

St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church
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Bulletin: September 7, 2025

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”



Prayer at Ground Zero

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here — the heroic first-responders:

Our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope. We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering. God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all ¹⁹⁰

¹⁹⁰ Benedict XVI. Prayer at Ground Zero, New York, April 20, 2008

September 11, 2001
September 11, 2025

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

**At 8:46am the bells will toll throughout the
Archdiocese!**

**Please say a prayer for the victims at
this time!**

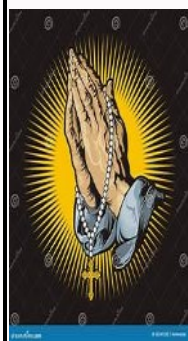
Catholic School Shooting in Minneapolis

Please Pray for the innocent children that were recently killed in the School Shooting in Minneapolis.

***Eternal rest grant them, O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon them!***

Let us also pray for all the innocent victims that were injured. This breaks our hearts.

Please Pray for Peace!



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, September 7th; Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Jacqueline and Bernard McGinty
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 Rachel Gregorio and James K. Barrett
11:00 Patricia Carapola
"Living"
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

MONDAY, Sept 8th; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Daniel, Marie and Alfred Civarelli
"Happy Heavenly Birthdays"

TUESDAY, September 9th; Saint Peter Claver

6:45 Special Intention
8:30 Anthony and Lillian Corrado

WEDNESDAY, September 10th

6:45 Drane
8:30 File and Fran Vukaj

THURSDAY, September 11th

6:45 Those Who Perished in the Twin Towers
on September 11, 2001
8:30 Those Who Perished in the Twin Towers
on September 11, 2001

FRIDAY, September 12th; The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 Salvatore Catalano
"Living"

SATURDAY, September 13th; Saint John Chrysostom

8:30 File and Fran Vukaj
4:00 Santo Terasi
"Happy Heavenly Birthday"

SUNDAY, September 14th; Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 Ryan J. Barnard
8:00 Michele Del Vecchio
9:30 Assalone Family
"Deceased and Living"
11:00 St. Benedict Parish
5:00 Anthony Cristino

THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD, WINE, AND ALTAR CANDLES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY:

*Loving Daughter-in-law and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Domenico and Maria Del Vecchio*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

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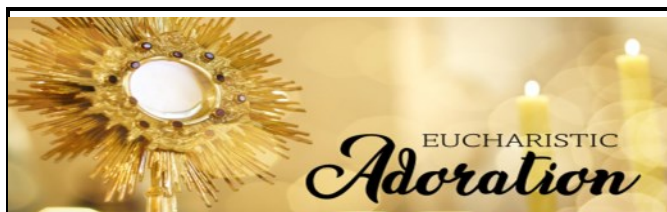
The Seven Sacraments



Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist,
Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick,
Holy Orders, Marriage

This is an Invitation to **ALL Adults** who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend classes here at Saint Benedict's starting the end of September 2025. If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. Any questions, please call 718-828-3403, x101.

Thank you!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, October 3, 2025 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

We always need volunteers!

Missionary Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith Next Weekend (September 14, 2025)

Each year the Archdiocesan Office for "The Society for the Propagation of the Faith" sponsors the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This year our Parish is pleased to welcome Sister Lourdes Victoria who will speak to us on behalf of the *Propagation of the Faith*.

Sr. Lourdes Victoria will be with us at all the Masses next weekend. She will speak to us about the many challenges missionaries face daily which we might take for granted. The second collection at each Mass will be sent to the *Propagation of the Faith Office* to support the needs of mission Dioceses and Religious Communities. Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's mission throughout the world, and we ask you to be as generous as your means allow in the second collection.

Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES ARE:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Those Who Perished in the Twin Towers
on September 11, 2001**

Message From Fr. Pergini:

