

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 - Bulletin: February 8, 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"*



*Archbishop
of New York
Ronald A.
Hicks*

*Congratulations, Prayers and our Support
to Archbishop of New York
Ronald A. Hicks*

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*Congratulations, Prayers and our Support  
upon the Retirement of Cardinal Timothy  
Dolan Archbishop Emeritus of New York*



*Cardinal  
Timothy Dolan  
Archbishop  
Emeritus of  
New York*



**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

*Ash Wednesday is a day of  
Fast and Abstinence*

**Holy Masses in the Church:  
8:30am, 7:00pm**

**Prayer Services in the Church:  
7:00am, 12:00 Noon, 3:00pm, 5:30pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Every **Friday** in the Church during Lent, as follows:

12:00 Noon Italian Stations  
7:00pm English Stations  
**(the Church will open at 6:30pm)**

**CONFESSION:**

**(the Church will open at 6:30pm)**

**Fridays** during Lent there will be Confession in the Church from 6:30pm until 7:30pm

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, February 8th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
8:00 John Donadio  
9:30 Jennie Perrini  
11:00 Lupercia Martinez  
5:00 Dot Cormier

**MONDAY, February 9th**

8:30 Martin Halpern

**TUESDAY, February 10th; St. Scholastica**

8:30 Volaj Family  
"Living"

**WEDNESDAY, February 11th; Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick**

8:30 Concetta e Nicola Piacquadio

**THURSDAY, February 12th**

8:30 Barbara Sauro

**FRIDAY, February 13th**

8:30 Margaret and Lester Kamocsai

**SATURDAY, February 14th; Saints Cyril and Methodius; Happy Valentine's Day**

8:30 Joseph and Ann Sauro  
4:00 Mary Halton

**SUNDAY, February 15th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

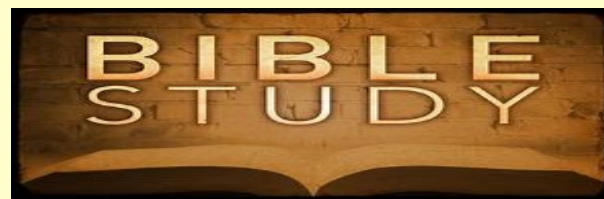
7:00 Manuel DeJesus  
8:00 Sacro Cuore di Gesu' e Maria  
9:30 St. Benedict's Parish  
11:00 Michele Joubert  
5:00 Anna Rocchio



**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, March 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!

**Happy 75th Wedding Anniversary  
Joe and Nancy Mobilia**

**One of our longtime parishioners have celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on January 14th. They would like to share their message on marriage with you:**

**"It is with gratitude that we give thanks to God for this special blessing of love and unity for 75 years of marriage.**

**Within this time, we have walked the path of love, trials, faith and trust in God's plan for our lives.**

**We pray for all married couples to find their strength in God and His Blessed Mother in their journey of married life."**

**With Love and Prayers,  
Joe and Nancy Mobilia**



**I LOVE GOD**  
I'm proud to say that

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

**Loving Wife Linda and  
Children, Chris, Jen, and Liz**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
Owen Patrick Faughnan**

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

**Frank Janicki, Patricia Sullivan Kearns,  
Katherine A. Ratjen, Helga Ricci,  
Jose Santana, Iris Torres**

*Message from Fr. Pergjini,*

**Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the earth” Mathew 5:3-15.**

Today’s gospel is frequently chosen to be read at the sacrament of matrimony. It is a very powerful message addressed to the couple who stand before the Altar ready to promise to each other and above to Christ to be the salt and the light. In the certificate of marriage, we insert this powerful statement of the Tertullian **“How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? How wonderful the bond between two believers, man, and woman, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit (Tertullian, Ad uxorem).**

How powerful and deep is this statement of the Third Century North African Theologian, Tertullian! I read and re-read it many times and I find true meaning of it in a humble, loving, generous, faithful, and friendly couple. They have been faithful parishioners for more than seventy years. On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with family and friends in their lovely and cozy house where they are living since they moved to our parish in the early fifties. They sealed that love before the Altar 75 years ago in Italy. I feel privileged and honored to know them as a faithful couple who faithfully kept the promise of that sacred moment of their wedding vows. They are a powerful presence of love and care for each other and for others. I see in their loving relationship the presence of Christ who united them back then and keeps united even now. He is homebound and bedridden. He opens his eyes, smiles and still communicates that love in a different way. His loving wife, who never leaves the house taking care of him, is a model to be admired, loved and thanked for what she does for him. I met them many years ago when they were much younger at a prayer group in another parish in the Bronx. During these years, we are always happy together; in the church attending mass, shopping, and at home serving each other with love and respect. They never missed Sunday Holy Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. They humbly accepted God’s will as they are getting old. They worked very hard and were very happy to be together and share the fruits of their hard work with those in need! The gospel today of Saint Mathew reminds us that

**“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the earth” Mathew 5:3-15.**

Yes, indeed, the faithful couple still today after 75 years of married life keep the commandments trusting God and continue to live in the peace and love of Christ toward that end without End. Their marriage has its strength in Christ, in the power of the sacraments that Christ gave to our mother Church. I picture that moment when they were standing 75 years ago before the Altar of Christ promising to each other to be faithful until death! What a blessing and privilege to have them and other faithful couples of our parish who faithfully keep God’s commandments, keep the promise to be powerful witnesses and be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. How powerful, joyful, and promising is the quote of the North African Theologian, Tertullian regarding the sacrament of marriage before the Altar of Christ. Nancy and Joe have lived through the words of Tertullian having one hope, one desire, one discipline and on in the same service. The Mobilia couple are to be admired as a couple who faithfully lived that promise and continue to live as they have prepared their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren for one goal: Eternal life. We as a parish family thank them for being a powerful source of inspiration who continue to support our parish and with their example, a powerful witness of the risen Lord. Today, we are all aware that many young couples live together without having any commitment toward each other. Some of them are aware that it is a sinful relationship living together without sealing that union with the sacrament of matrimony. We hope and pray to see them getting married in the church. On the other hand, there are couples who do not want to know the sinfulness of living together. Unfortunately, some of them who live together without the sacrament of matrimony, attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion when they should know they cannot receive it. Many times, we do preach and privately tell them regarding this delicate issue. I know couples who practice their faith and are aware that they cannot receive holy communion, and they do not receive it. I admire them for respecting what is good for their souls. We hope and pray that the humble example of the Mobilia couple whom I mentioned inspires those who are married, those who plan to get married, and those who do not know the redeeming value of the sacrament of marriage. May these words of Tertullian remind all of us about the power and beauty of the sacrament of matrimony!

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**Second Collection**

There will be a Second Collection **THIS** weekend for "Peter's Pence for the Works of the Holy Father."

Thanking you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

**STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE**

A prayer for strength is often needed during difficult times. Please remember that God is always here for us, to give us strength, guidance and lift our hearts when all seems hopeless.

**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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[rectory@stbenedictchurchny.com](mailto:rectory@stbenedictchurchny.com)

**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.**



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

**Trina Berishaj,  
Savannah Grae Zalaznick  
Baptized January 24, 2026**

**Fawn Rose Monaco  
Baptized January 25, 2026**

**CLERGY:**

**Reverend Fr. Nikolin Pergini,  
Pastor**

**Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale,  
Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon Nestor Halpern**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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**Anne Myers, Director of Music  
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**OLD PALMS**

There is a bin in the vestibule of the Church to deposit the palms we received in the past year. They will be burned and become the ashes of this year as we continue the annual cycle — really a spiral — of growing closer to God.

Thank You!

**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, 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**

**FEBRUARY CLASSES:**

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

**Sundays:** February 1, 8, 15, 22

**Wednesdays** February 4, 11, 18 (NO CLASS. **INSTEAD** Attend Mandatory Ash Wednesday Service. Meet at Church. Attendance will be taken. Class on February 25

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

**Sundays** February 1, 8, 15, 22

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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\*\*](mailto:reled@stbenedictsschool.com)



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**GOD'S GOODNESS**

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

~~~*St. Paul of the Cross*



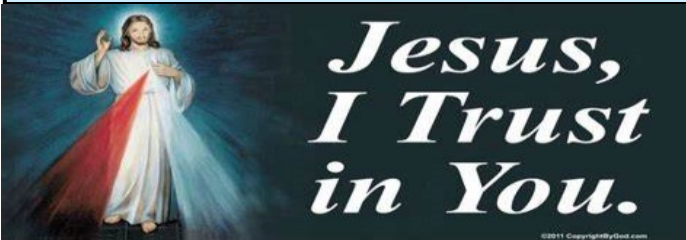
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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!*

“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.”

~~~*St. Therese of Lisieux*



**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:**

|                       |                     |                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Fr. Nikolin Pergjini  | Pastor              | 109                                      |
| Fr. David Birkdale    | Parochial Vicar     | 104                                      |
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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, YN3, Ryan T. Moreno, CS3; 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 February 8, 2026:**

**8 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 (73) Pss I

**9 Mon** Weekday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

**10 Tue** Saint Scholastica, Virgin Memorial 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

**11 Wed** Weekday [Our Lady of Lourdes] 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

**12 Thu** Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

**13 Fri** Weekday 1Kgs11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 )

**14 Sat** Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop Memorial 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**15 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37