

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

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Bulletin: March 29, 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"*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30th
3:00pm **Mary's Way of the Cross**

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00am **Church Opens**
8:30am **Tenebrae Service**
8:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

After the Lord's Supper the Transfer of the Holy Blessed Sacrament for the Repose to the Altar of the Sacred Heart for Adoration until 12:00 midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

8:00am **Church Opens**
8:30am **Tenebrae Service**
12:00pm **Italian Stations of the Cross**
3:00pm **Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion**
8:00-9:00pm **Confessions are available during the Choral Stations of the Cross**

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00am **Church Opens**
8:30am **Tenebrae Service**
2:00-4:00pm **Blessing of the Easter Food in the Vestibule of the Church**
3:00-4:00pm **Confession**

Easter Sunday Masses:

7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
Please Note: **NO 5:00pm Mass**

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 30, 2026

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

Confession in the Church and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during confessions



Prayerful and Blessed Palm Sunday



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, March 29th; PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:00 Mark Stevenson
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 Alfred Henry Lento
11:00 St. Benedict's Parish
5:00 Stephen J. Pavlik

MONDAY, March 30th; Monday of Holy Week

8:30 Fr. R. Smith
Living

TUESDAY, March 31st; Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 Gaetano and Maria Catalano

WEDNESDAY, April 1st; Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 O'Callaghan Family

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd

8:00am Church Opens
8:30am Tenebrae Service
8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
After the Lord's Supper the Transfer of the Holy Blessed Sacrament for the Repose to the Altar of the Sacred Heart for Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd; First Friday; Fast & Abstinence

8:00am Church Opens
8:30am Tenebrae Service
12:00pm Italian Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
8:00pm-9:00pm Confessions are available during the Choral Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th

8:00am Church Opens
8:30am Tenebrae Service
2:00pm-4:00pm *Blessing of the Easter Food in the Vestibule of the Church*
3:00pm-4:00pm Confession
8:00pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 5th; EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
Please Note: NO 5:00pm Mass

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

The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fr. Robert Aufieri

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Kiely and Frawley Families
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
William and Dorothy Frawley



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

The Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will NOT be exposed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, unless otherwise stated.

We will resume the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Easter Monday, April 6th from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Adoration Chapel.

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

Your Sister and Niece Danielle
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Alfred Civarelli
Happy Heavenly Birthday



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?



St. Benedict's Cornerstone will have a Spring Clothing Drive the weekend of April 18th and 19th. Clothing donations will be accepted at the Convent BEFORE and AFTER the Masses. This is the ONLY weekend! Thank you!

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!**

Wedding Anniversaries:

Sunday, June 14, 2026 - If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary this year (25 through 60 years plus) there will be a Mass here at St. Benedict's Church at the **11:00am Mass on Sun., 6/14**. If you are interested, please call the rectory to register at 718-828-3403, ext. 101

Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association

Listed below are the dates of the 2026 Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association meetings: March 31st, April 28th, May 26th, June 30th (all Tuesdays) at The Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throggs Neck Expressway at 6:00pm. **We hope to see you there!**

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.

===== **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)

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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!

Maria Pirraglia:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com

Deacon Nestor Halpern

Deacon Nestor Halpern is available if you are in need to talk to someone about your faith or life in general.

You may leave a message for Deacon Nestor at 718-828-3403, ext. 7 or via email at:

deaconnestor@stbenedictchurchny.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!

SIN

(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.

Divine Mercy Novena - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is a very powerful novena given by Our Lord to St. Faustina and has many promises attached. *The novena begins on Good Friday and continues for nine days, concluding on Divine Mercy Sunday, 4/12.* Pamphlets will be available beginning on Palm Sunday weekend at the back of the Church. Consider taking one home and praying this beautiful novena!



The City Island Sail & Power Squadron will hold a boating and water safety course which meets NYS PWC and boat operating laws. It will be on **Saturday, April 18th and April 25th from 8:30am until 12:30pm at the City Island Yacht Club**, 63 Pilot St., City Island, N.Y. **Fee is \$40. Register by April 15th.** For more information, email: cityislandabc@gmail.com

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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 Week of March 29, 2026

29 SUN PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54. The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of Lazarus is not read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Jn 11:1-45 (250). 21

30 Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)

31 Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

1 Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

2 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

3 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 (40)

4 Sat Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10 (41)

5 SUN EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD