

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

*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"*

Bulletin: April 19, 2026

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RECTORY HOURS:
Monday through Friday
9:00am until 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon until 1:00pm (Lunch)
1:00pm until 3:00pm

Saturday:
9:00am until 1:00pm

Sunday: Closed

CLERGY:

Reverend Nikolin Pergjini, Pastor
Reverend David Birkdale, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nestor Halpern

May Procession
Monday, May 4, 2026



The May Procession will begin at 7:00pm on Monday, May 4th in front of St. Benedict's Church. We will process with Our Blessed Mother and walk along Edison Avenue (pass St. Benedict's School) to Philip Avenue. At Philip Avenue we will turn left to Logan Avenue and then walk back to St. Benedict's Church. We will process through the streets of St. Benedict's parish praying for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother on the whole neighborhood. **The Mass will begin immediately after the Procession.**

All are invited to process with us!

Any students who have recently received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to join the procession with their communion dresses/suits. If they cannot walk in the procession, they can meet us in church dressed in their Communion outfits.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekdays: Monday through Friday
8:30am
Saturdays: 8:30am and
4:00pm (Saturday Evening Vigil)
Sundays: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 5:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays: 9:00am until 9:30am and
3:00pm until 4:00pm
Sundays: Confession is available a half hour
before the Sunday Masses:
6:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

God Bless America!

**The May Crowning of Mary
Honors the Virgin Mary!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, April 19th; *Third Sunday of Easter*

7:00 Kamocsai and Duane Families
8:00 Giovanni Romano
9:30 Michelangelo Cipollone
11:00 St. Benedict's Parish
5:00 Michael Prince

MONDAY, April 20th

8:30 Maria J. O'Halloran

TUESDAY, April 21st; *Saint Anselm*

8:30 Nicholas Vertucci

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd; *Earth Day*

8:30 Juanita Halpern and Matilde Perez

THURSDAY, April 23rd; *Saint George; Saint Adalbert*

8:30 Maddalena Trudo

FRIDAY, April 24th; *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

8:30 Alfredo Catalano
Living

SATURDAY, April 25th; *Saint Mark*

8:30 Frank Janicki
4:00 Anna Civarelli
Happy Heavenly Birthday

SUNDAY, April 26th; *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
8:00 Yolanda and Vincenzo Caserta
9:30 Maria LoCascio
11:00 John Bruno, Sr.
Happy Heavenly 30th Anniversary
5:00 Jennifer Salvation
Living



Dear Parishioners

Easter 2026

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season with joy and hope, Fr. Birkdale, Deacon Nestor, the Staff, and I would like to thank all of you, faithful and generous parishioners of Saint Benedict's Parish, for your kindness. We are very grateful and thankful for being in your lives and serving you in this beautiful parish.

We specifically wish to thank our good ushers, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the lectors, the children's choir, the adult choir, under the direction of Anne Myers who truly brought our parish into the spirit of this beautiful season; the altar servers, and many humble and dedicated volunteers who beautifully and faithfully decorated the church inside and outside. Thanks to them, the Easter celebration was so magnificent. We thank you for being such beautiful people. We have seen so much goodness among you and the true Christian spirit that humbles us to think that we are at your service.

We are blessed to serve you, and we humbly ask you to keep us in your prayers, as you are in our prayers, and that we may always serve you faithfully in the Lord Jesus.

He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Nikolin Pergjini

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

Joe Schmidt
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mary Ann Liso

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Wife Yvette Woods
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Jeffrey Woods

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

Carmen Mejia
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Carmen Parodi de Monzante

Join Archbishop of New York Ronald A. Hicks ON A PALLIUM PILGRIMAGE TO ROME (June 25th-July 1, 2026). On June 29th, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the Holy Father will bestow the pallium on new bishops from around the world, including Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks. If interested, please contact Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel at 800-727-1999 / Info@ctscentral.net

