

*St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church - 718-828-3403
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 - Bulletin: March 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"*

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY
Monday, March 30, 2026**

**Confessions from 2:00pm until 4:00pm AND
6:00pm until 9:00pm**

This has become known as Reconciliation Monday around the Archdiocese of New York as well as the Archdioceses of Brooklyn and Queens.

We hope you will go to Confession and also encourage others to go to Confession to embrace your Easter Duty.



"Mary's Way of the Cross" follows the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, emphasizing here sense of surrender: **"I knew it had to be, so I walked on silently."** Enter an intimate journey of faith through a deep reflection that will unite one's pain and suffering with Jesus on the cross

through the sorrowful heart of His Mother. **Please join us on Monday, March 30th as we walk through the Stations of the Cross (Living Stations) here at St. Benedict's Church at 3:00pm. We hope to see you there!**

**Mass of the Chrism, Tuesday, March 31st
at 4:00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC**

Archbishop Hicks will bless the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the archdiocese and the priests will renew their commitment to clerical service.

The Archbishop has invited the parishioners, eighth graders, confirmation classes and high school students to attend this Mass.



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!

**The Throggs Neck Parade Committee and
The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association
Presents**

**THE 28th ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S
DAY PARADE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

**We Congratulate Our
2026 Grand Marshals**

**Anne Myers and Jimmy Dorrian
and commemorate the lives of the
2026 Honorary Grand Marshals**

**11:00am Line of March Formation, Corner of East
Tremont and Lafayette Avenues**

12:00 Noon Parade Kicks Off

If you have any questions, please contact the TNBA at 347-231-6993 or via email: tnba342@aol.com. Enjoy family and friend celebrations throughout the neighborhood at local businesses.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, March 8th; *Third Sunday of Lent*

7:00 Souls in Purgatory
8:00 Michele Del Vecchio
9:30 Michelangelo Cipollone
11:00 Lucio Creglia
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

MONDAY, March 9th; Saint Frances of Rome

8:30 Robert Edwards

TUESDAY, March 10th

8:30 April Tagliarino

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

8:30 Peter Lopena

THURSDAY, March 12th

8:30 Nicholas Lillo

FRIDAY, March 13th

8:30 Volaj Family
"Living"

SATURDAY, March 14th

8:30 Katherine Ratjen
4:00 Josephine and Bridget Doran

SUNDAY, March 15th; *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
8:00 Abbondanza Piacquadio
9:00 Saint Patrick
11:00 Anastasia Vazquez Nieves
5:00 Benedetto LaMarca

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a Second Collection **THIS** weekend for Catholic Relief Services.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

God Bless you!

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

Loving Daughter Linda and Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Kenneth and Elaine Marin

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Mannarino and Parisi Families

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Lucio Creglia



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Since Good Friday is on the First Friday of April, we will **NOT** have Overnight Adoration during the Month of April. Therefore, the **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, May 1, 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!

Covering Crosses and Images

In our parish and the dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the last Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent) may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil

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:

Joe Schmidt

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Mary Ann Liso

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

**Felicia Cacace, Olga Iris Molino,
Diane Stokes**

Message from Fr. Pergjini,

As a child I used to go often to see my dear and good grandparents who lived a few hours away by car from where we lived. Among many happy memories, I recall the evenings when I went with my grandmother and aunts to collect water from the well of one of their neighbors. After a few years of my early childhood the well became a memory of the past because the well was no longer in use. The image of the well is very dear to me as a child in my adult mind. My grandparents had a beautiful well, and although I knew where it once stood, I have no memory of it. The well collapsed unexpectedly! To this day, the experience of accompanying my peers, aunts, and grandmother to the well on winter and summer evenings remains a valuable memory. We used to drink the fresh water right there at the well. During the summer the water was very cold, fresh crystal clear just coming from the depths of the earth while during the winter it was not cold at all, almost at room temperature. The beautiful scene described in today's gospel helped me to understand the circumstances of that moment when Christ was alone at the well with the Samaritan woman. Pope Benedict XVI provides a magnificent description about the water written in his famous, three volumes, book of Jesus of Nazareth:

“Water is the primordial element of life and therefore also one of the primordial symbols of humanity. It appears to man in various forms and hence with various meanings. The first form is the spring, water that bursts fresh from the womb of the earth. The spring is origin, beginning in its as yet unclouded and unspent purity. The spring thus figures as a truly creative element, as well as being a symbol of fruitfulness, of maternity.”

The water symbolism pervades the whole Gospel of Saint John. At this ancient spring of water, at Jacob's well, Christ tired from his journey is sitting down at the well. Christ tired of his journey, but more tired of our human sinfulness. Christ, as God, knew someone would come to the well and waited alone. During this waiting time we experience God's patience to confront our sinfulness and to save our broken souls. Christ's desire is to see the heart and mind of our sinful humanity and to give that time, that space we can rest, recognize the Heart of Jesus. At that time of the day it was not the time to draw water from the well. Women with children went to the well only at evening time. It was very unusual to go to the well at Noon. This Samaritan woman went at Noon to draw water at the well; it tells us something. And there she finds Christ waiting for her. Christ was an unknown figure to her. She was able to recognize him as one of the Jews. During the conversation between Christ and her we see the reason why she went at this hot time of the day to draw water. She was embarrassed to join other women in the evening time. She wanted to avoid the dirty looks of the other women staring at her. She preferred to go during the time when no one was there. She was married and re-married a few times and lived with someone who was not her husband. She found herself in front of the one who was asking for water that does temporarily quench our thirst. Christ did not have a bucket with him to draw water from the well. The Samaritan woman was aware that a Jew could never drink water from the bucket of a Samaritan. It was impossible to imagine that a Jew would ask to drink the water from the hands of a Samaritan woman. As we look at the whole scene of this event, we experience that God knows where, how and when to reveal His power and confront our sinfulness. Christ reveals who she is, living in a sinful relationship. This unique encounter took place at the well, the pure spring of water that is primordial symbol of humanity, the water of baptism in Christ. In that powerful dialogue between Christ and the Samaritan woman that took place in the living spring of water became the reason to discover who Christ is and who she was. Christ confirms her sinfulness. She does not pretend to deny it. She humbly accepts her shameful and sinful past, and present. She understood before whom she was standing. She became aware of the power, Divinity of Christ as God. She was profoundly affected by this extraordinary experience and felt compelled to share it with others. As she was touched by the power of Christ and other people who heard her testimony were also touched. The way she spoke was very effective for those who heard the joyful news. They, too, were running to meet Christ. It is a very powerful experience which is very well related to every one of us when we are touched by the power of Christ and with great joy willing to share with others what we ourselves experienced. In the most powerful celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Christ finds the way to meet us, always depending on us to allow Him to touch our minds, and souls. He is waiting for us as he did at the well waiting for the Samaritan woman to come. In those moments we experience the unique encounter with Christ who penetrates in our soul, mind and heart. He confronts our sinfulness; he speaks in the most inner part of our being and our conscience where the voice of Christ speaks to us; if we are willing to hear his voice. It is the time to confront ourselves in the powerful experience of the sacrament of confession, to be honest and humble to accept our own sinfulness, to be forgiven and to be embraced by His Love and Mercy in the sacrament of confession.



Please Pray for all those who have no one to pray for them!

IMPORTANT!

Sunday, March 15th the 9:30am Mass will change to 9:00am due to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Throggs Neck.

This change to 9:00am is ONLY for Sunday, March 15th. Thank you!

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

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!

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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!



**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, Debbie, 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, Peter Samoylo, 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
MARCH CLASSES:**

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

The Sacramental Fee for children receiving **FIRST COMMUNION (\$50)** and **CONFIRMATION (\$100)** were due **March 4th**. **If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible.** Thank you!

Sundays: **MARCH 1, 8, (15th NO CLASS-Saint Patrick's Day Parade) Attend Mass!, 22, (29 NO CLASS—Palm Sunday) Attend Mass!**
APRIL 5 (NO CLASS-Easter Sunday) Attend Mass!

Wednesdays: **MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25
APRIL 1st (NO CLASS-Easter Break)**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays: **MARCH 1, 8, (15th NO CLASS-Saint Patrick's Day Parade) Attend Mass!, 22, (29 NO CLASS—Palm Sunday) Attend Mass!**
APRIL 5 (NO CLASS-Easter Sunday) Attend Mass!



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

2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Archdiocese of New York is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal!

This is an Important moment for our parish and our archdiocese, as we are all called to consider contributing to the *Cardinal's Appeal*.

Thank you to those who have already participated this year. If you have not yet done so, please join our fellow parishioners in supporting the mission of the Church today. Together, we can reach our goal in the amount of \$71,000.

Thank you for making a difference!

To make a gift, please visit: **cardinalsappeal.org** or call **646-794-3300** today.

Thank you for your consideration and for being loving and generous stewards of our archdiocese and its mission. God Bless!

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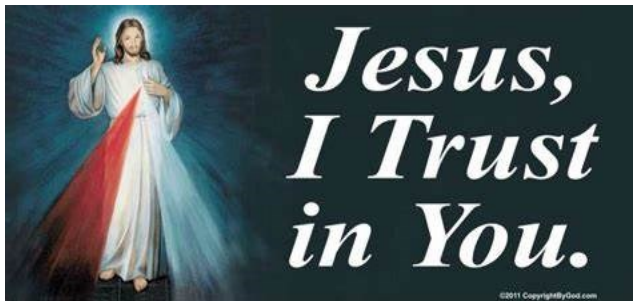
(Taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as “an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law.”

(St. Augustine, Contra Faustum 22: PL.42, 418; St. Thomas Aquinas, STh I-II, 71,6).

Mortal Sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God’s law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him.

Venial Sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and wounds it.



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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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 March 8, 2026:

8 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

9 Mon Lenten Weekday [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious] 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

10 Tue Lenten Weekday Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35

11 Wed Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

12 Thu Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

13 Fri Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

14 Sat Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

15 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31)