



St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church

Terence Cardinal Cook - Archbishop of New York—Motto: Fiat Voluntas Tua, meaning, "Thy Will Be Done"

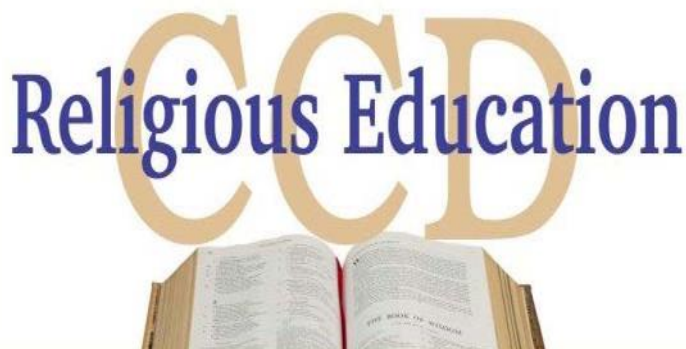
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Bulletin - September 18, 2022 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. — 1 Timothy 2:4



St. Benedict RE (CCD) Program

NEW THIS YEAR!

Re-registration/Registration and Payment for 2022-2023 (all are online) is now Open for Grades 1 - 8 and high school!

Please visit our Parish website:

stbenedictchurchny.org

Registration deadline is Sept. 16th

CCD BEGINS:

Wednesday, September 28th (4:15pm-5:45pm,)

Sunday, October 2nd (9:30am Mass,

CCD 10:30am-12:00 Noon)

You can contact Maria Pirraglia at St. Benedict's School at 718-829-1200 or at the rectory at 718-828-3403, ext. 101. In addition, you can stop by the Rectory on Fridays from 1:00pm-3:00pm for in-person registration

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (*Confession*)

Saturdays: 9:00am until 9:30am and 3:00pm until 4:00pm
Sundays: Also half hour before the Masses, as follows:

6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:30pm

Reverend Nikolin Pergjini, Pastor
Reverend Christian Amah, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Al Barozzi, Sunday Associate

Ms. Mary Scheer, School Principal
Mrs. Maria Pirraglia, Religious Education
718-829-1200/718-828-3403, ext. 101 or stbenedictchurch.org
Mrs. Anne Myers, Director of Music

VOCATIONS - Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocese Vocations Office at (914) 968-1340.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 18th; Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

7:00 Michael & Peter Campanelli
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 Joseph Kelly
11:00 St. Benedict's Parish
7:00 Michael Prince

MONDAY, September 19th; St. Januarius

6:45 St. Padre Pio
8:30 Angela & Domenico Pirraglia

TUESDAY, September 20th; Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang

6:45 Nina Serpati
8:30 James McQuade

WEDNESDAY, September 21st; St. Matthew

6:45 Mario Fidanza, Sr.
8:30 Camille Glaviano and Family

THURSDAY, September 22nd; Autumn begins

6:45 Anthony "Tony" D'Orro
8:30 Clifford DeAngelis

FRIDAY, September 23rd; St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

6:45 In Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio
8:30 St. Padre Pio

SATURDAY, September 24th; Virgin Mary

8:30 Antonia & Carmine Pelosi
4:00 Jose Emilio Almonte

SUNDAY, September 25th; Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Lillian Campanelli
"Living"
8:00 Antonio & Silverio DiMeglio
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
11:00 Michael John Kosits
7:00 Adelina Rimando

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

Joseph Abbate	Richard Garcia, Jr.	Maylee Roman
Judy Berardinone	Hope Gordon	Overman
Elisabeth Bikoko	Marion Gruber	Oyola Family
Jack Bonacorso	Sharon Holzapfel	Angelo Palumbo, Sr.
Kathleen Bowers	Eileen Jennings	Lorraine Parisi
Apollonia & Wendelin	Edward Kennedy	Rob Passanisi
Brenner	Daniel Kundig	Pasquale Preziosa
Walter Buddington	Josephine Lambell	Paolo Principe
Peter Burnett	Irene Lang	Kim Rappold
Amy Buscamonte	Elise Lawle	Philip Rebia
Inez Cantamessa	Frankie Lettera	Maritza Resto
Fay Carter	Jessica Lettera	Phillip Rivera
Carolyn Chiappetta	Francine Lettley	Joanne Robinson
Margaret Colucci	LauMei Sheung Louie	Walter Robinson
Carlos Cruz	Tiffany MacKnight	Mario Roman
Tom Curran	Elizabeth Mandile	Nelson Roman
Vinny D'Amico	Elaine Marin	Antonette Roublick
Mike & Louis	Ann Marro	Ruth Sakola
D'Annucci	Olga Martinez	Ann Samhammer
Carla DeCicco	Jenny Mauro	Dave Samhammer
Margaret Dionisio	Maria Mazzella	Sal Sanchez, Jr.
Pat Eaccirano	Robert McCarthy	Joseph P. Santangelo
Sandra Edwards	Chris McPadden	Ashley Saucedo
Sean Fagan	Denise McPadden	Giovanni Scanga
Francisco Fernandez	Bernie McQuirk	Margaret Geddis
Isabelle Mercedes	Sue McVey	Schmidt
Fernandez	Jose Mendez	Kathy Selvaggio
John Fernandez	Sarah Mirando	Maria Soto
Christopher Filardi	Christie Madonna	Theresa Stanton
David Fisher	Muccino	Pasquale Tartaglione
Anthony Fortunato	Rosa Munoz	Thomas Vecchio
Debra Ann Garcia	Lisa Murphy	Fran Walsh
Richard Garcia, Sr.	Anthony Norberto	

+ Babies/Children +

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

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

Carmen Mejia and Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Augusto Liza
Mercedes Mejia De Liza

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

Anthony Battista
Sarina Tuttle-Quaranta

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Loretta & Tiffany MacKnight
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John W. Walker, III

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mary Elizabeth O'Neill

The following letter is from Cardinal Dolan:

“September 18, 2022
Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Dear friends in the Lord:

Whenever I receive letters from parishioners, none cheers me more than when I read how much the faithful love their priests. And as you know, almost all of them were educated and formed at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, which just celebrated its 125th anniversary this past year.

Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last century and a quarter, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated, and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today and express my gratitude for last year’s contribution of \$343,409, I ask you to consider in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the **Annual Seminary Appeal**. It will be collected on the weekend of September 25, 2022. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for our archdiocesan seminarians and the others who are studying there and help prepare these young men to become great priests who will inspire future letters of admiration.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord’s call. I ask you to pray for priestly vocations and help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church one day. To learn more, visit **www.dunwoodie.edu**.

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York”

Message from Father Pergjini:

The students started school; public and our parochial school. At the end of this month, we will welcome with joy the students enrolled in our religious education program (CCD.) On behalf of our parish, we thank them and all the parents who are entrusting their children to our teachers and staff to be prepared for the sacraments of first Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is a very important step in the lives of our young students. They will learn a religious subject that they can never learn in the public school: how to love and to know God and how to live God's commandments properly using the sacraments of confession and Holy Communion, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the sacrament of confirmation. We are aware that today is not the same experience as it used to be many years ago. Back then faith was very important in the public life and the majority of the faithful practiced their faith. Today there are many single parents who struggle to raise their children in the best way they can. Many of them must work even on Sundays which makes things very difficult for them to attend Holy Mass together as a family. Some of them, unfortunately, do not practice their faith at all. This is the major issue that we have to face every year: mass attendance on Sundays. Every year, in our orientation program, we make it very clear to every parent that mass attendance on Sundays and Holy days of obligation is mandatory for all students. We try to explain to our parents that teaching in the classroom is meant to prepare the students of what takes place during the celebration of the Holy Mass on Sundays. The celebration of the Holy Mass is the most essential part of our faith where the divine sacrifice takes place and, we, as Catholics, believe that Christ is present in the consecrated bread and wine that become His Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. We admire many of the parents who take this obligation seriously and to bring along with you your son and daughter to attend mass not only when it is required, but, faithfully every Sunday and the holy days of obligation. We hope and pray that this demanding requirement is properly understood to help you as parents and through you, your child will remember that one day whatever they learned by the good examples of their parents and teachers will help them to communicate the same message to their own children one day, God willing! On the other hand, there are unpleasant moments for us when we see a student coming to Mass alone. As we see the parents dropping off their children and come back later when mass is over to pick them up, instead of being with them during the whole time of the celebration. Sometimes it becomes worse when some of the students come at the end of the mass only to sign the Mass card. These unpleasant experiences happen because the control and the good examples of the parents are missing. We can never replace or pretend to do what parents are meant to accomplish in their homes. In the home at a very young age, we all have learned the first prayer, the most essential one, the sign of the cross and the many other prayers. Our families are meant to be the first domestic church where we have learned how to pray and know and love God. We understand that we have to be patient and loving with everyone, trying to explain the importance of practicing our faith. This is to help all of us, especially your sons and daughters who need to be exposed to the beauty of the liturgy, and, we together with them, worship and give praise to Almighty Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Only in this way, and no other way, your children will start to understand the effects of those humble words and prayers taught by mom and dad, and their good examples of being with them at Mass every Sunday. We are blessed to have many of you as part of our community who practice your faith and are willing to teach by example to our future generation. This is a moment we thank all of you as parents for saying yes to life and raising your children in our catholic faith by word and deed. It is a blessing for all of us to see many children, your children, your joy and your life, in the church and see in them the future of our church and our country. Every Sunday, we are gathered to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in that spirit of thanksgiving; we are thankful to Almighty Father for you and your children. We take this opportunity to thank our religious director, our dedicated teachers who every year are willing to sacrifice their time and talents to teach and share our Catholic faith with our future generation. Our catechists are faithful people of our parish who are willing to volunteer and prepare our students for the sacraments. They are people of sound integrity who faithfully participate every single Sunday at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass and live their faith by good example. We are thankful and grateful to all of them for their help to our parish. We are sure that their teaching experience of our Catholic faith is inspiring and rewarding to our students and to our parents. Finally, we hope and pray that together we will give good examples to our students who are beginning to learn about our faith, what we believe and profess every Sunday after the homily: **The Creed**, as we all stand saying: "I believe in one God the Father Almighty." **The Lord's Prayer**: what we firmly hope, as we all together recite with great joy and confidence those powerful words taught by Christ himself, before we receive Holy Communion. **The Ten Commandments** help all of us, as young adults, what to do and what not to do. **The Seven sacraments**, from which, we receive the grace and are restored into the life of Christ. These will be the basic elements to be taught to our students to know and love God. This is the only way, and there is no other way, that we can enter the path of our salvation by being obedient to His voice and following Him. Yes, indeed, we hear his voice who speaks through the voice of our catechists, from your voice dear parents who pray along with your children before and after meals, when you and your children pray before you go to sleep and when you wake up in the morning, from the voice of the priest and deacon at the pulpit every Sunday at Mass. Finally, His real presence on the altar: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We hope and pray that our students may follow Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life for ever and ever!

