

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

Rectory Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9am until 3pm (Lunch 12-1pm)

Saturday: 9am until 1pm

Sunday: Closed - 718-828-3403

Bulletin: October 12, 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"



OCTOBER 2025:

**The Month of the Rosary, The Month of Missions
Respect Life Month**

**Sunday: October 5th
Respect Life Sunday**

**Tuesday: October 7th
The Feast of Our Lady
of the Rosary**

**Sunday October 19th
World Mission Sunday**

*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!*

40 Hours of Overnight Devotion
St. Benedict's Adoration Chapel
Starting: Friday, Nov. 7th at 6:00am
Ending: Saturday, Nov. 8th at 10:00pm

*Please make a sacrifice and try to attend some of
your time during the 40 Hours of Devotion to pray
for our families, our Church and for the future of
our Country! 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**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

**Saturdays: 9:00am until 9:30am and
3:00pm until 4:00pm**

**Sundays: Confession is available a half
hour **before** the Sunday**

Masses:

**6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
4:30pm**

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



*During the Month of
October please Pray the
Rosary every day to
obtain peace for the
world!*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, October 12th; Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Seamus Donaghy
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
11:00 Frank Russo
5:00 Angel Vidal

MONDAY, October 13th; Columbus Day

8:30 Francesco Dilluvio

TUESDAY, October 14th; Saint Callistus I

6:45 Miichael and Ann Mulchrone
8:30 Fr. Ed Conroy

WEDNESDAY, October 15th; Saint Teresa of Jesus

6:45 Joe Almedo
8:30 Domenick Ciccone
"Living"

THURSDAY, October 16th; Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

6:45 Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Volaj Family
"Living"

FRIDAY, October 17th; Saint Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 John Q. Sullivan

SATURDAY, October 18th, Saint Luke

8:30 Luz Maria Quinones
4:00 Reuben Moreno

SUNDAY, October 19th; Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ; World Mission Sunday

7:00 Margaret and Lester Kamocsai
8:00 Abbondanza Piacquadio
9:30 Maria Boiano
11:00 St. Benedict's Parish
5:00 Rocchio Family (Living and Deceased)

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

Anna Cesarini
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Santo and Antonio Cesarini

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Alin
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Angel Vidal

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

Linda Daoupars
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Reine Daoupars

ALL SOULS MASSES

Please be sure to pick up your All Souls Mass envelopes in the back of the church. During the Month of November, one Mass daily will be offered for the names written on the returned envelopes. Please note the intentions of the 4pm Mass on November 1st will be for all of the names in this year's "Book of Remembrance" and for all of the parishioners who have died from November 2024 through October 2025.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace! Amen!



SECOND COLLECTION:

There will be a Second Collection "**NEXT WEEK-END**" for World Mission Sunday! Thank you very much for your continued support.
God Bless you!

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 Our Veterans
Living and Deceased**

Message from Fr. Pergini:

"Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
Luke 11: 18-19. It is a powerful question that Christ asked to the one who came to thank him, and at the same time was pointing out the ingratitude of those who were cured but did not come to thank Christ who cured them. The Samaritan came glorifying God in a loud voice and fell at the feet of Christ, thanking him. Falling at the feet of Christ is a gesture of worship, a gesture of gratitude, and thanksgiving. This question is very well addressed to all of us, as well. We peacefully and prayerfully reflect upon this question for those times when we have failed to give thanks to our Savior and Redeemer, but also when we have failed to thank others for any favor done to us, and when we have been hurt by others who never recognized what we have done for them. It is very hurtful when others do not show any sign of gratitude for what we have done for them. However, our disappointments can never be compared with what Christ does for us, and how Christ is looking at us when we fail to be thankful to Him. The Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is a powerful moment of Thanksgiving. We thank Him with whole hearts, minds, and souls for being in the presence of our Living God on the Altar; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Unfortunately, there are many Catholics after having received the sacraments stop coming to Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. The parents have the good intention to baptize their children, register for religious instructions and prepare them for receiving the sacraments. Their presence in the church stops after the beautiful ceremonies of baptism, first holy communion, and confirmation. They come again only when they are invited to a baptism, first holy communion, confirmation, wedding or a funeral. Whether or not we like it the words of Christ **"where are the other nine"** are addressed to those who do not give thanks to Christ, who are ungrateful for what we have, the most powerful sacrifice that takes place on the Altar. Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the Day of the Lord, the Day of our hope and joy. Do we seriously take the need and obligation to come and pray at Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of obligation? We all must go back to the moment when we were baptized. Our baptism, hopefully we know the date and year of our baptism, is the greatest gift that we have received, becoming Christians and belonging to Christ Our Savior. We were baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and received the faith, and the promise of Eternal life. Unfortunately, many of us take for granted what we have received and are not aware of the need to be thankful and grateful to Christ. Our baptism, and other sacraments are related to one another and impossible to separate the one from the other. Christ is present in every Sacrament we receive and have the intimate encounter with the one who heals our broken souls. How can we excuse ourselves before our Savior who asks the question where are the other nine? "The other nine" it can very well include many of us who for our fault forget what we have received, and our obligation to be thankful, to come to worship, to be at the feet of Our Savior. We think of our first confession when we were forgiven and embraced by His love, and peacefully and prayerfully received the Body of Christ. Unfortunately, not our fault sometimes, our parents or others did not faithfully practice their faith. Many of us grew up without knowing the obligation and necessity to come and worship on Sunday, the day of the Risen Christ, and the day our hope. The question where are the other nine very well means that we have forgotten to come on the day when Christ defeated death and gave us the promise of Eternal Life. There are many questions that we can ask ourselves that are not mentioned here, but we all hope and pray to experience the need, the indispensable need to ask forgiveness for those times that we have been ungrateful to Him and to one another. It is essential to know that Saint Paul considers the most grievous sin, the root of all sins, the absence of gratitude toward Christ.

In the letter to the Romans 1: 21 it is very clear that the great saint speaks about those who do not honor him as God or do not give thanks to him as our savior. Our human nature is exposed to many temptations and contaminated culture of today which ignores and removes God from the center of lives brings devastating consequences to our souls.

I hope and pray that we all must make a good examination of our conscience reading and reflecting this passage of Saint Luke, and like the Samaritan, on our knees confess our sins, and come to worship the Living God on the Altar, and thank Christ for belonging to Him for Eternity.

"Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
Luke 11: 18-19.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese. It has just started and will conclude November 2nd. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Nearly 23,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/Bronx

40days.Bronx@gmail.com

Vigil sites in the Bronx:

East Bronx Campaign, Montefiore Medical Center,
1695 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY. Contact: Cecile
347-880-0138. eb Bronx40daysforlife@gmail.com.

South Bronx Campaign, 642 Southern Blvd., Bx
Contact: Sol: 718-304-5507

vivireministry@gmail.com

If you know a woman in a crisis pregnancy, or someone who has suffered an abortion and is in need of healing, please refer her to the Sisters of Life at: 877-777-1277 (Toll Free)

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

“For the glory of God is the living man,
and the life of man is the vision of God”

~~*St. Irenaeus of Lyons*

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

**Friday, October 24, 2025 and
Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Cornerstone is a 27-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other men 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 the rectory. **The retreat is free but registration is required — No walk-ins.**

**For more information, please email the
Men's Cornerstone at:**

sbcornerstoneny@gmail.com



The Bible Study class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Convent downstairs. We are discussing the Book of Revelation.

We hope to see you there!

St. Benedict's Youth Choir 3rd Annual Walk-a-Thon

**Saturday, October 18th. Walk begins at 1:00pm
in front of the Rectory**

St. Benedict's Youth Choir Walk-a-Thon is one of the ways we raise funds for our choir. We hope you will participate by sponsoring our children to help make it successful again this year.

If anyone would like to contribute to the Walk-a-Thon in support of the Youth Choir, please see Anne Myers or stop by the Rectory. Thank you!

Feminine Genius Brunch Saturday, November 8th | 10:00 AM St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

All women are invited to the Feminine Genius Brunch! This brunch takes its name from the amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women - receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity - all of which make up the feminine genius. Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV will speak about the beauty of the feminine heart and trust. Come, discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! To register go to: femininegeniusbrunch2025.org by November 3rd.

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: Nov. 8, 2025 and next year

Jan. 10, 2026

Spanish: Oct. 11, 2025 and next year 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



III. Samantha Halpern and Alexander Manning
I. Christina LaStarza and Anthony DeFedele

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, Manuel Larino, 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, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

Religious Education Announcements

OCTOBER CLASSES:

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

Sundays: October 12th, 19th, 26th

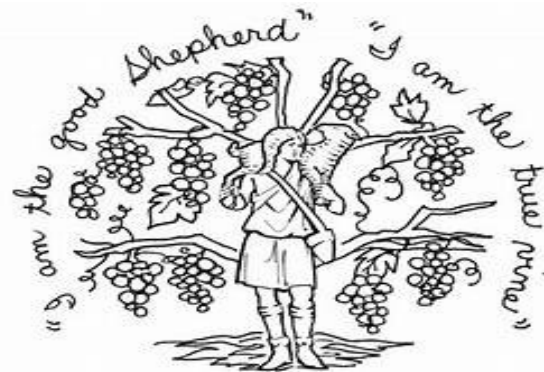
Wednesdays: October 15th, 22nd, 29th

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays: October 12th, 19th, 26th

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

**First Day of Classes is October 12th
at the Convent upstairs**



**48th Annual Bronx
Morris Park-Columbus Day Parade
Sunday, October 12th at 12:00 Noon
Starts at Matthews Avenue and Morris
Park Avenue. Ends at Williamsbridge
Road and Lydig Avenue.**

Grand Marshal: Tara Cannistraci

Honorary Grand Marshal: Laura Guerriero

LAMP Catholic Ministries

LAMP Catholic Ministries located in Throgs Neck and in its 45th year of service to those in need, deeply thank those who contribute sandwiches to the LAMP-cafe ministry for people who are hungry in the South Bronx. LAMP presently needs volunteers to help serve the sandwiches on Fridays or Saturdays from 10:30am to 1:30pm. This would include time to pack the truck, 10 minutes of prayer together in LAMP's chapel, travel to and from the site, and for an hour to offer sandwiches and a drink to those who depend on this ministry for a bite to eat and faith support. Training and support provided. If interested, and for more details, please call **718-409-5062**.

Thank you!

Salesian High School Fall Open House
148 East Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801
914-632-0248
Saturday, October 18, 2025
from 10:00am until 2:00pm
www.salesianhigh.org

RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER:
718-828-3403 (see below for extensions)
Fax: 718-829-1304
E-mail: rectory@stbenedictchurchny.com
Website: http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org
Rel Ed (CCD) email: reled@stbenedictsschool.com

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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.

Spiritual Readings for the Week of October 12, 2025:

12 SUN TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 (144) Pss IV 38

13 Mon Weekday Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32 (467)

14 Tue Weekday [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr] Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41 (468)

15 Wed Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Memorial Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46 (469)

16 Thu Weekday [Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin] Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54 (470)

17 Fri Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Memorial Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7 (471)

18 Sat Saint Luke, Evangelist Feast 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661)

19 SUN TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME