

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 HOURS:

Monday - Friday:
9:00am until 12:00pm
1:00pm until 3:00pm

Saturday:
9:00am until 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday through Saturday in the Adoration 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.



October The month of the Rosary and the Month of Missions
40 Days for Respect Life

*May Our Lady of the Rosary lead us to a great respect for
human life! May the recitation of the Rosary lead us closer to
Christ! Our Lady of The Rosary Pray for us! Amen!*

SCHOOL:

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CLERGY:

Reverend Nikolin Pergjini
Pastor
Reverend Christian Amah
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Richard Veras
Sunday Associate
Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli

PASTORAL STAFF:

Ms. Mary Scheer, *School Principal*
Ms. Joann LaDisa, *Religious Education Office*
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Mrs. Anne Myers, *Director of Music*

M A S S E S:

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession)

Saturdays: After the 8:30am Mass and from 3:00pm--4:00pm

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

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, October 10th; Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Jenny & Louis Gatti
8:00 Angelo & Teresa DelliCarpini
9:30 Maureen Dennehy Sciuto
11:00 Julio Lopez
"Happy Birthday in Heaven"

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

MONDAY, October 11th; St. John XXIII; Columbus Day

6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:30 Daniel Shea

TUESDAY, October 12th

6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:30 Charles Ayala

WEDNESDAY, October 13th

6:45 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:30 Pietro, Domenick & Pasqualina Viscogliosi and Family

THURSDAY, October 14th; St. Callistus I

6:45 Patricia Zayas
8:30 John & Arthur Pearce

FRIDAY, October 15th; St. Teresa of Jesus; National Boss' Day

6:45 Salvatore Catalano
8:30 Mary Cappola

SATURDAY, October 16th; St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque; Blessed Virgin Mary; Sweetest Day

8:30 Joseph Bucciero
4:00 Ed Foley

SUNDAY, October 17th; Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Louis S. Dinino
8:00 Michele DelVecchio
9:30 Maria R. Boiano
"7th Anniversary in Heaven"
11:00 Chris P. Dixon, Sr.
7:00 St Benedict's Parish



RECTORY
The Rectory will be **CLOSED Monday, October 11th** in Observance of Columbus Day. We will re-open Tuesday, October 12th at 9:00am. If there is an emergency, please call 718-828-3403.
Have a Blessed and Enjoyable Holiday!



II. Amanda Lugo & Timothy Calliman
I. Stephanie Vecchio & Robert Pilla

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES ARE SPONSORED BY:
Joan Aiello
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mary Elizabeth O'Neill

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

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

+ 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 +

Theresa Madeline Amato, Lillian Corrado, Belvisa Iodice, Daniel O'Brien, Ana Torres, Lee Ann Williams

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

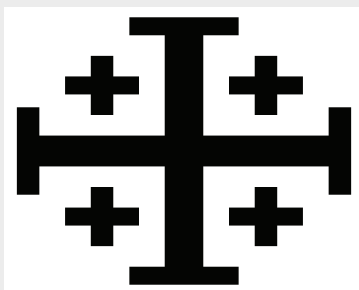
Fr. Nikolin Pergjini's Installation

Cardinal Dolan has demanded that all new pastors assigned recently should have an installation ceremony. For this reason, Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 5:30pm, Bishop Peter J. Byrne, D.D. will install me, Father Nikolin Pergjini, the pastor of Saint Benedict. Due to the Covid-19 circumstances it will only be the celebration of the Holy Mass and installation ceremony.

I personally thank all of you for your support and your prayers during the last three months. I humbly ask you to continue to pray for me. I faithfully pray for all of you, faithful and dedicated parishioners, at every single Holy Mass.

Also, in the silence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Adoration Chapel, I place all of you before Christ.

Thank you and God bless you! Saint Benedict pray for us!



ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT **October 15th and 16th** **JOIN US!**

Want to strengthen your relationship with the Lord? After all this time of uncertainty, continue your walk in faith at the Women's' Cornerstone Retreat. Our retreat is returning to Father Albert Hall beginning with a greeting on **Friday, Oct 15th** at 6pm and ending with refreshments after a celebratory Mass on Saturday evening. Come and learn about yourself, grow in your relationship with the Lord and make new friends in your Parish. We will be taking every precaution we can to have a safe and healthy retreat. The applications are in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call the Cornerstone retreat line at: 917-633-6913 or email: sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com.

