

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church*  
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*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"*



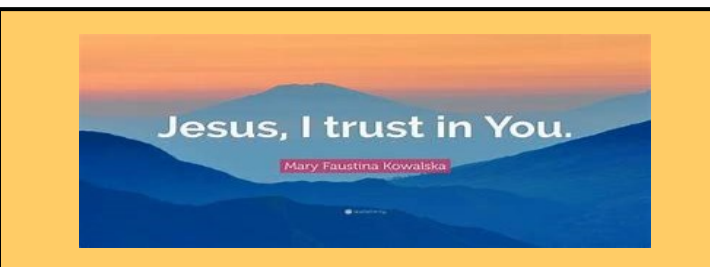
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**WE MARCH FOR LIFE!**  
**Friday,**  
**January 23, 2026**

We are happy to announce that due to a grant the Annual Bus Trip for March for Life on Friday, January 23, 2026 is free of charge. While the grant will cover 3k toward the bus, the cost of the bus is \$3,650.00. We will gratefully accept voluntary donations to help cover the remaining balance not covered by the grant. If interested, please register for the trip (or bring donations to help offset remaining costs) to the rectory office.

**Itinerary:** 5:30am Mass here at Saint Benedict's Church; Bus departs 6:00am SHARP. We will return approximately 9:00pm.

Please join us in the fight to protect and respect the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death. We, as Marchers, will bring our prayers and the pro-life message to our nation's capital.

For more information, please contact the rectory office at 718-828-3403, ext.101. Thank you



### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekdays:** 8:30am Mass Monday through Friday  
**Saturdays:** 8:30am and 4:00pm  
**Sundays:** Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening)  
7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

**Parish Website:**  
<http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>  
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### 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

### VOCATIONS

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, January 18th; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
8:00 Antonio e Silverio DiMeglio  
9:30 Daniel Shea  
11:00 Sister Katherine  
"Living"

5:00 Doris Cumbee

**MONDAY, January 19th; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

**TUESDAY, January 20th; Saint Fabian; Saint Sebastian**

8:30 Volaj Family  
"Living"

**WEDNESDAY, January 21st; Saint Agnes**

8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

**THURSDAY, January 22nd; USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:30 Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

**FRIDAY, January 23rd; Saint Vincent; Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope**

8:30 Maria and Frank Versaci

**SATURDAY, January 24th; Saint Francis de Sales**

8:30 Domenico Chiodi  
4:00 Matthew Genovese

**SUNDAY, January 25th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 John and Mary Puchalski  
8:00 Giovanni Romano  
9:30 Ronald Robson  
11:00 Mary DiGiannantonio  
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

*Please pray for our Veterans  
(Living and Deceased)*

**If anyone is interested in memorializing the following, there are many dates available during 2026 for:**

- ◆ Altar Bread, Wine and Candles;
- ◆ Sanctuary Lamp;
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Candles

**Please stop by the rectory during regular business hours (see page 6 of this bulletin). (718-828-3403, ext. 101). Thank you!**

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

**Lena Bardhecaj, Rita Carteris**



**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, February 6, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

**We always need volunteers! Thank you!**



**Please remember to pray for our Police Officers, Firefighters, First Responders, Military, and for all those who have no one to pray for them.**

**Lord, hear our prayer!**



The Bible Study Group is held every Tuesday in the Convent downstairs at 7:00pm.

We will continue to discuss the Book of Revelation!

We hope to see you there!

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Ronald Hicks as Archbishop of New York. Bishop Hicks, 58, has served as the Bishop of Joliet since 2020. He succeeds Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York since 2009, who submitted his required letter of retirement upon reaching the age of 75 on February 6, 2025.

Cardinal Dolan will be Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of New York until the Installation of Archbishop-designate Hicks by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, at **Saint Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, on Friday, February 6, 2026.**

At this time, we do not know if tickets will be required. When we find out, we will let you know.

Please keep Archbishop-Designate Hicks and Cardinal Dolan in your prayers! Thank you!

## Five Steps for a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sincerely sorry for your sins.
3. Confess your sins. (*Do not confess the sins of others*)
4. Resolve to amend your life.
5. After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

**Don't be hasty \*Don't be superficial \* Avoid anxiety**

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### A More Thorough Examination Of Conscience for Adults

(The first step to a good confession is to examine your conscience. The list below is based on the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church. You may find this list helpful in your preparation for Sacramental Confession. If you have

questions about anything listed here, please feel comfortable to speak to the priest.)

**Did I deny or doubt God's existence?**

**Did I refuse to believe God's revelation?**

**Did I believe or partake in fortune telling, tarot cards, good luck charms or reincarnation?**

**Did I deny that I was a Catholic?**

**Did I leave the Catholic faith?**

**Did I despair of or presume on God's mercy?**

**Did I neglect prayer for a long time?**

**Did I blaspheme God or take God's name in vain, curse, or break an oath or vow?**

**Did I miss Mass on Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?**

**Was I inattentive at Mass?**

**Did I come to Mass late or leave early?**

**Did I observe the Lord's Day by prayer and rest?**

**Did I disobey or disrespect my parents or legitimate superiors?**

**Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children, or parents?**

**Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?**

**Have they received Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation at the appropriate age?**

**Have I failed to educate myself on the true teachings of the Church?**

**Did I give a full day's work in return for my full day's pay?**

**Did I give a fair wage to my employee?**

**Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young?**

**Was I the cause of anyone leaving the faith?**

**Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, revengeful, hateful towards other, lazy?**

**Did I give a bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?**

**Did I physically injure or kill anyone?**

**Did I attempt suicide?**

**Did I have an abortion?**

**Have I seen to it that my dying loved one received the Sacraments of the Church especially Anointing of the Sick?**

**Have I respected the rules of the Church to honor the dead?**

**Have I given Christian burial with Mass for the dead when it was my responsibility to do so?**

**Have I made provision for the proper burial of cremated remains?**

**Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires?**

**Did I dress immodestly?**

**Did I use impure or suggestive words? Tell impure stories? Or listen to them?**

**Did I deliberately look at impure images by TV, internet or movies?**

**Did I perform impure acts by myself or with another, i.e. did I engage in masturbation, pre-marital sex or homosexual acts?**

**Did I receive Holy Communion when I was living with someone outside of the Sacrament of Marriage?**

**Did I marry or advise another to marry outside the church?**

**Did I abuse my marriage rights? Was I faithful to my wedding vows?**

**Have I kept company with someone else's spouse?**

**Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse sterilized?**

**Did I attempt in vitro fertilization?**

**Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal, or keep stolen goods? have I made restitution for stolen goods?**

**Did I fulfill my contracts: give or accept bribes; pay my bills and my taxes: rashly gamble or speculate; deprive my family of necessities of life?**

**Did I tell lies? Deliberately to deceive; or injure others by lies?**

**Did I commit perjury? Was I uncharitable in word or deed, gossip or reveal others' faults and sins? Fail to keep secrets I should have?**

**Did I eat meat on the Fridays of Lent or Ash Wednesday?**

**Did I fulfill my Easter duty? Fail to confess at least once a year?**

**Did I go to the Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?**

**Did I fast for one hour from food and drink?**

**Did I make a bad confession?**

**Did I fail to contribute to the support of the Church?**



**Prayer for**

**The United States of America!**

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all.

May Your peace reign in our land, and may your purposes prevail. In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river.

Amen!

*In Observance of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
have a blessed and enjoyable day  
and please pray for peace!*

**God Bless America!**

*Please pray for all priests and deacons  
and thank them for their service!*



*We Welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish community of St. Benedict:*

**Itzayana Mendez Hernandez**  
**Baptized June 1, 2025**

**Iliriana Hoxhaj**  
**Baptized June 7, 2025**

**Penelope Joan Catanzarita,**  
**Luca Reign Marcano**  
**Baptized June 8, 2025**

**Eden Bunjaj, Henry Haxhari**  
**Baptized June 14, 2025**

**Lena Gerimci**  
**Baptized June 20, 2025**

**Kloe Cekaj, Era Haxhari**  
**Baptized June 21, 2025**

**Christian Bernney Ortiz Chicaiza**  
**Baptized June 28, 2025**

**Amaia Lina Cabrera, Liliana Liporace**  
**Baptized June 29, 2025**

**Olivia Pellumbi**  
**Baptized July 5, 2025**

**Mario Baggio, Jr. , Peter John Duernberger**  
**Baptized July 13, 2025**

**Chimamanda Hope Nwankwo,**  
**Luke Daniel Rodriguez**  
**Baptized July 27, 2025**

**Julia Pellumbi**  
**Baptized August 2, 2025**

**Orietta Gjuraj, Reynold Gjuraj**  
**Baptized August 7, 2025**

**Abigail Claire Nicaj**  
**Baptized August 15, 2025**

**Christopher Anthony Ayers,**  
**Aviana Valerie Shabaj**  
**Baptized August 17, 2025**

**Beckham Bujaj**  
**Baptized August 19, 2025**

**Vincent Clifford DeAngelis**  
**Baptized August 31, 2025**

**At Mass...Be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent, for this is the Lord's House;  
Before Mass, speak to God;  
During Mass, let God speak to you;  
After Mass, speak to one another.**

**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, Charalisa 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, Donna Inzano, Eileen Jeninngs, Edward Kennedy, Paul Komgold, 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, Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MackKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Elizabeth Mandile, Ann Marro, Olga Martinez, Robert McCarthy, Margo McGinty, Annette Matranga, Denise McPadden, Sue McVey, Carolyn Morello, Christie Madonna Muccino, Paula Mullane, Rosa Munoz, Lisa Murphy, Oyola Family, Maylee Roman Overman, Angelo Palumbo, Sr., Juana Perez, Pasquale Preziosa, Paolo Principe, Michael and Robert Prokop, 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, Hayden, Noelle Jablonka, Katherin, Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Emi Lun, Aubrey Madden, Maizy, Giulia Sofia McCullough, Mila, Natalie, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

**Religious Education Announcements**

**JANUARY CLASSES:**

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

Thursday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation . Attend Mass

**CLASSES RESUME:**

**Sundays: January 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Wednesdays January 7, 14, 21, 28**

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

**Sundays January 4, 11, 18, 25**

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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:

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Monday through Saturday in the Adoration Chapel from 9:00am until 1:00pm.**

The **Overnight Eucharistic Adoration** is the First Friday of each month. The next one will be **Friday, February 6, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

**We always need volunteers! Thank you!**

**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.**



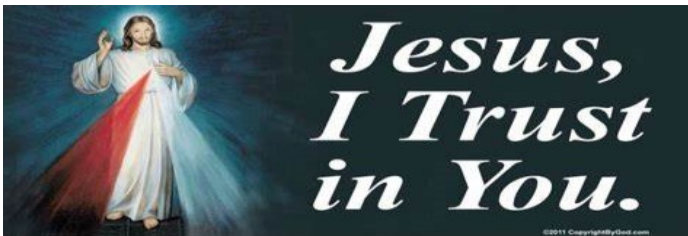
**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

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!

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

I will go peacefully to the Catholic Church. For faith is so important to our salvation I will seek it where the faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself.

~~~*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*



**RECTORY HOURS:**

**Monday—Friday**

**9:00am until 12:00pm**

**12:00pm until 1:00pm (Closed for Lunch)**

**1:00pm until 3:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am until 1:00pm**

**Sunday: Closed**

**Rectory Telephone Number: 1-718-828-3403**

**Extensions:**

|                       |                     |                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|
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**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, 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 January 18, 2026:**

**18 SUN SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)**

**19 Mon** Weekday 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

**20 Tue** Weekday [Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr] 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

**21 Wed** Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Memorial 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

**22 Thu** USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314) or, for the Day of Prayer, any readings from the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 947A-947E) or the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891)

**23 Fri** Weekday [Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin] 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**24 Sat** Memorial Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**25 SUN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17**