

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
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Bulletin: November 30, 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"*

ST. BENEDICT'S RECTORY

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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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

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

Sundays: Half hour before Masses
as follows:
6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

First Sunday of Advent



Reconciliation Monday

Reconciliation Monday will be December 15th this year in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of NY. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for all the faithful as follows: **2:00pm until 4:00pm AND 6:00pm until 8:00pm**. In our parish, the Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed during the time of confession to help make a Good: **Examination of Conscience**

**Tuesday, December 16th
"Advent Healing Mass"**

We are going to have an "Advent Healing Mass" here at St. Benedict's Church 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.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and confession will be available during the Talk.

We hope to see you at the "Healing Mass."

Please Join Us!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, December 1st

8:30 Alfred Henry Lento

TUESDAY, December 2nd

6:45 Rose Szekeley
8:30 Mary Halton

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd; *Saint Francis Xavier*

6:45 Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Laretta Toohey

THURSDAY, December 4th; *Saint John Damascene*

6:45 Jean Barnard
8:30 John Krase
"Living"

FRIDAY, December 5th

8:30 St. Benedict's School

SATURDAY, December 6th; *Saint Nicholas*

8:30 Michele Landonio
4:00 John J. Bruno, Sr.

SUNDAY, December 7th

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
8:00 Pietro e Libera Piacquadio
9:30 Giuseppe Assalone
11:00 Stephen J. Pavlik
Happy Heavenly Birthday
5:00 Mary DiGiannantonio

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:

Her Loving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Helen Procaro

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Loving Children and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Nicholas Parisi
Father and Grandfather
19 Years in Heaven

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!



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 Seminarrians! God Bless you!



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!

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

Loving Wife, Children and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Belarminio Perez

Message from Fr. Pergini:

It is the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025. Advent begins after Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations go up right after Thanksgiving. The lighting inside and outside of our homes seems to be a very essential part of Christmas celebrations. When I go to sleep, I observe most of the lights decorating our homes are shut off at night. It is the darkness of the night that dominates outside. As I say my prayers at that quiet time of the night the prayer of my childhood comes to mind, especially during the time of Advent. This prayer has been part of my life since my childhood, besides the other prayers, especially the Act of Contrition. This prayer ends my long and tiring day. We are blessed to have a chapel in the basement of our rectory. It is a small oratory where we say our private prayers and celebrate private Holy Masses on our day off. **“I must die, but I do not know when, where, but if I die in a mortal sin I will be lost forever. Please Mother of God, pray for me now and at the hour of my death so I can have a peaceful death. Amen.”** It is a very short prayer that reflects very well the spirit of the Advent season; to be alert, to be ready, to be awake. As a Child I was never able to grasp the full meaning of it. As I age, I appreciate its importance and thank those who shaped my faith with words and more with deeds. The readings of this First Sunday of Advent are very demanding. None of us knows the time when our Lord will come knocking on our door. It is a very powerful statement of Christ saying: **“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the son of Man will come.”** They are very deep and profound words addressed to every one of us. We cannot guarantee a future that’s beyond our control. Also, we cannot do anything about yesterday, it is already the past for which we often regret for whatever was not right according to God’s will. However, we do have Today, our present time. It is the present time that we have in our hands and we can use it properly. It is now that we can be awake and see the power of Christ who brings us the joy to wait for him. My childhood prayer prepares me every single night to be aware of today, to change and be ready to find a moment of silence to reflect in the real meaning of the beautiful days that prepare us for the coming of our Lord. The Advent Season is not a time that we go back picturing what happened then, and we try to play a liturgical scene making believe what happened two thousand years ago. No, it is not that. It is that Our Mother Church represents the truth about our Christian existence. It reminds us that we must be aware about the truth of our salvation and confront this truth, honestly, before Christ, the Hidden presence of God who became man for our salvation. We should come out of our own darkness and enter a relationship with the hidden Christ who waits for us to open the doors of our souls and minds and allow Him to enter our private, family, and social life. The word Advent for some people does not make any difference. However, for you and me who faithfully come to Holy Mass it does make a big difference. The last words of my childhood prayer invoke the intercession of the Blessed Mother to pray for me now and at the hour of our death, as we all do remember the last part of the Hail Mary Prayer. Our Blessed Mother is the best model to take refuge in her. She was always praying, and awake to be ready to receive God’s message. At the birth of Christ in Bethlehem we can see Mary praying before our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ. At the joyful wedding celebration at Cana, she quietly and prayerfully presents the needs of the couple before Christ who made possible the miracle of changing water into wine. At the foot of the cross, we see Mary praying. Mary was once more found praying with the apostles on Pentecost Sunday. Our Blessed Mother has always appeared praying and encouraging all of us to pray, and to watch. Yes, indeed, Our Blessed Mother, the seat of wisdom reminds all of us of the words of Christ: You must be prepared for at an hour we do not expect the Son of Man will come. It is an imperative commandment, not an option. We must be prepared. How are we prepared? Are we prepared to watch in prayer like Mary? You and I must answer that question before Christ. Monday, December 22nd from 4:00pm until 8:00pm every Catholic church in the New York area will open their doors and priests will be available to hear confessions. Yes, this year again, through the powerful sacrament of confession, we have a chance to seriously reflect upon our sinful past and to make a commitment for today to be prepared, and to watch with Our Blessed Mother Mary in prayer.

May this Advent time with its powerful readings and the celebration of the Eucharist, and the exterior beauty of Christmas help us to experience the truth of our salvation! May my childhood prayer remind all of us to think of our death and to be in a state of grace! Our Lady of Advent Pray for us! Amen!

“I must die, but I do not know when, where, but if I die in a mortal sin I will be lost forever. Please Mother of God, pray for me now and at the hour of my death so I can have a peaceful death. 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 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!

May the Advent Season be a time of Prayer, Faith, Hope, and Love as we prepare in our hearts, minds, and souls to welcome Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Please pray for those who do not know the interior beauty of the Advent Season and for those who do not have anyone to pray for them!

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 is in the back of the Church. Return your completed form to the rectory, with your check, (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!

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!



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!



**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 30th (NO CLASS)
Thanksgiving Break

Wednesdays November 26th (NO CLASS)
Thanksgiving Break

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays November 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.**

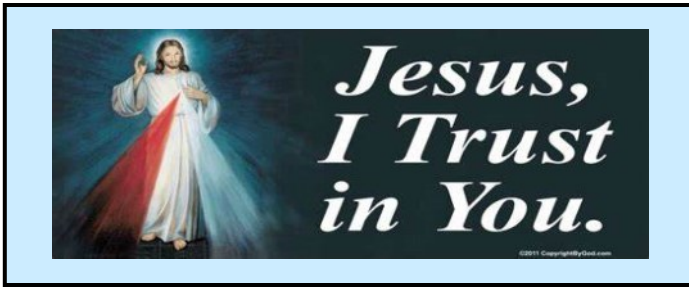
TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact Maria Pirraglia at: reled@stbenedictsschool.com



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 Bajjnauth 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.

**GOD BLESS OUR
SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN!**



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

“Pray as though everything depended on you, and act as if everything depended on God.”

~~~*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

**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

**Holy Family, Blessed Sacrament and St. John Vianney**  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx 10472  
**Annual Christmas Flea Market**  
**Sunday, December 14th, 8am until 3pm**

For Rental Table Information, contact rectory at 718-863-9156 or Text 914-984-3901, or e-mail: [hfbingomechlerhall@gmail.com](mailto:hfbingomechlerhall@gmail.com)  
Monday-Friday—9am-7pm. Cost per table \$30

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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 Nov. 30th: 30 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I

**DECEMBER 2025**

- 1 Mon** Advent Weekday Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/ Mt 8:5-11 (175)
- 2 Tue** Advent Weekday Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
- 3 Wed** Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Memorial Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
- 4 Thu** Advent Weekday [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
- 5 Fri** Advent Weekday Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
- 6 Sat** Advent Weekday [Saint Nicholas, Bishop] Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

**7 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**