

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

**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.

Saint Patrick

March 17th

Patron Saint of

The Archdiocese of New York

Pray for Us



May your troubles be less and your Blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

Happy St. Patrick's Feast Day!



St. Joseph
March 19th

Patron Saint of

The Universal Church

Pray for Us!



May the Lord shower His blessings upon you...

**On St. Joseph's Day...
And in every walk of your life!**

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, March 16th

8:30 Frederick J. Ludwig

TUESDAY, March 17th; *Saint Patrick's Day*

8:30 Mary Ann Liso

WEDNESDAY, March 18th; *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:30 All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, March 19th; *Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 Francesco and Giovanna Paolucci
"Living"

FRIDAY, March 20th

8:30 Brendan Golden

SATURDAY, March 21st

8:30 Frank Janicki
4:00 Anna Salamaszak

SUNDAY, March 22nd; *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:00 Biagio, Roxanne and Lisa Caserta
8:00 April Tagliarino
9:30 Frank O'Brien
11:00 Domenico Chiodi
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

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!

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

Chrissy, Cosmo, Nicholas and Felicia Sette
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Frank Janicki

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Michael Bruno
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Deceased Members of the Bruno and Ratjen Families



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:

Domenica Viscogliosi
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Dominick Viscogliosi - Deceased
Julia Ann Viscogliosi - Living

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

Altagracia Padilla

Message from Fr. Pergjini,

It was a beautiful March Day! I was walking near the Pelham Parkway subway station heading towards the parish, my previous assignment, at Saint Lucy's Church. With the large crowd coming out of the subway station, I saw a young, blind man trying his best, with his stick, to find the right path and making sure not to fall. In that busy and rushing crowd he approached me asking where Mace and Bronxwood Avenues were. I told him we could walk together because I was going toward that direction. It was a sunny, beautiful day and not very cold. I usually walk very fast, but that day I tried my best to adjust my walking pace to his slow and careful walk. He introduced himself as a college student from Manhattan. I patiently listened to him, and I did not tell him who I was. He seemed to be a very joyful young man. I was trying my best to tell him when we had to cross the streets and being careful of the sidewalks. I became aware that he needed to focus more and pay attention to the signal of his stick selecting the right and safe path. During that time of walking in silence next to him I tried to think and picture what it means to be blind! As I was looking and contemplating the beauty of nature on that sunny day and trying to penetrate the mind and heart of this young man who carefully was focused to choose the right path, I admired him for his joyful spirit. Finally, after twenty minutes of a slow walk, and not much talking, we arrived at the corner of Mace and Bronxwood Avenues. As I was looking at Our Lady of Lourdes shining on that sunny day, I deeply felt that Our Blessed Mother greeted both of us in that motherly smile, especially the blind, young man. I did not know what religion he was and I was unwilling to ask, but, in my mind, I wished that he is a believer. I told him that we had arrived at the corner of Mace and Bronxwood Avenues, and I asked him what is the number of the house so I could accompany him there. At my big surprise he simply said that he was not going to visit anyone. He wanted to visit the famous Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. I was deeply touched and could not believe my ears that he was asking where the Grotto was when we both were looking at our Blessed Mother, at least I was. I was sure that, he, too, with his eyes of faith, had a more powerful vision of Our Blessed Mother than myself. I never thought that he was going to our famous Grotto. During that walk together, he never gave me any hint that the purpose of his trip from Manhattan was to visit our well-known Grotto. I was amazed thinking how beautiful this came to be. I stated: "We are currently at the Grotto; you simply need to cross the street to get to the Grotto. He smiled and thanked me for helping him. He asked me if I lived around the area. For a moment I was moved by this unique experience, some tears in my eyes. Imagine, a blind, young man asked me among the large crowd at the subway station, without having any idea who I was, for directions to the corner of Mace and Bronxwood Avenues. There I was with him before the powerful presence of Our Blessed Mother who consoles thousands of people day and night. I told him who I was. He looked at me for a moment, also emotional, with joy and gratitude saying: "You are a priest whom I asked for directions among the big crowd!!" He dropped his stick and came toward me extending both hands. It was a moment of silence looking at each other and it was a very deep moment. I felt that he was able to see the power of Christ and Our Lady. He understood the true beauty and strength of faith, which is felt by the heart, rather than seen by the eyes. Here he was, in the running water of our famous Grotto washing his blind eyes. We both were touched by God's presence and Our Lady of Lourdes looking at both of us. He was blind but he was a joyful and happy young man. I left him sitting in one of the pews on that sunny day of the Month of March. He was looking with trust and hope toward Our Blessed Mother.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the powerful story of Saint John's Gospel, the blind man was healed by Christ touching his eyes. I felt that the blind, young man was able to see what is essential, not with his eyes, but with his heart. In his prayers, while looking at the Statue of Our Blessed Mother, was he asking about any miracle or simply being there in silence! God and the Blessed Mother, for sure, knew what he was praying.

In a few days we will celebrate the Patron Feast of Our Archdiocese, Saint Patrick, and the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Universal Patron of our Catholic Church. We take refuge to the patient, the prudent, the humble and the wise saints who intercedes for us in the blindness of our souls, and in our sinfulness when we are and unable to see the saving power of Christ. May the Power of Christ enlighten the darkness of our broken souls and give us the joy of the blind, young man who came from Manhattan to visit the well-known Grotto.

May Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Patrick, Saint Joseph, Saint Lucy, and Saint Benedict pray for us!

Amen!



BINGO

St. Benedict's School and Parish are excited to announce a **Bingo Night Fundraiser to be held on April 25, 2026!** Doors open at 6:00 pm and Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 and cover 10 game cards. Limited space available, no door admission. Please purchase tickets in advance in the church vestibule or through the rectory. 50/50 and other Raffles. Feel free to bring your own food and beverages. 50/50's for sale prior to event. Winner need not be present.

We hope to see you there!

REMINDER:

TODAY, 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!

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**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

12:00 Noon Parade Kicks Off at East Tremont and Lafayette Avenues

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:
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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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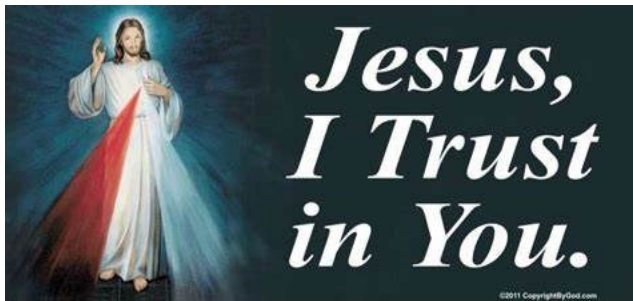
(taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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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Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

U.S. Air Force:

1st 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, 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 Wk of March 15, 2026

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

16 Mon Lenten Weekday Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

17 Tue Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop] Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

18 Wed Lenten Weekday [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

5 The following readings may be used on any day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman is not read on the Third Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:1-7/Jn 4:5-42 (236). 6 The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is not read on the Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mi 7:7-9/Jn 9:1-41

19 Thu SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Solemnity 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

20 Fri Lenten Weekday Wis2:1a,12-22/Jn7:1-2,10,25-30

21 Sat Lenten Weekday Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

22 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT