

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 - Bulletin: February 15, 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"*

*Experience the
Mercy of God*



*Compassion by William-Adolphe Bouguereau, 1897,
Musee d'Orsay, Paris*




**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**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

Dear Lord,

As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that You would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. Amen!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, February 16th; President's Day

8:30 Nondey Lee Croston

TUESDAY, February 17th; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 Clara Chirico

WEDNESDAY, February 18th; Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

7:00am Ashes Service
8:30am Anne O'Mahony Mass
12:00) Ashes Service
3:00) Ashes Service
5:30) Ashes Service
7:00pm All Souls in Purgatory Mass

THURSDAY, February 19th

8:30 Terry Ray Bills

FRIDAY, February 20th; Abstinence

8:30 Rachel Gonzalez

SATURDAY, February 21st; St. Peter Damian

8:30 Bridie Murphy
4:00 John Mele

SUNDAY, February 22nd; First Sunday of Lent

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 Tomas Perez Alamo
11:00 Luigi Doci
5:00 Frances Hruska

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

*Rose and Freddy Mele
Mother and Father
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John Mele, Our Son*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

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Mother and Father
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John Mele, Our Son*



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!

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen!

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!

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

*Rose and Freddy Mele
Mother and Father
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John Mele, Our Son*

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

Virgilio Gatti, Inocencio Gonzalez, Jr, Ralph J. Turino

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

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?



*Please Pray for All Veterans
(Living and Deceased)*

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.

REGULAR 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

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<http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>
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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.



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As a way of reminding everyone about the guidelines for the Lenten Fast and Abstinence, I offer the following explanation: During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

“FASTING” Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

“ABSTINENCE” Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

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ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence!

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence!

FRIDAYS in Lent are days of Abstinence!



**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'Annuncci, 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, Melissa Fonseca, 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 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, Katharina Listner, Frank Lomangino, LauMei Sheung Louie, Tiffany MacKnight, Ernie Magnotta, Julia Magnotta, Elizabeth Mandile, Margaret Mangiaracina, 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 25th

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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



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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*



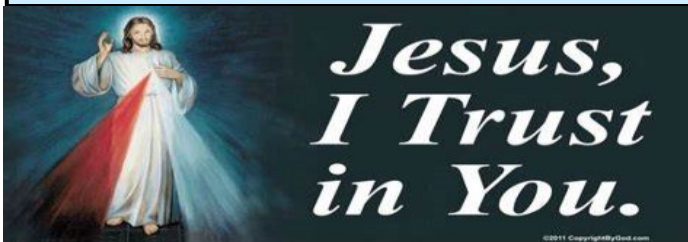
**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

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!*

**“We have been called to heal wounds,  
to unite what has fallen apart, and  
to bring home those who have lost  
their way.”**

~~~*St. Francis of Assisi*



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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| Fr. Nikolin Pergjini | Pastor | 109 |
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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, 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, Ensign Brandon McGaughan, 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 Feb. 15, 2026:

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 (76) Pss II

16 Mon Weekday Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)

17 Tue Weekday [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order] Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)

18 Wed Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV

19 Thu Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)

20 Fri Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)

21 Sat Saturday after Ash Wednesday [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

22 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT