

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
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Bulletin: December 7, 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”



**The Immaculate Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mother
Patroness of the United States of America**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Monday, December 8th
HOLY MASS SCHEDULE
8:30am, 12:00 Noon, 7:00pm

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

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7, 2025



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, December 7th; *Second Sunday of Advent*

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

MONDAY, December 8th; *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother*

8:30am Mary Brogan
12:00 Noon Kamocsai and Duane Families
7:00pm Seamus Donaghy
"First Heavenly Birthday"

TUESDAY, December 9th; *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

6:45 Gerald Filardi
8:30 Brandan Golden

WEDNESDAY, December 10th; *Our Lady of Loreto*

6:45 Michael Waldron
8:30 Muriel Krase
"Living"

THURSDAY, December 11th; *Saint Damasus I*

6:45 Souls in Purgatory
8:30 Michael Vargas
"Living"

FRIDAY, December 12th; *Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast*

8:30 Frederick Ludwig

SATURDAY, December 13th; *Saint Lucy*

8:30 Volaj Family
"Living"
4:00 .Alfred Sr., and Anna Civarelli

SUNDAY, December 14th; *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
8:00 Maria and Pasquale Delli Carpini
9:30 Lena Charles and Aniello Fabozzi
11:00 Salvatore Giancarli
5:00 Mary Brogan

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

*Daughter and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Pasquale Delli Carpini*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

*Daughter and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Pasquale Delli Carpini*



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, January 2, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

We always need volunteers! Thank you!

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!



Our Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting

**We will be lighting our Outdoor Christmas Tree on Saturday, December 6th
THIS SATURDAY**

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!

Jingle Bell Treasures - Christmas Fair

Please join us for a magical day of holiday shopping and Christmas cheer at **St. Benedict's School Auditorium** on **Saturday, December 13th from 10 AM to 4 PM!** Browse a festive selection of handcrafted gifts, homemade holiday treats, Christmas décor, ornaments, jewelry, toys, seasonal crafts, stocking stuffers, and so much more. Bring family and friends and kick off the season with joy! Come find the perfect Christmas treasures—and help support our school community! Thank you!

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

*The Durkin Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Brendan Golden
First Heavenly Birthday*

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

Michael D'Annucci, Adrienne Sellitto

Message from Fr. Pergini:

Monday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. In 1846, before the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed, the bishops of the United States, back then made the Immaculate Conception the Patroness of our Country. After eight years, on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX issued the Encyclical defining the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception means that Our Blessed Mother was destined to be conceived by the Almighty Father without original sin, to hold in her womb the Divine Body of our Lord, Jesus Christ. After a few months this document was made public, a man in Paris killed the archbishop of Paris as he was celebrating Holy Mass at the Notre Dame Basilica (the famous and well-known church that a few years ago was burned, but thank God last year on this date December 8th was dedicated after the long restoration). The reason for killing the archbishop of Paris was that the mad man accused the Catholic Church that by proclaiming the dogma of the Immaculate Conception she was going to be another Goddess. It was a sad day to see a mad man killing an innocent archbishop and causing panic in the church during the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is amazing to know that after four years of this proclamation of the dogma and the killing of the archbishop in Paris, in 1858 in France, just four years after the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was officially declared, in a small Basque Village, Lourdes, Our Blessed Mother appeared to the little girl Bernadette. Bernadette was a humble and poor girl. The village priest of Lourdes asked the humble Bernadette what is the name of the Lady that she was claiming to see in the Grotto of Lourdes. Then Bernadette asked the Blessed Mother what is your name? Our Lady replied in the Basque dialect: "I am the Immaculate Conception." The Lourdes apparitions were a powerful affirmation from Heaven to confirm the dogma issued four years earlier, a sign from Almighty Father, confirming the official teaching of the Catholic Church regarding faith and morals. It has been and continue to be God's Hand who knows when, where, how, and to whom He wants to reveal Himself through an apparition of the Blessed Mother confirming His power and the teaching of the Catholic Church. It does not happen that the Blessed Mother would appear to well-known people who have power in the public life, but to the most humble and poor people to whom the power of God is revealed in a unique way. We are all moved and inspired by these apparitions that are recognized by the church. People who are fortunate enough to visit Lourdes often find themselves spending hours at the beautiful Grotto, gazing at the Statue of Our Lady and praying. The experience, enriched by the humility and holiness of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, allows visitors to feel God's power in an atmosphere that never grows tiresome. It is a powerful experience of peace, love, and trust. As we celebrate this solemnity, we may ask the question to ourselves: What does it mean for us Immaculate Conception and how does it help us in our daily life? It means simply a life without sin, not in the sense that we are not going to sin anymore (otherwise the sacrament of confession would only be once in our life time, but we are all aware that the more we go to confession we get closer to Christ). However, we must know that whatever sins, venial or mortal, they are incompatible with our Christian identity, incompatible with our goal: to be holy and immaculate before Almighty Father. Sin and Christ can never co-exist together. We must choose either with Christ or the opposite. It is true that Christ came to save us from sin and we, as sinners, meet Him in the sacraments that Our Savior has given the sacraments through our Mother Church. There are many people who do not experience any sense of guilt, their conscience is paralyzed. We know very well what can happen when we deny our guilt, unwilling to accept that we are at fault and refusing to see our own sins. It is like a poison that kills our souls. On this solemnity, Our Blessed Mother as she is crushing the serpent under her feet, the deceiver, she can tell us all that with God's grace, through sacraments, everything is possible, to be free from our sins. Christ is in charge, and the victory belongs to Him and never to the deceiver. In all apparitions of our Blessed Mother around the world she said to pray for the conversions of sinners, repent and believe in the power of Christ. May we become aware of the indispensable need for conversion so we can approach Christ in the sacrament of confession willing to admit our sins and beg for the grace The Opening Prayer of the Holy Mass of this solemnity beautifully and prayerfully provides for us today the full meaning of the Immaculate Conception: **"O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by the virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever."**

May Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the United States, intercede for us, for our country and the whole world. 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 and Potluck
Friday, December 12th**

Concert: 6:30pm (Church)
Potluck: 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!

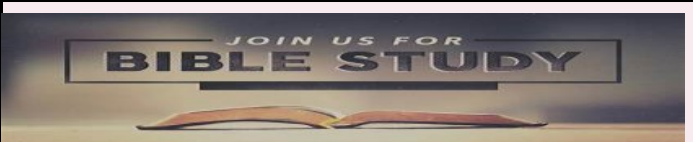
MASS INTENTIONS/ANNOUNCED MASSES

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!

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **Second Collection NEXT WEEK-END (12/14)** for the **“Retirement Fund for Religious.”** This annual appeal benefits thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests— women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and His Church.

Thank you for supporting their faithful service!



There will NOT be Bible Study on Tuesday, December 16th. Fr. Christian Amah will Celebrate the Advent Healing Mass on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00pm in St. Benedict's Church (see the front cover of this bulletin, bottom right).

CHOIR FUNDRAISER TABLE

Please visit the Choir table in the vestibule after the 4pm, 9:30am, 11am and 5pm masses this weekend.

We are selling homemade snowflakes, scarves and ornaments. Raffle and 50/50 tickets will be available and you can purchase your tickets to the potluck.

Thank you for supporting our Choirs!!

50/50 WINNER: Mr. & Mrs. George Haddock
November 16, 2025 \$119.00

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

**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, Carolyn Chiappetta, Patricia Coughlin, Tom Curran, Maryann Cuttita, Lillian Cuttler, Frank Dailey, Vinny D'Amico, Louis D'Annunucci, Carla DeCicco, Anton Deski, Darielle Deviccaro, Angela Diaz, Lali Dilone, Anthony DiNardi, Charisa 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

DECEMBER CLASSES:

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

Sundays December 7, 14 (Confession)
 21
 December 28 (NO CLASS)
 Christmas Break

Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17 (Confession)
 December 24 (NO CLASS) Christmas Break
 December 31 (NO CLASS) Christmas Break

REMINDER: Attend Mass
Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays December 7, 14, 21,
 December 28 (NO CLASS) Christmas Break

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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

Family Christmas Trees In Our Church



Since 1995 our parish has had a tradition of each family donating a Christmas ornament for our Family Christmas Trees. We invite new parishioners to add an ornament to our parish trees. Please place it in a small bag with your name and bring it to the rectory. We will hang the ornaments on our Christmas trees in Church for the Christmas Season. Thank you!



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!

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



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

“Prayer is an aspiration of the heart. It is a simple glance directed to heaven. It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy.”

~St. Therese of Lisieux



**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
Monday-Friday—9am-7pm. Cost per table \$30

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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, 1st 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 December 7th:
7 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 (4)

8 Mon THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Patronal Feastday of the United States of America) Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation]

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)

9 Tue Advent Weekday [Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin]
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)

10 Wed Advent Weekday [Our Lady of Loreto]
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183) 43

11 Thu Advent Weekday [Saint Damasus I, Pope]
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

12 Fri USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast; Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A), or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712)

13 Sat Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Memorial Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a,10-13 (186)

14 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT