

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 - Bulletin: January 25, 2026



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"

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.

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SERVING YOUR SACRAMENTAL NEEDS:

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call the Rectory for a date soon after the birth of your child.

The Sacrament of Marriage:

Please call the Rectory at least six (6) months prior to date of Marriage.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Please inform the priests at the Rectory if a family member is sick.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders:

If you feel called to serve the church as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, please call the rectory to speak to one of the priests for guidance.

Interested in possibly becoming Catholic?

Please contact the rectory to arrange a meeting to discuss your questions. We have classes to help people learn about our faith and decide if becoming Catholic is best for you. This whole process of inquiry and potential conversion is called:

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
We will respect your personal journey with God!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 8:30am Mass Monday through Friday

Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm

Sundays: Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening)

Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Parish Website:

<http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>

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CLERGY

Reverend Fr. Nikolin Pergjini,
Pastor

Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale,
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Nestor Halpern

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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

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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 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

MONDAY, January 26th; Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 Michele and Giuseppina Scarola

TUESDAY, January 27th; Saint Angela Merici

8:30 John Donadio

WEDNESDAY, January 28th; St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 Andy Werkhoven

THURSDAY, January 29th

8:30 John Pizzo

FRIDAY, January 30th

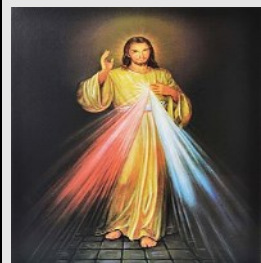
8:30 Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 31st; Saint John Bosco

8:30 William L. Carter
4:00 April Tagliarino

SUNDAY, February 1st; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Casty and Betty Avitabile
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Patricia Cremins
11:00 Michael D'Annucci
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish



*Jesus, I Trust
in You*

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:

Paul Mikulka



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!



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!

Catholic Schools Week January 25th until January 31st

Our parish is blessed to have a Catholic school.

It is wonderful to see our students attend daily Mass and Sunday Mass. We are very proud of them!

On behalf of myself, Fr. Birkdale, and Deacon Nestor, we thank the parents who make a sacrifice to send their children to St. Benedict's School. We thank our principal, our teachers, and staff who teach and shape the faith of our students. During Catholic Schools Week, we once again thank you and offer our prayers; along with the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and our Patron Saint Benedict.

All God's Blessings!

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!

Message from Fr. Pergini,

As we start Catholic Schools Week, January 25th- February 1st, I would like to share with those of you who read the bulletin the gift of having a Catholic school in our parish to educate and promote Catholic identity. Among the many obligations and duties as a priest, the school is one of the joys of my priestly ministry. In all my parish assignments I have been blessed to be in a parish with its parochial school. Unfortunately, in one of my assignments the school was closed. It was a devastating experience for the parish and the students.

Fr. Birkdale and I faithfully visit the classrooms of our school, and twice a week we visit the Villa Maria Academy, especially the second grade students and the seventh grade students preparing for communion and confirmation. The weekly visits to those students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation is rewarding and inspiring. It has always been a joy to visit the students and speak about our faith, about our Divine Truth and our Catholic identity. I share with them the beauty of our faith but I also learn from them. They ask questions and make statements that I am deeply touched. I humbly live the power of Christ through the little ones who have much to offer to me as a priest. I remember my previous parishes where I served the second grade students whom I have followed up to the 8th grade. As I look back on those beautiful years, in my mind is a clear picture of their innocent faces, very joyful and full of energy who are well prepared by their teacher and myself for their First Confession, and ready to receive the Body of Christ for the very first time. The school years pass by very quickly, as our life does, and they have grown and are ready for graduation and to leave the parochial school and move forward to high school. As they move to upper grades, I can see them more reserved and mature. Unfortunately, that joyful enthusiasm of the early years is missing. It is the age and the times in which we are living. Still, having a Catholic school is a blessing for our parish. Our students attend Holy Mass every day at 8:30am, two classes, from Monday through Friday, even on rainy and cold days. Also, on the First Friday of the month, the whole school attends Holy Mass, including the Pre-K and Kindergarten students. It is amazing to see the little ones behaving reverently during the celebration of the Holy Mass. The upper grade students say the readings. The parishioners who come to Holy Mass daily are impressed, and inspired seeing the students in the church behaving in the way that all of us should act respecting the sacredness of the church. There is absolute silence! As soon as they walk in and walk out I thank them in my heart for being with us and showing that innocent reverence to Christ in the Tabernacle. In silence they come in the church and in silence they leave the church heading back to the school. We, as a parish, are grateful and thankful to our teachers who properly prepare the students how to behave during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They know that they are in the Church aware of showing reverence for the sacred place. They know that Christ is truly present, Body, Soul, Blood, and Divinity on the Altar at consecration and in the Tabernacle kept for reservation and veneration. We frequently speak to them regarding the silence and reverence they must have during Holy Mass. And, they do listen, and we are proud of them, and we thank them for that. We do remind them that it is also an obligation and necessity for all of us to attend the Sunday Holy Mass. There are students who faithfully come on Sundays to attend Holy Mass, thanks to the good example of their parents. Unfortunately, there are many others who do not come on Sundays because the parents do not come themselves. The Catholic school and the church can never do what the parents are supposed to do at home. The domestic church, where the parents can encourage and teach the right way how to worship together as a family on Sundays, the most important day of the week, the day of Resurrection. We tell them the truth regarding the redeeming value of the Sunday Holy Mass, and we strongly emphasize to be prepared sacramentally to receive Holy Communion. They confess a few times during the school year, in September, before Christmas and before Easter. Again, I do not find enough of words to thank the teachers for preparing them for keeping the silence during the time of confession. One can notice the beauty and power of the sacrament when they kneel in deep prayer doing their penance. The rest of the students quietly wait their turn to confess and say their penance. Christ knows their hearts and minds as they look toward the main Altar, the Tabernacle, the beautiful mosaic of our Blessed Mother, and the majestic Crucifix of our Savior hanging above.

I thank the parents of our students who make many sacrifices to educate their children in a Catholic school. One day, they will remember the beautiful years spent in our Catholic schools, they will think back of those silent and holy moments of prayer during the Holy Mass, confessions, their religious classes, and many other events related to our Catholic identity. This is my personal experience, one of my priestly joys to speak about the power of Christ to the young students, the power of His sacraments that saves our broken souls.

On behalf of our faithful parishioners, Fr. Birkdale, Deacon Nestor, and myself, we thank the parents of our students who make a sacrifice to enroll their children to our Catholic School, our principal, our teachers, and staff who teach and shape the faith of students. During Catholic Schools Week and beyond, we offer our prayers—along with the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, and Saint Benedict our Patron Saint of our School and Parish!

God Bless America!



**For Your Information:
ASH WEDNESDAY is
February 18, 2026
More information in
future bulletins.**

**For Your Information:
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME is
March 8, 2026
Spring ahead one hour**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Monday, February 2nd is the Feast of the
Presentation of the Lord, the Blessing of the
Candles takes place.**

If you wish, you can bring candles with you to the 8:30am Mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use.

Blessing of the Throats, St. Blaise, Tuesday, February 3rd

The Blessing of the Throats will be at the end of the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, February 3rd. It will be a general blessing to everyone (the same way it has been done since Covid).

Thank you!



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

Lily Rae Coveney
Baptized September 7, 2025

Nathaniel Rosas
Baptized September 14, 2025

Santo Dante Muscarella
Baptized September 21, 2025

Alexander Pjerrza
Baptized September 27, 2025

Nicholas Angelo Kuilan
Baptized September 28, 2025

Deoni Mirukaj, Diona Mirukaj
Baptized October 4, 2025

Sebastian Peter Pace
Baptized October 5, 2025

Arianna Bunjaj, Brayden Bunjaj,
Raymar Bunjaj, Noah Gjinaj
Baptized October 11, 2025

Scarlett Dedvukaj
Baptized October 18, 2025

Charlotte Grace Motta
Baptized October 26, 2025

Isabella Rose Espejo
Baptized November 16, 2025

Daniel Frankie Gojcaj,
Tatiana Katarina Gojcaj
Baptized November 29, 2025

Innocenza Amalia Babiec,
Joseph Jeter DeSimone
Baptized November 30, 2025

Mark Vidhja, Mario Noel Vidhja,
Samuel Mason Vidhja
Baptized December 6, 2025

Lio Ndoj
Baptized December 25, 2025

Leonardo Zefi
Baptized December 27, 2025

I love God.
I am proud to say that.

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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Please use the envelope system!

Remember, all donations are tax deductible!

NOTICES FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Anyone or any group wishing to place information in an upcoming bulletin must submit the information 10 days prior to when it is to appear in the bulletin. Please remember this does not include personal notices (real estate, babysitting, etc.) Please e-mail your information to: carole.janicki@stbenedictchurchny.com



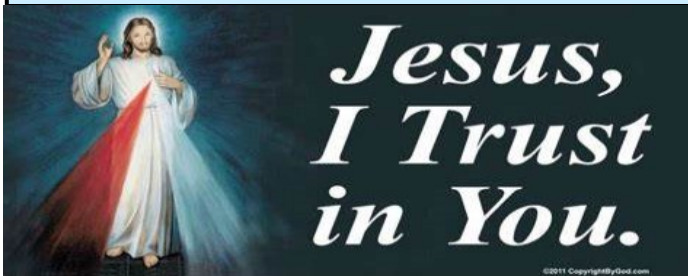
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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!*

“Job was turned over to the devil to be tempted so that, by withstanding the test, Job would become a torment to the devil.”

—*St. Augustine*



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

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Spiritual Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026:

25 SUN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

26 Mon Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops Memorial 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:22-30

27 Tue Weekday [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin] 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 (318)

28 Wed Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Memorial 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

29 Thu Weekday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

30 Fri Weekday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Mk 4:26-34

31 Sat Memorial Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

1 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a (70)