

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"

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 - September 5, 2021 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? —*James 2:5*



**September 11, 2001
September 11, 2021**

*May we never forget the memory of those
whose spirit shines in the darkness!*

**At 8:46 a.m. the bells will toll throughout the
Archdiocese.**

Please say a prayer for the victims at this time.

*O God the author of mercy and lover of
the salvation of mankind, we address
Thy clemency on behalf of our brethren
who tragically departed this life 20
years ago, that by intercession of the
blessed Mary, ever virgin, and all the
saints, Thou wouldst receive them into
the enjoyment of eternal happiness.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen!*

*Eternal rest grant them, O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace!*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, September 6th; Labor Day

NO 6:45 Mass

8:30 John Iorio

TUESDAY, September 7th

6:45 Angelina DelVecchio

8:30 Carmelo Fidanza

WEDNESDAY, September 8th; The Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

6:45 Silvestro Palumbo

8:30 Edward C. Grindall
"1st Anniversary in Heaven"

THURSDAY, September 9th; St. Peter Claver

6:45 Robert Imor

8:30 Michelangelo Cipollone

FRIDAY, September 10th

6:45 Angjelina Kola

8:30 St. Benedict's School Mass

SATURDAY, September 11th; Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Joseph Roldan

4:00 Charles Ayala

SUNDAY, September 12th; Twenty-fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:00 Louis S. Dinino

8:00 Giuseppe & Francesco Chiodi

9:30 St. Benedict's Parish

11:00 Silvester Senzamici

7:00 Anthony Cristiano

RECTORY HOURS:

Effective Tues., Sept. 7, 2021, the rectory hours are as follows:

Monday—Friday: 9am—12:00pm and 1:00pm—3:00pm

Saturday: 9am until 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

RECTORY

The Rectory will be **CLOSED Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day. We will re-open Tuesday, September 7th at 9:00am.

If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403.

Happy a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Holiday!

Please Note: No 6:45am Mass on Mon., Sept. 6th
There will be a 8:30am Mass

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

Their Children and Grandchildren
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:
Nunziato & Rosa Pella

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

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| 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 |

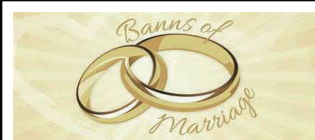
+ Babies/Children +

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 lafelice, Noelle Jablonka, Infant Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Infant Lucas Ortiz, Riku, Noah Santino, Tiffany Toro, Azalea Vargas, Rayne Weiner

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Please remember to pray for Americans in Afghanistan that they return home safely!

Lord, hear our prayer!



- III. *Jennifer Russo and Michael Donofrio*
- I. *Kristin Ramkisso and Crystal Naraine*

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

The next First Friday for Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be **October 1, 2021** from 8:00pm until 6:00am.

We thank all of you who came to all-night Adoration on Friday, September 3rd. It was very successful and we hope and pray that we will continue all-night Adoration on Friday, October 1st and future First Fridays. Again, many thanks and may God always Bless you!

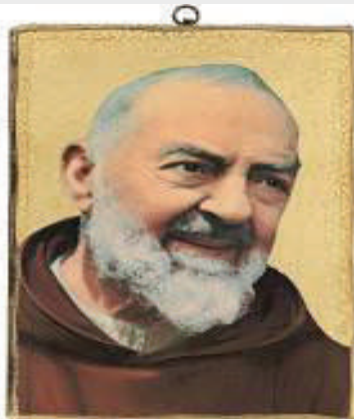
We always need volunteers. If you are interested, please sign the book in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you!

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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:

As I think of the anniversaries of Mother Teresa on earth and the other one, more importantly, in Heaven, I thought to share with you my personal memories with her. It was a blustery cold winter's day in New York in January of 1992. The day promised to be both unique and remarkable, one that I will never forget. It was the day I was scheduled to encounter the future Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Many times I heard of her so often that I persistently dreamed of this dear woman, and I truly believed that I would meet with her and speak to her one day. It was early in the morning that I had to leave the seminary and drive to the house, in the Bronx, the residence of the sisters of Mother Teresa who live taking care of a shelter for men. Mother Teresa's busy schedule brought her to the Bronx for a few days and she was presently attending Mass at that convent.