Amen! May God bless our students, their parents, our volunteers and dedicated catechists. May Our Blessed Mother and Saint Benedict intercede for all of us!

Amen!

Preparing For The Centennial

We will have over a year of Centennial celebrations that will reflect all aspects of our church and community; yesterday, today and tomorrow. I hope that all of you will want to participate in some or all of the events planned. Volunteers will be needed throughout the year. In the meantime, please keep our centennial email handy: Stbenedictscentennial@gmail.com if you have any questions or ideas for Centennial events that you would like to see. Please follow the Facebook page: Saint Benedict Church - 100th Year Celebration. Our Parish webpage will also have a Centennial section. I hope that St. Benedict will continue to watch over and protect his parish and assist us celebrating our church and faith throughout this wonderful year!

SAVE THE DATES - OUR CENTENNIAL

- **Friday, November 4, 2022** - 40 Hours of Overnight Devotion starting at 9:00am in our Adoration Chapel;
- **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00pm** we will have an "Evening of Recollection" during Advent. Bishop Whalen will speak, followed by the Liturgy of the Holy Mass;
- **Friday, April 21, 2023** - Our Centennial Dinner/Dance at the Marina Del Rey (more information in future bulletins;)
- **Saturday, June 10, 2023** - Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Holy Mass here at St. Benedict's Church at 4:00pm.
- **October 16-25, 2023** Italy Centennial Pilgrimage - Journey with St. Benedict of Nursia 10 Days - \$4,399 from JFK.

For Information and Reservations, please contact Carmen Mejia at St. Benedict's Parish, 2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. If interested, stop by the rectory for a package of Information. Telephone No: 718-828-3403, Ext. 101 / Email: carmen.mejia@swift.com

CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS:

We are continuing to sell the T-shirts at the Rectory. Stop by and take a look at them. They are only \$20.00 each. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE **PARISH EVENT - OCTOBER 28th-29th (2022)**

St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone Retreat

Cornerstone is a 26-hour weekend retreat experience given by people who went on the weekend experience and it is open to men 18 years of age or older. It is FREE and Sponsored by the Men's Cornerstone Group. Openness and your natural curiosity is all you will need. No one will be obligated to speak if they do not feel comfortable. It begins on Friday night, Oct. 28th at 6:30pm with a pizza dinner and ends on Saturday night with a special Mass at approximately 8:00pm. Any questions, please call Joseph Brogan at 917-626-1296 or Kenny Welsh at 917-923-3944.

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

The **NEXT** First Friday for Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be **October 7, 2022** 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!

WEEKLY OFFERING:

SUNDAY, September 11, 2022 \$7,415.84

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for all that you do for St. Benedict's Parish throughout the year!

**Begin Your Personal
Conversation With
The Lord.
Or Strengthen It
September 30th –
October 1st (2022)
Women's
Cornerstone
Retreat**



The retreat is prepared for you by the female parishioners who are Cornerstone Sisters. It is a 26-hour celebration of our lives and the path of our faith. It's a once in a lifetime experience that changes your life. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth or Theresa at: 917-633-6913 or: sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com

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 starting soon. If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register (Monday through Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm (closed for lunch between 12:00pm and 1:00pm) and Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm (718-828-3403, x101.) Thank you.



I. Madeline Byrne & Brian Wallace
I. Maria Lopez & Stephan DeLeon

**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, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

Pvt. Michael Careswell, SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Rev. (Chaplain) James Collins, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Doluglas, 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, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Rev. (Captain) 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:

Ryan Barnard, Reserves in Basic Training; Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, 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, Jordan McKay, Active Reservist, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas

BAPTISMS

**Sundays, September 18th,
25th, October 2nd, 16th,
23rd, 30th**

NO BAPTISMS

Sunday, October 9th

BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS
Monday, October 3rd at 6:00pm in the Church

RECTORY HOURS:

Monday—Friday	9:00am-12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon—1:00pm (Lunch) 1:00pm-3:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-1:00pm
Sunday	Closed