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Message from Father Pergjini:

It was October 13, 1917, that made Fatima, Portugal known to all the world that Our Blessed Mother promised to the three children that she would give the sign on that specific day at noon time to confirm everything she had said. The morning of that day there was a heavy rain and thousands of people were patiently and anxiously waiting to see the sign. It was at noon that the sun broke through the clouds and started to dance in the sky as thousands of people witnessed the miracle of the sun. As I share with you this significant moment in world history as we mark the 103rd anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, I do bring to my mind the beautiful memories that I have visiting Fatima. My first time visiting Fatima was many years ago as a seminarian, thanks to the generosity of some benefactors who sponsored every year seminarians around the United States to visit Fatima. They were remarkable Catholics with a deep devotion and love to our Lady of Fatima. One of them, Margaret, may she rest in peace, paid for my trip and was a convert. Her husband, Victor, became Catholic a few weeks before his death when he saw a Catholic priest passing by his room. Victor called the priest to hear his confession, receive the anointing of the sick, and finally receive Holy Communion. After the death of Victor, Margaret and one of her friends, also a convert to Catholicism invited her to go to Fatima. In the beginning she hesitated to go to a place unknown to her and she did not believe in the presence of our Lady. Finally, she changed her mind and went to Fatima. That trip became the journey of a deep and profound experience of conversion. She used to tell us that Victor who was not physically present anymore, but she deeply felt his spiritual presence who helped her to enter a new relationship of faith, a journey of conversion eased by the presence of Our Lady of Fatima. She beautifully described Fatima as the place where she was touched by Our Lady and the desire to become Catholic. She became Catholic on Ascension Thursday as she used to remember with great joy every year when she entered the Catholic Church. Yes, indeed, Fatima is a place of great interior and spiritual peace who has consoled many souls toward the journey of conversion, my soul, too. As I bring to my mind my trips to Fatima, private retreats at the monastery of the Pius the X, the Irish Dominican nuns, celebrating Holy Mass at the Capelina where Our Blessed Mother appeared to the three children, and the moving stories of conversion, I firmly believe the need to speak and remind ourselves about the message of Our Lady of Fatima told to the three saintly children. Repentance and conversion were the words that our Blessed Mother frequently mentioned to them. Also, the vision of hell is well known in the history of Fatima. It was a tormenting scene for the three little children. They saw the agony beyond description of tormented souls in hell. It was immediately after this vision of hell that Our Lady asked for the spreading of devotion to her immaculate Heart of Mary. Today only few people speak about the four last things: **Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell.** In the power of Christ there is always hope, hope to be saved. Christ reminds in today's Gospel of Mark that what is impossible for man is possible for God. On the other hand, we can never ignore the fact that there is also a threat. It is a tormenting threat for those who are unwilling to repent and believe in the Gospel. Hell is the absence of Christ's love. Christ frequently speaks about the consequences of refusing repentance and conversion. Our Lady of Fatima insisted to pray for the repentance and conversion. We all hope to listen to the voice of Christ through Mary and be with those who are chosen in the light and glory of Christ. We all know where Christ is present: In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Holy Scripture, in all Tabernacles of our Catholic Churches around the world, and in the sacraments. We as Catholics on our knees beg the intercessions of Our Lady Fatima to present all of us to Our Divine Savior with humble and contrite hearts. At this anniversary of Fatima on October 13th, the miracle of the sun, may we be aware of the words of our Blessed Mother to repent and enter humbly and peacefully into the path of conversion. May those whom I knew in Fatima and who helped my priestly journey, rest in peace and may Almighty Father reward their generosity.



Our Lady of Fatima Pray for us! Amen!

St. Benedict Church Hours:

Monday through Friday

Church Opens at 6:15am and will close after the 8:30am Mass unless there is a funeral.

Saturday

Church Opens at 8:00am.

Sunday

Church Opens at 6:15am and will close after the Baptisms. The Church will re-open at 6:30pm for the 7:00pm Mass.

Catholic High Schools - Open Houses

Preston	In Person:	Sun., 10/24	11am-2pm
		Mon., 10/25	6pm-8pm
www.prestonhs.org 718-863-9134, Ext. 131			
St. Raymond (Boys)		Sun., 10/17	12:00pm-3:30pm
Ursuline		Sat., 10/23	11-1pm or 2-4pm
		Wed., 10/27	6:30pm-8pm
	Virtual:	Wed., 11/3	6:30pm-8pm

**CHOIR REHEARSALS EVERY WEDNESDAY:
PLEASE JOIN US!**

We are always looking for new members!

