oreste J. Persico  
"1st Anniversary in Heaven"

**SUNDAY, August 29th; Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Louis S. Dinino  
8:00 Deceased Members of the Romano and DiMeglio Families  
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish  
11:00 Monica DelVecchio  
"6th Anniversary in Heaven"  
7:00 Daniel & Alfred Civarelli  
"Happy Heavenly Birthday"

**"Let Us Do Good" Fundraiser**

**The Redwood Club, 2680 Schurz Avenue**

**Saturday, September 18th - Doors open at 3:00pm**

**Tunnel to Towers Foundation - 20 Years of Doing Good**

The Genovese Family will be hosting their 4th annual BBQ fundraiser in honor of the memory of their son and brother Matthew Genovese at the Redwood Club. All proceeds will go to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers (T2T) Foundation. For a donation of \$25, guests will be able to partake in a BBQ with one ticket for a complimentary beer or wine. If you cannot attend the fundraiser, you can show your support by making a donation online at:

<https://dogood.t2t.org/mattsgrandoldpacers>

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

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

**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
Kari-Lynne Clark	Maylee Roman Overman
Lillian Corrado	Angelo Palumbo, Sr.
Carlos Cruz	Lorraine Parisi
Tom Curran	Rob Passanisi
Vinny D'Amico	Pasquale Preziosa
Mike & Louis D'Annuncci	Paolo Principe
Carla DeCicco	Kim Rappold
Pat Eaccirano	Philip Rebia
Sandra Edwards	Phillip Rivera
Sean Fagan	Antonette Roublick
Francisco Fernandez	Ruth Sakola
Isabelle Mercedes	Ann Samhammer
Fernandez	Dave Samhammer
John Fernandez	Joseph P. Santangelo
David Fisher	Ashley Saucedo
Tyler Gallagher	Margaret Geddis Schmidt
Debra Ann Garcia	Kathy Selvaggio
Marion Gruber	Nina Serpati
Sharon Holzapfel	Robert Siniscalchi
Eileen Jennings	Maria Soto
Edward Kennedy	Theresa Stanton
Daniel Kundig	Pasquale Tartaglione
Elise Lawle	Thomas Vecchio
Frankie Lettera	Leeann Williams
Jessica Lettera	Robert Ziehl
Richard LoCascio	

**+ Babies/Children +**

Baby Amari, Brinley, Baby Rose, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Olivia lafelice, 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 +**

Rita O'Brien, Amelia "Jackie" Russo, Mary Tonetti



**III. Melinda Rivera and Alessandro Guida**

## 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.

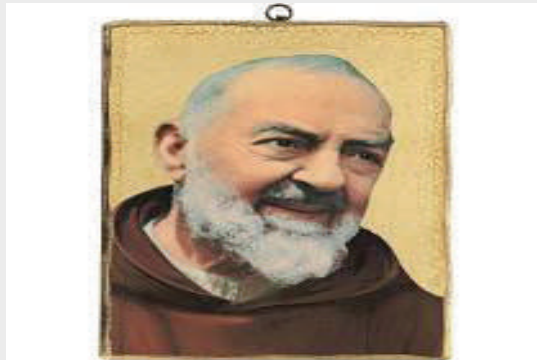
Thank you!

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## Spanish Mass Every Thursday

We are planning to start a Spanish Mass here at St. Benedict's Church. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30pm with Confession, and then followed with the Holy Mass in Spanish in the Church **beginning Thursday, September 23, 2021**. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

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## 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 \$45.00 per person. Thank you.



*Message from Father Pergjini:*

Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” John 6:68-69 This Sunday we end the sixth chapter of Saint John’s Gospel. Through this chapter of Saint John we discover and rediscover the redeeming value of the Holy Mass, offering the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ for our salvation. The last part of this chapter confronts all of us, as it did back then, the powerful words of Christ: “Do you also want to leave?” Christ addressed this question to the Twelve respecting their freedom to make a free decision to follow him or to leave as the others left. Those who left Christ never knew His real power, His divine presence. They were unwilling to follow his divine Truth, his commandments, his sufferings and finally to know the Glory of the Resurrection. The door is always wide open for each and every one of us. Saint Peter who speaks on

behalf of the Twelve answers that moving and encouraging answer in a form of question that they could not find anyone on this earth who has the ultimate words that every human being needs to have, the words of eternal Life. The Twelve firmly believed that Christ is the Holy One of God. We never can fully experience the power and the beauty of our faith if we are willing to live superficially our Catholic faith. We must enter into the depth of our faith. We cannot pretend to know Christ unwilling to follow Him to the end, to enter into the Divine Truth, his demanding commandments and experience His mercy and Love. I never forget the homily of Pope emeritus Benedict XVI when he came to New York, Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. During his homily the pope pointed out toward the beautiful stained glass windows of Saint Patrick’s cathedral saying:

**“If you are outside right now you cannot see the beauty of these windows, they will appear dreary, but within the church these same windows come alive as the light passes through them and reveals their splendor.”** The humble Pope, with his genius mind, continued with his soft voice: **“likewise, the true understanding of the mystery of the Church must come from within. It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and the life of the church that we see the Church as she truly is, flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, and adorned by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”** Yes, indeed, these wise and very significant words of Benedict XVI encourages all of us that we must come inside the church, into her divine truth, commandments, sacraments, and precepts in order to experience this powerful beauty that saves the world and our broken souls. Many people whom we know very well have left the church unwilling to come inside and know the church from within. They are unwilling to accept the demanding requirements, the Truth that make us free. On the other hand, there are many others who peacefully go to the Catholic Church, as the first American born Saint Elizabeth Seton powerfully said, “where the faith first began, I will seek it among those who received it from God Himself.” She was a convert who learned and lived the redeeming value of the holy Mass. The powerful question of Christ addressed to the Twelve is also the same question addressed to us, too. Will we answer as Saint Peter did? **“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”** Yes indeed, we will answer that question taking refuge in the most powerful celebration on earth, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to say to Christ what Saint Peter said. “The Eucharist is the core of our Christian divine service.” Almighty Father through the sacrifice of his only son, placed in the human hands of an ordained Catholic priest, an act that can be fulfilled only by the Divine, Christ himself. And this is the power of the Holy Mass providing for us his divine words, touching our souls, minds and hearts, feeding us with his divine flesh, food that last forever. Only in this way we can follow him humbly and patiently, faithful to his commandments, accepting our pains and sufferings and our daily cross. May we be faithful to the redeeming power of Holy Mass and follow Christ as the Twelve followed Him to the End, without End. Amen!



**House of Gold Praesidium of the Legion of Mary**

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 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.

**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. 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:*

**Mon., Sept. 6th and Mon., Sept. 20th at 7:00pm**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815691296?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85815691296?pwd=WktiTzdXR1NQS3pkNVVQa0FZOGN2dz09)  
[pwd=WktiTzdXR1NQS3pkNVVQa0FZOGN2dz09](#)**

**Meeting ID: 858 1569 1296**  
**Pass code: 627453**

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

**Telephone Extensions:**

<b>Fr. Nikolin Pergjini</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Fr. Christian Amah</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Deacon Mike Salvatorelli</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Isabelle Welsh</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Carole Janicki</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Carl Triano</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Joann LaDisa (CCD)</b>	<b>1-718-829-1200</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>1-718-829-9557</b>

**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!**

**ENCOUNTER**

***Adoration Through the Eyes of Mary***

**A night of prayer with meditative music and confession**

**St. Benedict's Catholic Church**  
**2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465**  
**Saturday, September 18th from 7:30pm-8:30pm**  
**(Doors Open at 7:00pm)**  
**Confession 7:00pm-7:30pm Only**

***Fellowship afterwards in Father Albert Hall***

**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.

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021:**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

**SUNDAY, August 15, 2021 \$7,511.22**

*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 for those eligible.

**ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL**

**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.**

**(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!

**Mass for Parents Who Have Lost a Child**

We are having a Mass here at St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th at 11:00am. This Mass will be offered for "Parents Who Have Lost a Child (any age)"

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



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**REMINDERS**

- Baptisms** Sundays, August 22nd & 29th at the 11am Mass
- NO Baptisms** Sun., Sept. 5th
- Baptism Instructions** Mon., Sept. 6th and Mon., Sept. 20 Zoom meeting - 7:00pm (see page 5)
- Nar-A-Non** Wednesdays in the Convent Upstairs from 7:00-8:30pm

**The Rectory will be CLOSED Monday, September 6th**

**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, 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 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!