As I headed toward the Bronx many thoughts danced through my mind about this fine woman. As a teenager, I became aware of the fact that both her mother and sister lived ten minutes walking distance from our home, but I never had the chance to visit them. They and my own family were persecuted by the communists, so fear made those demands of visits impossible. I later learned that the mother and sister of Mother Teresa had passed away. It is very sad to know that the leaders of the Communist government never allowed Mother Teresa to come and visit them or offer them the opportunity to leave Albania and go visit her in India or anywhere else for that matter.

Things changed in Albania, as throughout the world, and Mother Teresa visited Albania for the first time since her departure from her homeland, in 1988. Unfortunately, both her mother and her sister had entered eternal rest long before this visit. With her amazing Christian spirit of both holiness and forgiveness she went to pray at the tomb of the dictator, Enver Hoxha who had persecuted and killed the Catholic clergy and religious and declared Albania the first atheistic country in the world and he also made it impossible for Mother Teresa to visit her dear mother and sister. With her visit to the grave of the dictator she angered many Catholics when they witnessed her on the news on television, kneeling before that infamous gravesite. My dear parents and I watched Mother Teresa kneeling wrapped in deep prayer as we sat silently in our own pain under that terrible regime. From the recesses of my own pain, I pondered on just what had Mother Teresa prayed and had she prayed for her family to remind Enver Hoxha for what he had done? Now, after many years, I quietly imagine those divine moments of forgiveness and love, longing for the same capacity for both.



Holding the reflection of those sad times of the past, I arrived at the convent of the sisters of Mother Teresa. I entered the convent enveloped in peace and tranquility while going into that small and warm chapel. My memories of the past became pleasant and consoling when I gazed upon Mother Teresa with her sisters and a few other people in that cozy chapel. What a joy to be present in so fine a place as this lovely chapel! The atmosphere was pregnant with an absolute silence. At the corner of that simple and prayerful chapel the Holy nun was kneeling in prayer. I gazed upon her with love and admiration; she seemed to represent the suffering and pain of millions of people whom both she and her community served. What a powerful beauty to bring that loving service into the power of the Divine in the context of the Mass! The Mass was short, but as always, a deep divine experience to rejoice. After Mass and meditation, the sisters left the Chapel in profound silence. One by one the people moved in the direction of the corner in which Mother Teresa was seated. Each in turn greeted the dear nun. As it so happened, I was the last in the small gathering to move into her presence. I knelt before her and introduced myself. We spoke in Albanian, and she smiled a radiantly and beautiful smile as I asked her to pray for me and give me her blessing. She placed her tiny and tired hands on my head. In those unforgettable and memorable moments, I thought of those holy hands that had fed and served thousands of poor people, her hands that faithfully prayed the rosary, the hands that carried those small medals that she humbly kissed and gave to millions of people she met. What a joy for me to experience those unique moments of my Life! Mother Teresa of Calcutta pray for us! Amen!



We Welcome

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

*Giovanni Anthony Terzigni
Baptized on August 8, 2021*

*Cali Lynn Deortentiis, David Andres Tapia
Baptized on August 15, 2021*

*Eneo Pllumaj, Melissa Vacaj, Rose Vacaj
Baptized on August 21, 2021*

*Michael Nicholas Lacerra
Baptized on August 22, 2021*

*Timothy Joseph Sullivan
Baptized on August 29, 2021*

“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> Thank you!

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. Thank you. 718-828-3403, ext. 101.

BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS

A Priest or Deacon will call the parents and Godparents with the next Baptism Instruction class date

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!

Learn English for free!

Where: St. Frances de Chantal Meeting Room, 190 Hollywood Avenue (corner of Tremont & Harding Avenues) Buses: Bx40 and Bx42. **Registration:** Sept. 13th, 14th, 15th, 9:30am-11am. **Late Registration:** Sept. 20th, 21st, 22nd, 9:30am-11am. **Class Begins: Sept. 20th. When: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 9am-11am.** For further info, please contact: Anne Desel at 718-892-8997. **Preston Center of Compassion**

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 Leader: Bronx, Eastchester: Cecile (347-697-7589)

Spiritual Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021:

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom8:28-30; Ps13:6 Mt1:1-16,18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, August 29, 2021 \$7,468.10

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.

(RE) CCD

Registration for Sept. 2021-2022 religious education is currently open for in-classroom learning. **Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 26th and Wednesday, Sept. 29th.** Please call 718-829-1200 to register. We still need more CCD teachers either Wednesday afternoons (**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 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!

REMINDERS

- Baptisms** Sundays, Sept. 12, 19th, 26th at the 11am Mass
- NO Baptisms** Sun., Sept. 5th
- 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** a 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, 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, 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!