

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:

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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, 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 29, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.

— *James 1:21b*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

7:00 Louis S. Dinio
 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 Birthday in Heaven"

MONDAY, August 30th

6:45 Steven Rosa
 8:30 Mikel, Domenika, Alida, and Leonardo Gjoni
 and Family - "Living"

TUESDAY, August 31st

6:45 Mary Freyne
 "Living - Healing"
 8:30 Vincenzo Macaluso and Family

WEDNESDAY, September 1st

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
 6:45 Mariane Hayez
 8:30 Ann M. Schroeder

THURSDAY, September 2nd

6:45 Rocco & Carmella Mastrandrea
 8:30 Addolorata Iaffaldano

FRIDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
 6:45 Lester & Margaret Kamocsai
 8:30 Domenick, Pasqualina & Pietro Viscogliosi

SATURDAY, September 4th

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday
 8:30 Leanne Williams
 "Living"
 4:00 Johnny Lopez, Jr.

SUNDAY, September 5th; Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
 8:00 Domenico DelVecchio
 9:30 For the Children and Grandchildren of Anna Kaminski
 "Living"
 11:00 Volaj Family
 "Living"
 7:00 Louis & Caroline Cione

*Please remember to pray for Americans in
 Afghanistan that they come back home safely.
 Lord, hear our prayer.*



**I. Jennifer Russo and
 Michael Donofrio**

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

Lula Dedivanovic
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:
The Dedivanovic, Harris and Gecaj Families
"Living"

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

Joseph Abbate	Richard LoCascio
Ramon G. Barreiro	LauMei Sheung Louie
Anthony Battista	Louis
Judy Berardinone	Elizabeth Mandile
Elisabeth Bikoko	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'Annunzi	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

+ 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 Iafelice, 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 +**

Frank Robert Adamo, Donald DeRosa, George Fortsch,
 Noemi Rivera

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

Aunt Lula Dedivanovic
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Nua Nicaj
One Month in Heaven

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.

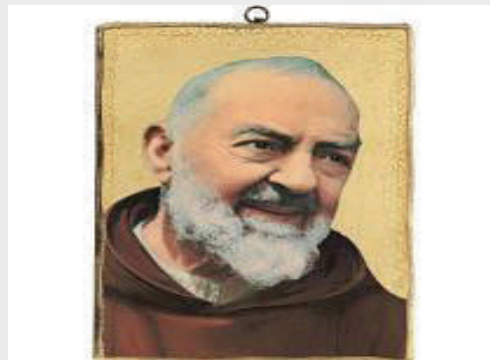
Thank you!

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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:

“How much I must criticize you, my Church, and yet how much I love you! You have made me suffer more than anyone, and yet I owe more to you than to anyone. I should like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence. You have given me much scandal, and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, falser, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous, or more beautiful. “Countless times I have felt like leaving you, my Church; and yet every night I have prayed that I might die in your arms, loving arms.” (Carlo Carretto)

Who is Carlo Carretto? He was an Italian religious and a very charismatic author and founder of the catholic congregation of the little brothers of the Gospel. Frequently, I have read this quote from Carlo Carretto and paused for a moment. As a priest I very often hear complaints from people who naturally wonder what is going on within our church and outside our church. They become discouraged and are ready to leave our church. It is true their complaints fit perfectly in our time just as they did back when Carlo Carretto vented his outrage. His every word has a powerful authenticity that we can easily identify with.

On the other hand, I know many faithful people who patiently suffer without expressing their frustrations, their anger, and their many disappointments in our Church. They humbly, prayerfully, and peacefully lift up their anger, their confusion, and their outrage, to God before the Blessed Sacrament, with a suffering silence before Christ Jesus on the cross, who is the Lamb led to the slaughter.

The last words of Saint Mark’s gospel in today’s Sunday Mass, remind all of us that evils in the world come from within, and they can defile us. Yes, indeed, lots of us can entertain those evil thoughts and, unfortunately, they can become evil actions. These thoughts can poison our souls and lead us, and others too, down a path without an exit, a life without being embraced by the power of Christ’s Mercy. To gain the whole world, and lose our souls, is the ultimate tragedy.

The second reading of Saint James’ letter peacefully begs all of us today with his wise words: “Humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in you and is able to save your soul.” Indeed, the Word is planted in all of us at our baptism. As we honestly confess our sins of thought and actions during the sacrament of confession, the grace of this powerful sacrament cleanses us, and prepares our soul to receive the body, soul, and divinity of Christ in Holy Communion. He becomes one with us. There is no greater gift in all the world.

This is the Catholic Church that we love and that we owe more to than any power on earth. We need Her presence and Her grace in our life. This grace helps us understand what holiness means, that purity and generosity are beautiful in the eyes of God. Let us ask for God’s Mercy and Love to surround us during the times when we become distracted and discouraged and wish to leave the Church. Let us remember Carlo Carretto and pray for the grace that he humbly and prayerfully stated:

“Countless times I have felt like leaving you, my Church; and yet every night I have prayed that I might die in your arms, loving arms.” (Carlo Carretto)

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.

"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>

We Are Still Going Strong

The Prayer Group at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, continues to meet **MONDAY NIGHTS** from 7-8pm (**new time.**) (**New place**) Sisters Chapel located at the immediate right upon entering the gates of Providence Rest. **The Hour includes:** Rosary and Divine Mercy, Prayer and Worship, Short Teaching, Intercessory Prayers, Concluding song.

Let Us Worship The Lord Together!!!

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

Meeting ID: 858 1569 1296

Pass code: 627453

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

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.

40 Days for Life: September 22nd - October 31, 2021

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on **September 22nd and concluding October 31st**. **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/40daysforlifebx@gmail.com

Spiritual Readings for the Week of August 29, 2021:

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, August 22, 2021 \$6,848.03

50/50 WINNER:

Mrs. Eleanor Crean \$133.00

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

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

School office is open 8:30am until 1:00pm, Monday - 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 Saint 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 29th, Sept. 12th 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

Mon., Sept. 6th

The Rectory will be **CLOSED.**

NO 6:45am Mass

There will be 8:30am Mass

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 Jimenez, 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!