Youth Choir 2nd grade-high school
Adult Choir College age and up

Youth Choir Meet in the Sacristy at 9:00am for the 9:30am Mass

2:45-4:00pm Wednesday rehearsals

Adult Choir Meet in the Sacristy at 10:30am for the 11:00am Mass

7:15-8:30pm Wednesday rehearsals

If you have questions, please feel free to see me after Mass or call the rectory. Looking forward to a wonderful year!

Anne Myers

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

BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2021

First Monday of the Month at 6:00pm in the Church

*November 1st
December 6th*

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

**St. Ann's Church (854 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY)
Annual Rosary Vigil - Sun., Oct. 10th from 1-2pm**

We will gather around the image of Our Lady of Fatima outside the chapel on Midland Avenue. The vigil will consist of hymns, recitation of the Holy Rosary, a prayer of Consecration to God, for America, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Litany of Our Lady of America and a brief personal testimony on the power of Our Lady's intercession.

**Holy Hour for Life - St. Ann's Church, Yonkers
October 13th (Our Lady of Fatima)**

We Pray for the Protection of All Human Life! 7:30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Reflection, Holy Rosary and quiet prayer.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor for the 9th Annual Dinner by the Bite at X20 Xaviars on the Hudson, **Sunday, Oct. 24th** from 6pm-9pm. A cocktail reception with substantial hor d'oeuvres and live entertainment by *The Differents*. Help us celebrate a Night of Renewed Hope as we begin to emerge from the COVID pandemic. Proof of vaccination required. See website for details. www.littlesistersofthepoorbronx.org

**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!**

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group is a time for prayerful reflection, sharing one's grief journey, learning strategies for coping, and discovering that you are not alone as you begin to find healing and consolation. The Bereavement Support Group here at Saint Benedict's is in the **Convent upstairs** (1082 Edison Avenue) on Saturdays from 11am-12:30pm. If interested, please call the rectory at 718-828-3403, Ext. 101.

**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 October 10, 2021:

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is53:10-11; Ps33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb4:14-16; Mk10:35-45 [42-45]

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY, October 3, 2021	\$8,667.11
50/50 WINNER:	
Mrs. Grace Bruno	\$145.00
St. Joseph's Seminary Appeal	\$1,352.00

Thank you for your generosity to St. Joseph's Seminary.

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.

(RE) CCD

Registration for Sept. 2021-2022 religious education is currently open for in-classroom learning. Classes have begun. Classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-12:00pm and Wednesday afternoons from 4:15pm-5:45pm. If you have not registered, please call Ms. J. LaDisa to make an appointment (929-318-9172.) We still need more CCD teachers either Wednesday afternoons (**4:15pm-5:45pm**) 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 929-318-9172. Thank you.

CCD Office Hours:

Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 1:30pm-6:30pm, Thursdays 10am-2pm, Sundays 9am-2 pm.

Preston High School's Halloween Festival
Saturday, October 16th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

\$5 Parent Admission includes: Entrance and Magic Show
 \$10 Child Admission includes:
 Magic Show, Face Painting, Pumpkin & Cookie Decorating, and more!
For your safety, masks are required.

Preston High School Haunted Mansion Tours
Saturday., October 16th 6:00-8:00pm

\$15 per person unlimited tours
 \$10 per person one tour only
For your safety, masks are required.
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/9dgRrYLv>

REMINDERS

Baptisms	Sundays, Oct. 17th, 24th, 31st at the 11am Mass
NO BAPTISMS	Sunday, October 10th
RECTORY CLOSED	Monday, Oct. 11th
	Columbus Day
Nar-A-Non	Wednesdays in the Convent upstairs from 7:00-8:30pm
Al-Anon	Fridays in the Convent downstairs from 7:00-9:00pm

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, E-2 Edwin Vargas, 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 for the Throggs Neck community. 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.

Preston Center of Compassion (PCC)
Senior Citizen Program

PCC sponsors a senior citizen program every other week on Thursday mornings between 10-12 noon. Bingo and other fun activities are offered.

Preston Center of Compassion (PCC)
After-school Programs

PCC is offering a few After-School programs and are looking for adult volunteers in the afternoons for easy ... yet so important work ... that would so help us in our ministry of providing afternoon Programs. Hours can be very flexible and could be daily or a few days a week. Hours are between 2-6pm or even less time ... and, if needed, we can even come and pick you up to volunteer on our beautiful Preston Campus! For further information, please contact: Sr. Patricia Warner, Preston Center of Compassion, 718-892-8977.