After twenty-four years of the unforgettable tragic event of September 11th, we go through that painful memory of terror and death. September 11, 2001, it was a Tuesday and it was one of the most beautiful days of September with its blue and sunny skies and a pleasant breeze. I was scheduled to celebrate the Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the Bronx. As I walked into the sanctuary to start the Holy sacrifice of the Mass I saw a huge crowd of people in front of me, among them many policemen and firemen. It was very unusual for a daily Holy Mass to have such a large number of people attending. I could touch the pain of the crowd, and the crowd could touch my pain which I deeply felt in my soul. They all looked at me in those moments to be consoled in Christ. As the opening prayer was said and the time for readings came, I went to sit in my chair feeling the pain of those tragic moments, the agonizing death in the flames and smoke of thousands of victims and the unspeakable pain of their families. In those moments of tears and pain I felt that Christ was crying with us. Silence, pain, sufferings, tears. I found rest only in Christ trying to take refuge and hope in Him. During the consecration of the body and soul of Christ I experienced the presence of those who tragically died in the flames, and smoke. I thought also of the unbearable pain of the families who lost their dear ones, some of them I knew very well. Here we are, after 24 years of that tragic day thinking back and remembering them in our prayers and thoughts. For sure, the victims' families and many of us still recall with pain that beautiful September morning. It is still a shock to remember how quickly that beautiful day turned into deadly smoke, flames and brokenness, as our lives were changed forever by the terror of September 11th. Saint Pope John Paul II, said about September 11th, "even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say." What a powerful statement to reflect the redeeming value of the mystery of Christ! What a consoling moment for all of us to think about this 24th anniversary when pain and suffering becomes unbearable for so many people. Yet, we are united with Almighty Father who is all-powerful, through Christ who becomes the Divine Guest every time the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated on the altar. It is this great divine Eucharistic power that must penetrate the depth of our souls. In this powerful mystery our existence points toward eternal life which can never co-exist with evil and terror. We pray for peace and conversion of those who violently think and act against innocent people. Yes, indeed we are people who hope in eternal life not simply a hope for the future, in which we can escape and find some rest for our minds and souls, but our hope for ETERNITY becomes a guiding discipline for our present, and this excludes the evil of terror and immorality. Finally, with Saint Pope John Paul II we can state with a firm and determined voice: "that evil and death do not have the final say." The final words belong to Christ, our Eternal Lord and Savior. AMEN! On this twenty-fourth anniversary of September 11, 2001, with very sad memories, may we take refuge and consolation in the power of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and adoration, and we should remember all those who have died, those who sacrificed their lives on that tragic day, and their families. We think and pray for those who recently have died in and around the world of terrorist attacks.

As we will all hear the bells toll on September 11th at 8:46am we will pause for a moment in prayer and pray for the innocent victims of Islamic terrorism of the tragic event of September 11th, and the persecuted Christians around the world who have been killed, beheaded, and even crucified! Let us pray for them now and always!

Also, we have the command from Christ to pray for our enemies! The power of the Eucharist can touch the hearts of our enemies and they may come to know the power of Christ of Love and Mercy! May we, as Catholics, be faithful to the Divine Truth and God's commandments! May our minds and souls today and always be thirsting for the living God.

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine upon Them! May They Rest in Peace. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have Mercy on us sinners!

Amen



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. *Patricia Cremins and Kenneth Millan*



We hope everyone had a Blessed and Enjoyable Summer!

We will begin again on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00pm in the Convent downstairs. We will begin to discuss the Book of Revelation.

We hope to see you!

Welcome Back to Bible Study!

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT September 26th and September 27th 2025

Cornerstone is a 27-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other women in our Christian community. All meals (including dinner on Friday night) will be provided. Applications with more details are now available in the back of the Church, and in the rectory. **The retreat is free but registration is required — No walk-ins.**

For more information, please call
Women's Cornerstone at:

1-862-236-4074 or email:
sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) 2025-2026

The start dates are September 21st for Sunday Sessions and September 24th for Wednesday Sessions.

Visit the parish website to register and make a payment: stbenedictchurchny.org

If you need more information, please email:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com



BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Padre Pio Shrine

111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

- **Depart 8:00am** from the Bruckner Boulevard side
- **Depart 4:00pm** from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip
Bring your own lunch

If you are interested in this bus trip, please come to the rectory to reserve and pay for your seat(s) in advance. Thank you!

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

"Suffering is a great grace: through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior: in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love."

(Diary of St. Faustina, 57)

Happy Grandparents Day - September 7th

While we honor our grandparents daily, take an extra moment to appreciate all the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring into our lives.

God Bless All Grandparents

Men's Cornerstone Retreat
Friday, October 24, 2025 and
Saturday, October 25, 2025
There will be more information
in future bulletins!

San Silverio Committee of Morris Park BINGO NIGHT

Friday, Sept. 12th at 6:30pm at the Morris Park Association, 1824 Bronxdale Ave. \$35.00 per person. 6 games — 3 cards per game. **Cash Prizes and Raffles.** Beverages and Cookies included. Bring snacks and goodies to share with your table.

To reserve your spot, please call Domenic at
718-344-4103



ATTENTION: CHOIR MEMBERS

**Adult Choir Rehearsals begin:
Wednesday, September 17th
from 7:15pm until 8:30pm**

**Youth Choir Rehearsals begin:
Wednesday, September 17th
from 2:45pm until 4:00pm**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th will be the
FIRST SUNDAY CHOIR MASS**

**Meet in the Choir Room:
Youth Choir at 9:00am and the
Adult Choir at 10:30am**

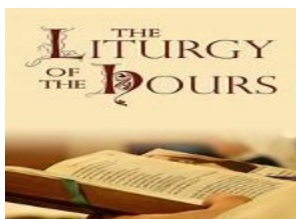
**Anyone interested in joining, please see
Anne Myers for details.**

Looking forward to a great Choir Season!

Called by Name Campaign **The Promotion of Priestly VOCATIONS**

Cardinal Dolan has asked that every Parish dedicate a Holy Hour on the First Thursday of each month. **Our Parish will dedicate every Thursday of each Month in our Adoration Chapel to the Vocation of the Priesthood!**

Our Parish has Eucharistic Adoration (in the Adoration Chapel on Otis Avenue) Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm.



LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient way to pray Scripture throughout the day focusing especially on the Psalms. It was a Jewish custom, continued by early Christians, to pray at fixed hours of the day. The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the day. **The whole day is made holy by the praises of God..... making GOD the center of your day! It only takes 15 minutes to say Morning prayer!**

**JOIN US IN MORNING PRAYER after the 8:30am
Mass every weekday at St. Benedict's
Adoration Chapel!**

IMPORTANT - If you are on this list or know someone that is, please contact the rectory and let us know if the person's health has improved and can be removed from this list or if the person has gone home to God. If we do not hear from you, we will remove name(s) from this list. Many thanks!

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick!

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!

Sr. Claire Regan, Stacey Addario, Joseph Abbate, Nydia Alicea, Donna Antonacci, Yselsa Arroyo, Gustavo Bardana, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Jack Bonacorso, Kathleen Bowers, Joseph Brenner, Wendelin Brenner, Walter Buddington, Peter Burnett, Amy Buscamonte, Caceres Family, Diane, Georjina Cales, Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Mike and Louis D'Annucci, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Danielle Deviccaro, Angela Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, John DiNardi, Margaret Dionisio, Dorothy DiPierro, Pat Eaccirano, Sandra Edwards, Sean Fagan, Barbara Farrell, Francisco Fernandez, Isabelle Mercedes Fernandez, John Fernandez, Nereida Ferrer, Filomena Fidanza, David Fisher, Anthony Fortunato, Anthony Fortunato, Roseann Frattini, Debra Ann Garcia, Richard Garcia, Sr., Richard Garcia, Jr., Rose Gettenberg, Ralph Giorgio, Hope Gordon, Marion Gruber, Frank Hinz, Jr., Sharon Holzapfel, Eileen Jennings, Edward Kennedy, Stephanie (Tyko) Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell, Irene Lang, Elise Lawle, Geraldine Lee, Mary Alexandra Lee, Virginia Lee, Frankie Lettera, Jessica Lettera, Francine Lettley, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga Martinez, Robert McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Denise McPadden, Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie Madonna Muccino, Paula Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy, James Nother, Oyola Family, Maylee Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr., Juana Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe, Linda Ranallo, Kim Rappold, Joshua Reaser, Philip Rebia, Maritza Resto, Phillip Rivera, Joanne and Walter Robinson, Mario and Nelson Roman, Antonette Roublick, Sylvia Russo, Angela Dello Russo, John Russo, Carl Saglimbeni, Ann and Dave Samhammer, Joseph P. Santangelo, Ashley Saucedo, Ada Scanga, Margaret Geddis Schmidt, Nicolai Soriano, Maria Soto, Edward Spar, Lois Stabile, Virginia Strasser, Theresa Stanton, Ramon Surita, Pasquale Tartaglione, Stefanie Ural, Teresa Bosquez Valdez, Thomas Vecchio, Fran Walsh, Loretta White, Tracy Young

+ Babies/Children +

Amber, Baby Amari, Baby Rose, Brayden, Brinley, Mia Carolla, Daniella Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpini, Eli, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin, Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden, Mila, Natalie, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

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RECTORY HOURS:

Monday - Friday:

9:00am until 12:00pm

12:00pm until 1:00pm (Lunch)

1:00pm until 3:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am until 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

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**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, 1st Airman Darren Morello, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Lieutenant Colonel Alicia Stumpf, Lieutenant Colonel Sean Stumpf.

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

SPC, Army National Guard, Middle East, Marcus Cassin, Pvt. Matthew Dooley, Sgt. Scott Douglas, 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, Private Patrick W. Mooney, Major Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Rev. (Captain) Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Sidney Antonio Kearns Rodriguez, Pvt. Justin Roman, Ryan Shank, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi San Juan, 1st Lt. Renee San Juan, Colonel 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:

Corporal Michael John Canzone, III, 2nd Lieutenant Ryan E. Dengler, Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik 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:

Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Petty Officer Gillen, LCDR Jennifer Groger Widman, 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, Lieutenant Commander Victor Schaefer, E-4 Edwin Vargas, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas.

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Spiritual Readings for the Week of Sept. 7, 2025:

7 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 (129) Pss III

8 Mon The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Mi 5:1-4a
or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) Pss Prop

9 Tue USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest Memorial Col 2:6-15/
Lk 6:12-19 (438)

10 Wed Weekday Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 (439)

11 Thu Weekday Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

12 Fri Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary] 1 Tm 1:1-2,
12-14/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

13 Sat Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church Memorial 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

14 SUN THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS