

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
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Bulletin: November 23, 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"*



Happy Thanksgiving

Please join us for our
Thanksgiving Celebration
Thursday, November 27th

*Thanksgiving Day Mass
for the Parish at 9:00am*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction until 1:00pm!*

*Please join us for the Holy Mass and
Adoration as we take this opportunity to
thank our Almighty Father
for all that we have!*

VOCATIONS:

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

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



From the Opening Prayer of the Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

"Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."



**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!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, November 24th; *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac*

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

TUESDAY, November 25th; *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

6:45 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
8:30 Pedro Hipol

WEDNESDAY, November 26th

6:45 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
8:30 Michele and Mary DeBartolo

THURSDAY, November 27th; *Happy Thanksgiving*

9:00 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass

FRIDAY, November 28th

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

SATURDAY, November 29th; *Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes
4:00 Christian Engledrum

SUNDAY, November 30th; *First Sunday of Advent*

7:00 William Britt
8:00 Sacro Cuore
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish
11:00 Fred Cipollone
5:00 The Names Written on Our All Soul's Envelopes

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, December 5, 2025 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

We always need volunteers! Thank you!

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

Wife Laura, and Children Peter and Denis
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Brendan Golden

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Anna Cesarini
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Antonio Cesarini

ALL SOULS MASSES

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!



Our Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting

We will be lighting our Outdoor Christmas Tree on Saturday, December 6th **AFTER** the 4:00pm Mass (Otis and Edison Avenues). Hot chocolate will be distributed by our Cornerstone Members.

Please join us to start our Blessed Christmas Season! We hope to see you there!

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection **THIS WEEKEND** (November 22nd/23rd) for the Campaign for Charity and Justice (Catholic Charities). Thanking you in advance for your continued support! God Bless you!

Please Pray for those who have no one to Pray for them!

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

Dominick Arciuolo, Barbara Sauro, Fred Vairo

Message from Fr. Pergini:

“The church documents are read only by a few learned men and women while the celebrations of the feasts during the liturgical year moves and teach all the faithful, every year and forever. A document brings saving touch and joy to the human intellect, but the celebration of the liturgical feasts influences not only the mind but the heart and soul and the whole nature of men and women.”

These are the words of Pope Pius XI from his encyclical letter *Quas primas* regarding the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, issued on December 11, 1925. This Sunday, November 23rd, is the last Sunday of ordinary time, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Our Church ends its liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe and starts the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Pope's encyclical letter reminds, even today to the faithful, that the most powerful weapon against the destructive forces of the age is to acknowledge the Kingship of Christ. It is true what Pope Pius XI said at that time that there are a few people who read the documents, but the majority of the faithful are aware of the solemnities during the liturgical that touches not only the mind but the heart and soul, and the whole nature of man and women. The Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe reminds all of us of our goal and our glory: humbly accept our own misery, beg for mercy, then we can recognize the divine saving power of Christ. The scene of crucifixion with the two thieves is a very powerful lesson for all of us. Christ only engages with those who acknowledge their sins and seek mercy. There is silence on the part of Christ with those who in their pride and selfishness refuse the mercy and love of Christ. Freedom is respected but counting the consequences of that freedom. It is useless to convince someone who lacks the gift to be aware of that we are sinners and in dire need begging for God's mercy. On the other hand, the words of the repented thief in today's gospel of Saint Luke humbly accepted his misery and had the courage to speak to his friend that they deserved to be punished for what they have done, but not Christ who was taking the sins of the world for the salvation of our souls. He was able to rely on God's grace, even at life's end. The gift of conversion led him to say: "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." It is moving and encouraging for all of us sinners to know that will always reply to us begging for mercy as he did back then: "Amen, I say to you today you will be with me in paradise." Yes, indeed, only when we accept our own sinfulness, beg for mercy, we will hear Christ's voice promising to be with Him in His Kingdom. Every Sunday in the most powerful sacrifice on earth, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we proclaim Christ the King of the Universe, and willing to listen to His voice, to His Eternal Truth. For all of us who believe in the power of the Eucharistic power of Our Christ the King of the Universe, our faith is strengthened regardless how difficult, and how dark is our time and our reality. Our personal relationship with Christ, especially when we are sacramentally prepared, we always will be able to resist every evil temptation and to acknowledge Him as the only one who is in charge of us and the whole world. The beautiful preface of the Mass reminds all of us that Christ our King who at the end of time will present to His Father the Eternal and Universal Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

The four living creatures that the four evangelists provide for us: the face of a man is for the gospel of Saint Mathew; the lion represents the gospel of Saint Mark; the bull represents Saint Luke; and the eagle represents Saint John because his prologue reaches breathtaking heights, they all powerfully proclaim Christ, the King of the Universe in power and majesty in Eternal Kingdom.

We beg Christ's Mercy; we place our hope and our destiny before Christ the King of the Universe. Most of the faithful do not read all the documents of our Catholic Church but do allow the power of these solemnities to touch their hearts, minds, and souls during the celebration of these sacred mysteries. Christ the King of the Universe has touched the hearts, souls and minds of uncountable martyrs who shed their blood proclaiming: "May Christ the King of the Universe live forever." Yes, indeed, may Christ the King of the Universe live forever, and may we as we continue in this valley of tears humbly ask Christ, our King to remember us in His Kingdom. May we take refuge in the words of the final prayer after Holy Communion of the Holy Mass of Christ the King of the Universe:

Having received the food of immortality we ask, O Lord, that, glorifying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the Universe, we may live with Him eternally in His heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen!



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!



**ST. BENEDICT
YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIRS
Christmas Concert & 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 Rectorry!

***** 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 rectorry by December 8th. We look forward to seeing you on December 12th.

It will be a Blessed and Beautiful Christmas Celebration!



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!

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 Rectorry (in person, by mail, in the Sunday collection basket, or the mail slot in the rectorry'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!

IMPORTANT!

Effective, January 1, 2026, there will only be one Holy Mass during the weekdays. **The 8:30am Holy Mass will continue.**

Unfortunately, the 6:45am Mass attendance has decreased significantly. There are only a few people attending this Mass. For this reason, and also for the overwhelming schedule of funerals, religious education, preparing the adults to receive the sacraments, and visiting classrooms at our school and the Villa Maria Academy.

We thank you for your understanding and patience regarding this decision. We apologize to those who faithfully attended the 6:45am Holy Mass!

Our Prayers and God's Blessings!

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

*"We must know how to forgive,
to live in peace and unity"*

~~~*Saint Dulce Pontes*



**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, Georjina 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 Jeninngs, 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 23rd, 30th (NO CLASS)  
Thanksgiving Break

**Wednesdays** November 26th (NO CLASS)  
Thanksgiving Break


Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

**Sundays** November 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](mailto:reled@stbenedictsschool.com)



THROGGS NECK  
MEMORIAL UNIT  
#1456  
PENNY SALE

**NOVEMBER  
23<sup>RD</sup> 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**

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**SWEEPS**

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**SUPER  
SWEEPS  
INCLUDES  
DESIGNER  
BAGS**

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**TURKEY BASKET  
DESSERT BASKET  
WINE BASKET**



**Throggs Neck Tree Lighting**  
(by the Throggs Neck Library;  
Derosa- O'Boyle Triangle)  
**Sunday, December 7th at  
5:00pm.**  
**Music (St. Benedict's  
Children's Choir),  
Santa, Toys, Snacks**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

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

**The Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program  
2025 Envelopes**

If you have one or more of the above envelopes, please return them to the Rectory **no later than December 9th**. Please deposit them in the Sunday collection basket or bring them to the rectory.

Thank you for making this Christmas brighter for our Seminarians! God Bless you!



Join Our **“Give A Smile Campaign, Elianna’s Gift”** Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 6th at 12:30pm (Line up begins at 10:30am) **1978 Williamsbridge Rd., Into Westchester Sq., to East Tremont, Left on Randall, Left on to Logan, Ending Throggs Neck St. Benedict’s Church. Raja’s General Mechanic together with the**

**49th and 45th Precincts, Community Affiliates, Orange Bank and Trust and Our “Give a Smile Committee”. Join us in front of St. Benedict’s Church at 1:15pm for Hot Cocoa, Giveaways, St. Benedict’s Choir and Santa! For more information, please call Vanessa Baijnauth at 929-620-2553. All Vehicles must be dressed festive! All toys donated to Central Community for Veterans Affairs, for the Children’s West Help Shelter and Shelter Kids around our Borough.**

**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 Jimenez, 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 Nov. 23rd:  
23 SUN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF  
THE UNIVERSE Solemnity**

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 (162)

**24 Mon** Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time) Memorial Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

**25 Tue** Weekday [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr] Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11 (504)

**26 Wed** Weekday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19 (505)

**27 Thu** Weekday [USA: Thanksgiving Day] Dn6:12 12-28/Lk 21:20-28 (506) or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass “In Thanksgiving to God” (943-947)

**28 Fri** Weekday Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33 (507)

**29 Sat** Weekday [BVM] Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

**30 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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