

***Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church***

***Congratulates the Children of Our Parish Family  
Who Received their First Holy Communion  
on Saturday, May 2, 2026***



***Elena Bonilla  
John Bunay  
Frank Buto  
Emma Caban  
Lucas Caban  
Riley Caban  
Lily Cabezas  
Evangeline Carlucci  
Azalea Brielle Castro  
Josie Charles  
Avery Christian  
Christopher Colon  
Roberto Colt  
Benjamin Cordero  
Louis Costa  
Nubia Dearmas  
Alessio DiPierro  
Sophia Espinosa  
Jacqueline Famularo  
Mark Gjini  
Sara Gjini***

***Jacob Herrera  
Luke Iarossi  
Lucas Infante  
Michael Koelher  
Levi Kovach  
Daniella Krasnic  
David Krasnic  
Andrew Kurtz  
Emerson Lance  
Noah Lekocaj  
Giovanni Lucignano  
Hanna Markic  
Cruz Marrero  
Cassandra Martin  
Anthony Mastroilli  
Shane McBrierty  
Brooke McDermott  
Vincent McDermott  
Uziah Medina  
Zara Messina  
Cole Montalvo***

***Lucas Morales  
Oliver O'Connor  
Luna Oquendo  
Robert Pace  
Melina Palumbo  
Amilia Parubi  
Ethan Patel  
Evan Pepushaj  
Sofia Perlleshi  
James Pulcino  
Thea Quinlan  
Noah Quinones  
Charles Raffi  
Paul Ragusa  
Juliet Reyes  
Mason Rivera  
Jianna Rodriguez  
Tommas Trudo  
Evanna Urgiles  
Anthony Vivacqua***

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

**SUNDAY, May 3rd; Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:00 Mary Freyne  
8:00 Pietro Libera Piacquadio  
9:30 Richard Martinez  
**Happy Heavenly 3rd Anniversary**

11:00 Mary Halton  
5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

**MONDAY, May 4th**

8:30 Maria Fucci

**TUESDAY, May 5th**

8:30 Antonia and Carmine Pelosi

**WEDNESDAY, May 6th**

8:30 Volaj Family  
**Living**

**THURSDAY, May 7th**

8:30 Daniel Shea

**FRIDAY, May 8th**

8:30 Michele Del Vecchio

**SATURDAY, May 9th**

8:30 Maria and Domenico Del Vecchio  
4:00 Mother's Day Novena

**SUNDAY, May 10th; Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**

7:00 St. Benedict's Parish  
8:00 Mother's Day Novena  
9:30 Mother's Day Novena  
11:00 Mother's Day Novena  
5:00 Mother's Day Novena

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

*Pasquale D'Abbraccio and Family*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Mary Ann and Anthony D'Abbraccio*

**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:**

*Your Loving Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren*  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**  
*Mary Di Giannantonio*  
*Happy Heavenly 95th Birthday*

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

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

***May Crowning and 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.

**Join Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks**

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](mailto:Info@ctscentral.net)

**I LOVE GOD**

I'm proud to say that

*Message From Fr. Pergini,*

**It is May! What a beautiful and gorgeous month it is!** After enduring endless months of a harsh winter, complete with snow, freezing winds, and darkness, the landscape suddenly comes alive as trees and flowers bloom with vibrant new colors and spring's gentle whispers float on the breeze. For us Catholics, May is also the Month of Our Blessed Mother. The flowers everywhere remind us of the humble and tender love she had for her Son, and for us, her children. It is the love every mother has for her own child, only this was a very special Child. In celebration of what is new and beautiful, May is also the month when our young students receive their First Holy Communion. They have been preparing for this day and for their First Confession, throughout the winter months. We, as adults, bring back to our mind our own first Confession and First Holy Communion (so long ago for some of us). They were holy and beautiful memories for us and for our families. It is through this memory that we try and enter the world of our wonderful young people now, with all the feelings they have, hoping for joy in their love for God. The parents who have accompanied their sons and daughters throughout this time looking at them is a unique, emotional moment. Every year, the first confession reminds me of a moving experience when the parents see their child coming out from the confessional and kneeling in front of the Altar where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed to say their penance. Frequently, I see parents in tears looking at their child. What do they think in those moving moments? I hope and pray that the parents are touched by the power of the sacrament of confession to open their souls and hearts before Christ in that powerful experience of love and mercy. I picture their faces and I hear within myself their innocent voices asking questions and speaking easily about their thoughts and feelings. Their words come from their hearts. They listen carefully, reflect prayerfully, and are willing to enter a world of God's own beauty and joy! Before going to their First Confession, I share many stories about confessions and about the seal of confession. A second grader once asked me, "Will you tell my parents what I confess?" His voice was shaking and very concerned. I assured him that I would never reveal what he would confess to me. The next time I visited his class, I told the real story of Jesuit Father Anthony Kohlman. This holy and humble priest was hearing confessions in the Church of Saint Peter on Barkley Street, near the twin towers were located before the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

After the confession was over the humble priest went to the police with a heavy bag that was stolen in the morning of the same day in a grocery store. The owner of the grocery store unjustly accused a couple who were arrested on the same day of the confession. When Fr. Kohlman arrived at the Police Station he gave the bag to them, the police asked him who gave him the bag. The Priest was firm and determined saying that he as a Catholic priest would never reveal the confession of someone. They pressed charges against Fr. Kohlman who for three years went back and forth to court regarding this delicate issue. After three years, thanks to a good lawyer who was not even Catholic, the dedicated Jesuit priest was free of charges, and because of him being in the State of NY where it became a legal law not to force a Catholic priest to reveal the seal of confessions. As I finished the story, a real one, about the seal of confession the students were looking at me, and for a little while there was a deep silence in the classroom. Then the hands began to go up, many with important questions and insightful reflections. I tried my best to answer them. Some were funny, some were very thoughtful. The boy who was worried that his sins might reach his parents was relieved to know the priest would never reveal them.

It is a very important day for those of us who are aware of the redeeming value of the Eucharist and communicating this crucial and indispensable food for our salvation. If we as adults do not properly practice our faith, neglecting the sacrament of confession, which is impossible to separate from Holy Communion, we are not helping our future generations. We can teach the right way to the little ones living humbly our faith first and then by this example we teach the little ones who will remember what mom and dad practiced. I share with our First Holy Communion students the story of Saint Bernadette who was asked what was the happiest day of her life. They thought she was going to say the day when Our Lady appeared to her. Instead, Bernadette humbly replied: "The happiest day of my life was when I received my First Holy Communion." Napoleon Bonaparte before he died, was asked about his happiest day of his life. He said: "the day when I received First Holy Communion." Yes, indeed, it is the day when Our Lord Jesus Christ enters our own life, bringing the beauty of His own grace and new life directly and personally to us.

We pray that our First Holy Communion students will be taught to grow in our faith by the good example of their parents.

**It is May! What a beautiful and gorgeous month it is! It is the month when our young students receive their First Holy Communion!**



**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!**

**BANNS OF MATRIMONY**

*II. Julia Delorenzo and Ryan Levine*

**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



**May is the Month of the Rosary and it is a special month for Our Blessed Mother!**  
**Please pray the rosary often throughout the month!**



**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, Jennifer Tully, 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

**Second Collection**

**There will be a Second Collection THIS WEEKEND for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thanking you in advance for your generosity!**

**Jeanne Jugan Residence** located on Schurz Ave 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](mailto:bxhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

**Pray for First Holy Communion Children**

*May you Always know the Peace of Jesus, the Light of His love, and the Joy of His life within you!*

Please keep these children in your prayers! They received First Holy Communion Saturday, May 2, 2026. Thank you!



**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!



**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  
MAY CLASSES:**

Traditional Religious Education (CCD)

**Sundays:** May 3rd, 10th (Mother's Day),  
NO Class - attend Mass  
17 (Last Day of Classes).

**Wednesdays:** May 6th, 13th (NO Class) **INSTEAD,**  
attend mandatory Ascension Thursday VIGIL Mass.  
Meet at Church. Attendance will be taken.  
May 20th Last Day of Classes.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

**Sundays:** May 3rd, 10th (Mother's Day),  
NO Class - attend Mass  
17 (Last Day of Classes)

**\*\*Saturday, May 2nd First Holy Communion, 10:00am**  
**\*\* Monday, May 4th Crowning and Procession, 7:00pm**  
**Our Blessed Mother**  
**Ascension Thursday, May 14th Holy Day of Obligation**

**Maria Pirraglia:**

[reled@stbenedictsschool.com](mailto:reled@stbenedictsschool.com)

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**It is that time of year again!**

If you would like to reserve Announced Masses, please complete the "Pink" form that will be in the back of the Church beginning the weekend of May 23rd/24th, and return it to the rectory. These Masses will be reserved from July 1st through Dec. 2026. The Masses are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you!

**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 at 718-828-3403, ext. 7 or email: [deaconnestor@stbenedictchurchny.com](mailto: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!**

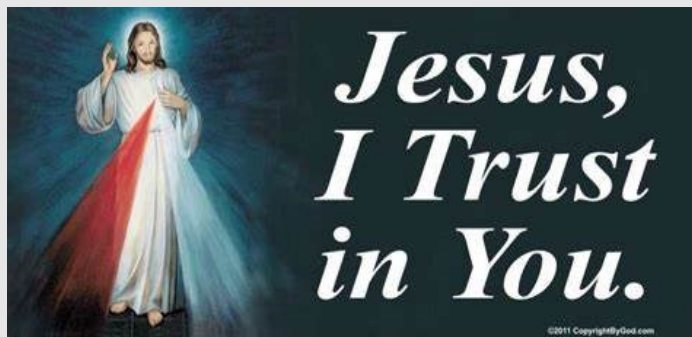
To make a gift, please visit: [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org) or call 646-794-3300 today.

**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**

Tradition preserves the memory of an ever-timely exhortation: **Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer .... Be present at the sacred and divine liturgy, conclude its prayer and do not leave before the dismissal .... We have often said: "This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.** 114

114 *Sermo de die dominica 2 et 6: PG 86/1, 416C and 421C.*



**From the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

You cannot pray at home as at Church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. 116

116 *St. John Chrysostom, De incomprehensibili 3, 6: PG 48, 725.*

**Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women**

**U.S. Air Force:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**Spiritual Readings for the Week of May 3, 2026:**

**3 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52)

**4 Mon Easter Weekday** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

**5 Tue Easter Weekday** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

**6 Wed Easter Weekday** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

**7 Thu Easter Weekday** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

**8 Fri Easter Weekday** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

**9 Sat Easter Weekday** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

**10 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55)