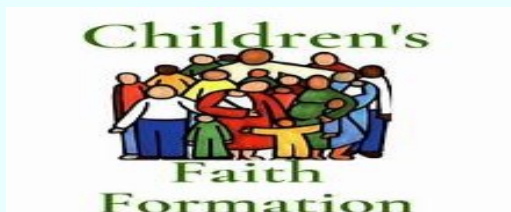


St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
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Bulletin: September 14, 2025

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"



***WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST,
AND WE PRAISE YOU.
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,
YOU HAVE REDEEMED
THE WORLD.***



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

Missionary Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith THIS 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 this 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!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 6:45am and 8:30am Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Weekdays: 8:30am Mass on Mondays and Fridays

Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm

Sundays: Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening)

Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

CLERGY:

Reverend Fr. Nikolin Pergjini, Pastor
Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Deacon Nestor Halpern

PASTORAL STAFF

Mary Scheer, School Principal
Maria Pirraglia, Religious Education Office
Anne Myers, Director of Music

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

7:00 Ryan J. Barnard

8:00 Michele Del Vecchio

9:30 Assalone Family

"Deceased and Living"

11:00 St. Benedict's Parish

5:00 Anthony Cristino

MONDAY, September 15th; Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 Angela and Domenico Pirraglia

TUESDAY, September 16th; Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

6:45 Lance Corporal Ryan Barnard

8:30 Daniel J. Savino

WEDNESDAY, September 17th; Saint Robert

Bellarmino; Saint Hildegard of Bingen

6:45 Augusto Liza and Mercedes Mejia de Liza

8:30 Anne Russell and Mary O'Sullivan

THURSDAY, September 18th

6:45 Ronald Dement

8:30 Brendan Golden

FRIDAY, September 19th; Saint Januarius

8:30 Nina Vene

SATURDAY, September 20th; Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn; Paul Chõng Ha-sang

8:30 Camila Ruiz

4:00 Maria Amodio

SUNDAY, September 21st; Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish

8:00 Domenico Rocchio

9:30 Rosa Acosta

11:00 Joseph Conforto and
The San Benedetto Society

5:00 Michael Prince

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

Antonio Boiano
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Nunziato and Rosa Pilla

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

*Children, Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren*
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Frank DiGiannantonio
Happy Heavenly 99th Birthday

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!

September 14, 2025

At the 9:30am Mass today, we will Bless the Catechists of our Religious Education Program!

Religious Education Program presents:

CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD (Level 1)
Religious Education designed for **children ages 4-6 years or Pre-K and Kindergarten.** *Beginning October 2025 to May 2026 will be at the Convent.* Sessions offered are: **Sundays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm OR Tuesdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.** The program fee is \$125 per child or \$175 per family. **REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN!** For more information, please contact Maria Pirraglia at: reled@stbenedictsschool.com

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

**Maria Locascio, Joseph P. Pellegrino,
Lydia Rosa, Robert Smith**

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

The Durkin Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Richard "Rick" Mehl

Five Steps for a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins. (*Do not confess the sins of others*)
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

Don't be hasty *Don't be superficial * Avoid anxiety

A More Thorough Examination Of Conscience for Adults

(The first step to a good confession is to examine your conscience. The list below is based on the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church. You may find this list helpful in your preparation for Sacramental Confession. If you have

questions about anything listed here, please feel comfortable to speak to the priest.)

Did I deny or doubt God's existence?

Did I refuse to believe God's revelation?

Did I believe or partake in fortune telling, tarot cards, good luck charms or reincarnation?

Did I deny that I was a Catholic?

Did I leave the Catholic faith?

Did I despair of or presume on God's mercy?

Did I neglect prayer for a long time?

Did I blaspheme God or take God's name in vain, curse, or break an oath or vow?

Did I miss Mass on Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?

Was I inattentive at Mass?

Did I come to Mass late or leave early?

Did I observe the Lord's Day by prayer and rest?

Did I disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors?

Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children, or parents?

Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?

Have they received Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation at the appropriate age?

Have I failed to educate myself on the true teachings of the Church?

Did I give a full day's work in return for my full day's pay?

Did I give a fair wage to my employee?

Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young?

Was I the cause of anyone leaving the faith?

Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful towards other, lazy?

Did I give a bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?

Did I physically injure or kill anyone?

Did I attempt suicide?

Did I have an abortion?

Have I seen to it that my dying loved one received the Sacraments of the Church especially Anointing of the Sick?

Have I respected the rules of the Church to honor the dead?

Have I given Christian burial with Mass for the dead when it was my responsibility to do so?

Have I made provision for the proper burial of cremated remains?

Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?

Did I dress immodestly?

Did I use impure or suggestive words? Tell impure stories? Or listen to them?

Did I deliberately look at impure images by TV, internet or movies?

Did I perform impure acts by myself or with another, i.e. did I engage in masturbation, pre-marital sex or homosexual acts?

Did I receive Holy Communion when I was living with someone outside of the Sacrament of Marriage?

Did I marry or advise another to marry outside the church?

Did I abuse my marriage rights? Was I faithful to my wedding vows?

Have I kept company with someone else's spouse?

Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse sterilized?

Did I attempt in vitro fertilization?

Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, or keep stolen goods? have I made restitution for stolen goods?

Did I fulfill my contracts: give or accept bribes; pay my bills and my taxes: rashly gamble or speculate; deprive my family of necessities of life?

Did I tell lies? Deliberately to deceive; or injure others by lies?

Did I commit perjury? Was I uncharitable in word or deed, gossip or reveal others' faults and sins? Fail to keep secrets I should have?

Did I eat meat on the Fridays of Lent or Ash Wednesday?

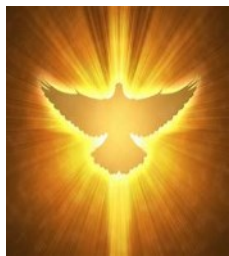
Did I fulfill my Easter duty? Fail to confess at least once a year?

Did I go to the Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?

Did I fast for one hour from food and drink?

Did I make a bad confession?

Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church?



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!

God Bless Our Military!
Please keep them in
your Prayers!

BIBLE STUDY

We hope everyone had a Blessed and Enjoyable Summer!

The Bible Study class has begun. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Convent downstairs. We will 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:

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

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

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Monday through Friday

9:00am until 12:00 Noon

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

1:00pm until 3:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am until 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

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

"In your hands, carry the Cross of Christ.
On your lips, the words of life. In your
hearts, the saving grace of the Lord"

~~~*Saint Pope John Paul II*

### Healing After Abortion:

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. **Upcoming dates in the New York City area are:**

**English:** Sept. 20 & Nov. 8, 2025, and  
Jan. 10, 2026

**Spanish:** Oct. 11, 2025 and Feb. 14, 2026

For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or by email at: [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).



- III. *Patricia Cremins and Kenneth Millan*  
I. *Farren Schweers and Michael Monaco*



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### **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, Georgina Cales, Frankie Carpenter, Fay Carter, Jay and Patricia Cepero, Carolyn Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita, Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Mike and Louis D'Annunucci, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Darielle 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, 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 Jenings, 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, Frank Riegel, 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



## Religious Education Announcements

### SEPTEMBER CLASSES BEGIN:

**Sundays: 21st, 28th**

**Wednesdays: 24th**

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- ♦ **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:00pm there will be a New Parent Meeting in the school auditorium**
- ♦ **Tuesday, September 30, 2025 there will be a First Holy Communion Meeting at 6:00pm for parents (this includes St. Benedict, Villa Maria, Religious Ed) in the school auditorium**
- ♦ **Wednesday, October 1, 2025 there will be a Confirmation Meeting at 6:00pm for parents (this includes St. Benedict, Villa Maria, Religious Ed) in the school auditorium.**

**Any questions, please email  
Maria Pirraglia at:  
[reled@stbenedictsschool.com](mailto:reled@stbenedictsschool.com)**



### **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!***

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**Sunday: Closed**

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**Prayer List For Our United States  
Servicemen and Women**

**U.S. Air Force:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of Sept. 14, 2025:**

**14 SUN THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**(Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time)**

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638)

**15 Mon** Our Lady of Sorrows

Memorial 1 Tm 2:1-8 (443)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**16 Tue** Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
Memorial 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17 (444)

**17 Wed** Weekday [Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]; [Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church] 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

**18 Thu** Weekday 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 (446) 36

**19 Fri** Weekday [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr]  
1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

**20 Sat** Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Memorial 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

**21 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**