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

Arquimides Mendoza, Raymond S. Webb

Message From Fr. Pergini,

At the end of last year one of our faithful and oldest parishioners passed away. She was baptized in our parish and went to our parochial school. She lived near our church and her house was built by her father. Adrienne was her name; may she rest in peace! She faithfully attended the 4:00pm Vigil Holy Mass. At her funeral, I read the well-known Gospel of Saint Luke "on the road to Emmaus," which is today's Gospel. Adrienne was loved by the faithful and dedicated parishioners who came to Mass every single Saturday praying with her at that Mass; to name a few: *Anna, Minerva, Muriel, and Pat*. There were also many other wonderful parishioners who helped Adrienne every Saturday. They all met here and nourished a very loving and honest friendship with Adrienne. They made sure that she had someone to pick her up and bring her back home. They patiently waited for Adrienne at the end of the mass. Adrienne extended greetings to numerous acquaintances, ensuring she made time to talk to them. Our musical director Anne, and I, were the last ones to chat with her. She loved classical music, especially operas. We talked and exchanged our opinions about music and other topics. I was touched by the patience of the parishioners who were waiting for Adrienne to finish her conversations. Finally, Adrienne approached them, and they gently and lovingly accompanied her into their car. They went shopping with her and brought Adrienne back home. I deeply felt that Adrienne and those who helped her walked together on the road to Emmaus. The sacred scripture is beautifully applied in our private and social lives. The two disciples going on the road to Emmaus where they lived were devastated by the death of Christ on the Cross. Their hope seemed to have died. They could never imagine themselves without their master who died as a criminal with two other criminals. It is precisely in those moments of being lost that Christ appeared to them. They were unable to recognize Him. It was only when they arrived at the village Christ gave the impression that He was going farther. They felt alone and in dire need of having someone to be with them. They urged him to stay with them. It was evening; it was dark. Those who suffer loneliness, the evenings are the most difficult part of the day. They need someone to talk to, and to share their loneliness. The two disciples begged Christ to stay with them. They felt this unknown person who knew how to explain scripture was the right person to ease their experience. They recognized Him when he broke the bread. Only then were they aware of His powerful presence. He revealed Himself in the most powerful moment of the breaking of the bread which is His Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They were filled with His Divine Presence that opened their eyes and hearts. They wanted to share the good news with the rest of the apostles. The evening became day, enlightened by Christ's presence. Christ was invisibly present with them in that dark night as they went back to Jerusalem to share what they witnessed. After two thousand years, we continue to recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread. If Adrienne did not come to mass or those who helped and loved her did not come either, it would have been impossible to get to know each other. It was on the journey toward Emmaus that Adrienne and her humble and loving friends met and walked together. The presence of Christ recognized on the sacred scripture and on the Altar is a blessing and a gift. Adrienne and others worshiped together and through that power of the sacred liturgy were united in a deep and loving friendship. We all have our moments of darkness and feel alone. In those lonely moments we need someone to be near us. And Christ always provides. Christ approaches us, is near us, He walks with us and others on the journey toward Emmaus. It was Sunday, the first day of the week that Christ appeared after His Resurrection to those whom he loved and who followed Him. It was Sunday when the women found the empty tomb and saw the Risen Christ who told them to go and announce the good news to the apostles. It was Sunday when Christ appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It was the Vigil of Holy Mass on the first day of the week in which Adrienne and those who helped her knew each other. It was in the powerful celebration of the Holy Mass that Adrienne and others met, prayed together, worshipped together, laughed and cried together.

May Adrienne rest in peace! May those who humbly helped Adrienne during these years be blessed and rewarded by Christ!

May we, as a parish, continue to walk together toward the road of Emmaus, and toward the Joy of the Risen Christ who comes toward us.



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, May 1, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.** We always need volunteers! Thank you!

For Your Information:

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**. If you are interested, please call the rectory to register, 718-828-3403,x101

BIBLE STUDY

The **Bible Study Group** is held every Tuesday in the Convent downstairs at 7:00pm. We are discussing the Book of Genesis! We hope to see you there!

New York Blood Center Blood Drive
Sunday, April 19, 2026 from 8:30am until 2:30pm,
Our Lady of Solace-St. Dominic Parish. To be held at
Our Lady of Solace School Gymnasium, 751 Morris
Park Avenue, Bronx 10462. To schedule an appointment, please scan QR code _____

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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'Annucci, 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

Pro Life Organizations: Archdiocese of NY
Family Life: 646-794-3185. <https://nyfamilylife.org>
Good Counsel Homes: 201-795-0637
<http://www.goodcounselhomes.org>
Pregnancy Help Line: 1-800-712-HELP

Jeanne Jugan Residence located on Schurz Avenue in the Bronx has a part time job opening for a Prep/Cook. Must be able to work weekends.

Please contact Susan O'Connor /HR Director
347-329-1734 ph.

Email: bxhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org

BINGO

St. Benedict's School and Parish are excited to announce a **Bingo Night Fundraiser to be held on April 25, 2026 in Fr. Albert Hall!** Doors open at 6:00pm and Bingo begins at 7:00pm. 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!**

Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association

Listed below are the dates of the 2026 Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association meetings:

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!**



Prayer for The United States of America!

Father, I come before you, lifting up the United States of America. I pray for unity among its people, that love may bridge the divides, and that grace may guide our interactions. Grant wisdom and discernment to our leaders, so that they may govern with integrity and seek the well-being of all. May Your peace reign in our land, and may your purposes prevail. In Your mercy, heal our nation, restore hope, and let righteousness and justice flow like a mighty river. Amen!



**Religious Education Announcements
APRIL CLASSES:**

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

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

Sundays: APRIL 5 (NO CLASS-Easter Sunday)
Please attend Mass!
12 (Divine Mercy Sunday),
19, 26

Wednesdays: APRIL 1st (NO CLASS-Easter Break)
8, 15, 22, 29

Rehearsal-First Holy Communion, Tuesday, April 28
First Holy Communion IS Saturday, May 2nd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays: APRIL 5 (NO CLASS-Easter Sunday)
Attend Mass!

12 (Divine Mercy Sunday), 19, 26

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:

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!

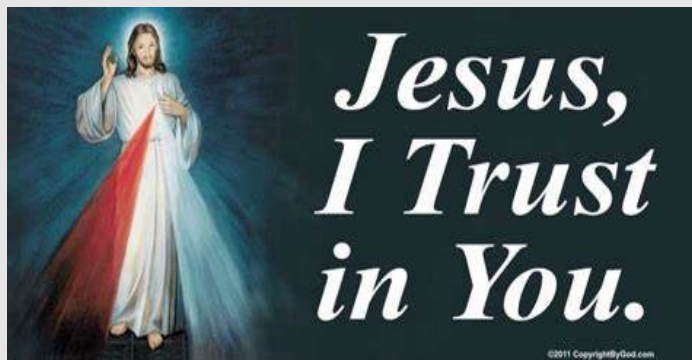
To make a gift, please visit: cardinalsappeal.org
or call **646-794-3300** today.

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

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The liturgy then is rightly seen as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. It involves the presentation of man's sanctification under the guise of signs perceptible by the senses and its accomplishment in ways appropriate to each of these signs. In its full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members. From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.⁸

⁸. SC 7 § 2-3.



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood man can attain spiritual maturity: as the book of *Wisdom* says: "For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured by number of years." Many children, through the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received, have bravely fought for Christ even to the shedding of their blood.¹²⁴

124. St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh* III, 72, 8, ad 2; cf. *Wis* 4:8.

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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, Reverend (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

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 April 19, 2026:

19 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46)

20 Mon Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

21 Tue Easter Weekday [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Acts 7:51-8:1a/
Jn 6:30-35

22 Wed Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

23 Thu Easter Weekday [Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr] Acts 8:26-40/
Jn 6:44-51

24 Fri Easter Weekday [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr] Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

25 Sat Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555)

26 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER