

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
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718-828-3403

Bulletin: November 16, 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"



Dear Parishioners:

This year our Christmas Angels are making an effort to ensure that our parish children will find a gift under their tree in spite of the difficulties faced by their families. We are seeking your help by asking you to consider a financial donation towards this cause.

If you would like to make a donation, there is a wooden box marked "Christmas Angels" in the center aisle of our church. Please be assured that every donation will help bring joy to a child. Thank you for your continued concern, support, and generosity.

God Bless you and your families!



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

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

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 in the Church.

ST. ANTHONY PRAYERS:

Every Tuesday after Mass there will be devotional prayers to St. Anthony in the Church.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, November 16th; *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Mary Ann Liso
8:00 St. Benedict's Parish
9:30 Diane Minervino
11:00 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
5:00 Anthony Cristino

MONDAY, November 17th; *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:30 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes

TUESDAY, November 18th; *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne*

6:45 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
8:30 John T. MacKnight

WEDNESDAY, November 19th

6:45 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
8:30 Martin and Juanita Halpern

THURSDAY, November 20th

6:45 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
8:30 Evelyn Egan O'Halloran

FRIDAY, November 21st; *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial*

8:30 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes

SATURDAY, November 22nd; *Saint Cecilia*

8:30 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
4:00 Stephen and Diane Pavlik

SUNDAY, November 23rd; *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity*

7:00 James and Rose Szekely
8:00 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
9:30 Maria Amodio
11:00 Charles Halton
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

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

Maria Terasi
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Santo Terasi

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Your Loving Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mary DiGiannantonio
First Anniversary in Heaven

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 was 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!



*Please remember to pray
for our Police Officers,
Firefighters, First
Responders, Military, and
for our country!*

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection **NEXT WEEK-END** (November 22nd/23rd) for the Campaign for Charity and Justice (Catholic Charities).

Thanking you in advance for your continued support! God Bless you!

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

Sister-in-Law Diana Mannarino and Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Nancy Parisi
Third Heavenly Anniversary

*Please Pray for Our Veterans
(Living and Deceased)*

Message from Fr. Pergini:

“Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead you to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Luke 21:16-19

These words of Christ remind me of my visit to a holy Jesuit priest who suffered twenty years in prison, punished by the Communist regime. He was a tiny man. I could touch his suffering and pain of those years. Still, his face radiated the joy of Christ. He was ready to eat his supper. On a small table I saw a piece of bread and a mug with hot tea. That was his supper. He welcomed me with his tender voice filled with a fatherly love. Back then when I was very young, I wanted to hear a word of hope, trust and courage by a priest who unjustly suffered under a Communist dictatorship. I shared with him my concerns and fears, finally hoping to hear a message of hope from him. He patiently listened to my concerns. There was a brief period of silence. Our eye contact was very strong. In his face I could read his painful past but also his remarkable faith and hope. After that powerful silence, I needed to recollect his thoughts. He looked at me and said: “As you know, I just came out of prison a few weeks ago. The secret police are always watching me. Every day I celebrate Holy Mass after 2:00am in the morning because of being checked by the secret police. In those moments when I celebrate the Holy Mass, holding in my hands the consecrated Host and the chalice with the blood of Christ, the same thoughts of fear and the darkness of our sad reality come to mind. The powerful words of Christ in today’s Gospel come to my mind **“You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”**

Luke 21:16-19

These words become a reality in the life of those who live and witness the powerful message of Christ. The Jesuit priest said to me: “At the moment of consecration, holding in my shaking hands the body and blood of Christ, I feel and hear His voice saying to me, “Continue I am always with you to the end of time.” He stopped for a moment. I was moved by this powerful testimony of a real silent martyr of our time. He looked at me and said, “You are young now. One day you will remember that Christ never abandons his people. You, as a young man who is looking for hope, will experience that hope one day and see the light of Christ. Have faith and never lose hope, persevere always with His grace. My past life is filled with suffering and pain, but Christ speaks to me and strengthens me during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. Only when I touch his body and blood, I experience his power that saves and redeems.” His voice was firm, clear and filled with trust. I was speechless at those moments. I deeply felt that his words touched my broken and young soul in that dark night. His tea became cold with the piece of bread on that small table in that dark room. It was a dark night in November during the oppressive Communist regime. Reading this moving passage about Christ in Luke’s Gospel during a dark period of my past—witnessed by a Jesuit priest—also reminds me of the current persecutions faced by many Christians worldwide. Numerous compelling examples of perseverance continue to inspire us today. Unfortunately, Communist regimes are still in power in many countries, but also in the countries where freedom of religion and free speech are protected by law, there is a hidden Marxist dictatorship that imposes a threat to the freedom of religion and the right to free speech. Many times, members of the clergy or devout Christian individuals who speak the Gospel’s truth with compassion and refuse to dilute its message face persecution and are silenced. Nevertheless, they remain steadfast in testifying and upholding what is crucial for the salvation of our souls. They keep a remarkable calm taking refuge in the power of the words of Christ: **“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”**

Luke 21:16-19

Amen!



Clothing Drive
The weekend of
November 15th and 16th

St. Benedict's Cornerstone will have their Annual Fall Clothing Drive. Clothing donations will be accepted at the Convent **BEFORE and AFTER** each Mass.

Thank you for your support!

Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

St. Joseph's Seminary: The Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program 2025 envelopes for the program are available at the Rectory office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 9am until 3:00pm and Saturday from 9am until 1pm) and in the back of the Church. Returned envelopes are to be deposited in the weekly Sunday collection basket and **returned to the Rectory by Sunday, December 9th.** Thank you for making this Christmas brighter for our Seminarians!



ST. BENEDICT
YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIRS
Christmas Concert and Potluck
Friday, December 12th

Concert at 6:30pm (Church)
Potluck at 7:30pm (Fr. Albert Hall)

Concert is FREE!

Tickets for POTLUCK are available
in the Rectory!

***** 50/50 Raffle Drawing *** Raffle Prizes *****
Please fill out the RSVP form that is in the back of the church. Cut off the bottom portion and drop it off at the rectory by December 8th. We look forward to seeing you on December 12th.

It will be a Blessed and Beautiful
Christmas Celebration!

HEALING

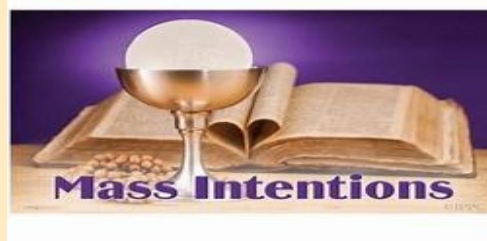


Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm
St. Benedict's Church

We are going to have an Advent Healing Mass here on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm.

The Mass will be Celebrated and Preached by Fr. Christian Amah. It will be very nice to see Father.

We hope to see you at the Healing Mass!



MASS INTENTIONS/ANNOUNCED MASSES

It is that time of year again! If you would like to reserve Announced Masses, please complete the GOLD form that will be in the back of the Church beginning the weekend of November 29th AND 30th. Please complete the form on the back and return it, with your check, to the Rectory (in person, by mail, in the Sunday collection basket, or the mail slot in the rectory's front door). These Masses will be reserved from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Masses will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thank you!

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

"Love and sacrifice are closely linked, like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering and we cannot suffer without love"

~~~St. Gianna Molla



50/50 WINNER: Giovanni Maiello
October 26, 2025 \$131.00

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, Louis Amend, 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, Elvira Cheevers, 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 Jennings, Edward Kennedy, Paul Korngold, 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, Robert Terrera, 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

NOVEMBER CLASSES:

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

Sundays November 16th, 23rd,
30th (NO Class; Thanksgiving Break)

Wednesdays November 19th
26th (NO Class; Thanksgiving Break)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays November 16th, 23rd,
30th (NO Class; Thanksgiving Break)

CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD (Level 1)
 Religious Education designed for **children ages 4-6 years or Pre-K and Kindergarten**. Sessions are **October through May on Sundays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm at the Convent**.

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION,
 please contact Maria Pirraglia at:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com



THROGGS NECK
MEMORIAL UNIT
#1456
PENNY SALE

**NOVEMBER
23RD 2025**

THROGGS NECK MEMORIAL
POST 1456
1456 SHORE DRIVE BX, NY

DOORS OPEN AT 1PM
PENNY SALE STARTS AT 2PM

ADMISSION \$10.00
INCLUDES 1 ENVELOPE, CAKE AND COFFEE
ADDITIONAL ENVELOPES \$1.00

**PENNY
SALE**

SWEEPS

**SUPER
SWEEPS
INCLUDES
DESIGNER
BAGS**

**TURKEY BASKET
DESSERT BASKET
WINE BASKET**



**JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY**

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

We hope to see you there!

**REMEMBER ALL DONATIONS ARE
TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER:

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RECTORY HOURS:

Monday - Friday:

9:00am until 12:00pm

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

1:00pm until 3:00pm

Saturday:

9:00am until 1:00pm

Sunday:

Closed

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.

2026 dates in the New York City area are:

English: Jan. 10, 2026

Spanish: 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

STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE

A prayer for strength is often needed during difficult times. Please remember that God is always here for us, to give us strength, guidance and lift our hearts when all seems hopeless.

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Bronx, NY
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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 November 16th:

16 SUN THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 (159)

17 Mon Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Memorial 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43 (497) 41

18 Tue Weekday [The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin] 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10 (498) or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33 (679)

19 Wed Weekday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

20 Thu Weekday 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44 (500)

21 Fri The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

22 Sat Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Memorial 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

**23 SUN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE Solemnity**