

Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church

2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, New York 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: May 10, 2026 - Happy Mother's Day

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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

Welcome to Our Parish



Loving God,
we thank you for the love
of the mothers you have
given us, whose love is so
precious that it can never
be measured, whose patience
seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers
who fear they will run out
of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them
with your own special love.

Amen.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday through Saturday in the Adoration
Chapel from 9:00am until 1:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday after the 8:30am Mass
in the Church

ST. ANTHONY PRAYERS:

Every Tuesday after the 8:30am Mass there will
be devotional prayers to St. Anthony
in the Church



THE ASCENSION

of the Lord

ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 14, 2026

Holy Day of Obligation

MASSES:

Wednesday, May 13th

7:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, May 14th

8:30am, 12:00 Noon, 7:00pm

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven . . .*

*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

**SUNDAY, May 10th; Sixth Sunday of Easter;
Happy 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

MONDAY, May 11th

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

**TUESDAY, May 12th; Saints Nereus & Achilleus;
St. Pancras**

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 13th; Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

7:00pm Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass

**THURSDAY, May 14th; Ascension of the Lord;
Saint Matthias**

8:30 Kamocsai and Duane Families

12:00Noon Mother's Day Novena

7:00pm Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, May 15th; Saint Isidore

8:30 Deceased Members of the McCarthy Family

SATURDAY, May 16th

8:30 Katherine Ratjen

4:00 Caterina Ortoleva

SUNDAY, May 17th; Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:00 Tony and Gina Caserta

8:00 Maria and Pasquale Delli Carpini

9:30 Katherine Ratjen

11:00 Pat and Maryann Crokin

5:00 St. Benedict's Parish

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

*Daughter, Daughter-in-Law and
Grandchildren*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Maria Delli Carpini and Maria Del Vecchio

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

Patrick and Robert

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jean and Sal Caruso, Parents

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

Carmen Mejia

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

*Irene and Marco Monzante
"Living"*



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, June 5, 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 at 718-828-3403, x101

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass — Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 2:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Manhattan. His Excellency The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Archbishop of New York will be the Celebrant. This is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage. **If you are interested, please call St. Benedict's Rectory by May 19th to register at 718-828-3403, x101**



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!

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

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

Stephen Marengo

*Message From Fr. Pergjini,**Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers!
We love you; we thank you and God Bless you! Amen!*

It is Mother's Day! It is a beautiful day to be thankful and grateful to Almighty Father for our dear mothers; living and deceased. Our dear mothers said yes to life and gave birth to us. Today in a special way we pray for them, our mothers who gave to us and our spiritual mothers who became dear to us, as well. We continue to love them, to thank them, and to be grateful to them. On Mother's Day we experience love and affection, which is a beautiful moment for both our mothers and those who love them. Those whose mothers have passed, like me, remember and honor them with love and gratitude. It will be twenty years on July 5, 2006, the day that Our Good Lord called my mom to Himself. It was a time to cry, feel the pain, but also a time to be thankful for the gift of my dear mom. That day, at least half of that day, I needed to be alone with the Lord and with the memory of Mom. I needed to prepare my homily for her funeral mass. Early in the morning I drove toward Corpus Christi Monastery in the Bronx. How many times I have been in that peaceful, prayerful, and beautiful place, which is surrounded by the lovely kindness of the nuns! Yes, I have been there many, many times. It is one of those sacred places from another age where I rest physically and spiritually in the splendid and luminous presence of Christ. That beautiful Friday morning, I was received, as always, with the special kindness of the nuns who could touch and share my pain. I said Mass alone in the sacristy of the monastery. It was a very intimate and powerful Mass. I did not feel alone; the power of Christ strengthened me and eased my sufferings. When I consumed the body of Christ and Blood, in my mind came those unforgettable moments when I used to give communion to my Mom. She was a daily communicant. I remember, especially those times when I had funeral Masses, often they were mothers to be buried. The moment when she received communion our eye contact was very strong. It was very deep and profound. We never shared our thoughts, but deep in our minds, I think now, we both thought of the painful moment when I had to say my last goodbye to her. With these thoughts I finished Mass and went to pray in the chapel. The Chapel of the Monastery with the high ceiling is cool and shady. The exposed body of our dear Lord, high over space, gave a commanding sense of power, purpose and of His Eternal presence. In that powerful and prayerful spirit of silence before the Blessed Sacrament my childhood came to my mind. There have been many beautiful memories with Mom, but a spring Good Friday morning has always been alive since my childhood that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I don't remember how old I was, but I do remember myself sitting on her lap and attentively looking at her face. She was describing in a very powerful way the scene of crucifixion. I felt as if she were present when Our Lord went through that unspeakable pain. The details were filled with a very powerful and poetic imagination. I deeply felt the pain and suffering of Christ that I could touch it with my tiny hands. Since then, those moments powerfully penetrated my whole being, and shaped my faith. Now when I am thinking of those unforgettable memories of my childhood and trying to put my thoughts together, I feel the absolute power of Christ, the amazing strength of Christ who penetrated the soul of Mom that day and through her whole life, up to her end. Yes, her end on this earth reflected beautifully her faith, the unshakable faith in Christ. The night before she died, I was standing alone before her bed. I felt that Mom was going through her last agony. It was very late at night. To my surprise, she suddenly opened her eyes and said to me: "It is morning now? And are you still here?" Amazed by this question, I said to her that it was late at night but not yet morning. She looked at me and said: "Go now to sleep. I am not alone. I have Christ and Mary with me. Go!" There was silence. I was stunned by this powerful statement. I never thought that Mom, in those agonizing moments, would give such a powerful statement. What a great consolation for me to hear from her that Christ and Mary, the two sweet names that I heard powerfully in my childhood were present at her deathbed. I was obedient to her request leaving her in her room. I hugged her and I went to my brother's house not far from the hospital where mom lived. It was late, dark, and a very sad night. I went to sleep in her bed in which she spent hours of sleepless nights. I deeply felt her presence, a presence with Christ and Mary. In those moments I thought that Christ and Mary whom she so powerfully and passionately spoke about at my early childhood, were again powerfully presented in my adulthood. Mom amazingly, even at the end of her life with her little and humble ways consoled and inspired me. Yes, in the beauty and the silence of the Corpus Christi Monastery, in those divine moments of prayer, of pain and joy, of pain because losing Mom, and joy because of Christ's presence in my life consoled me and leading me. Christ who shaped my homily for the day of the funeral Mass, who strengthened me to preach in the very same Church where Mom attended daily Mass, and where our eye contact was so deep at holy communion time. Yes, I never thought it to be so strong and control my overwhelming emotions in front of that big crowd at her funeral Holy Mass. It was mom who helped me to preach what I received from her. During the twenty years there is not a single day that I do not think of my Mom. The gift and the privilege of being a priest celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass my mom is in my mind. In the chapel during my prayer time, she is present in my mind and heart. While driving and reciting the rosary, as was frequently done together, I consistently feel her presence through the power of the rosary.

On this lovely Mother's Day, may those who delight in spending time with their mothers cherish, love, appreciate, and pray for them. During the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, particularly in the significant moment of the consecration when Christ brings together both the living and the deceased, we beg the intercessions of the Mother of God, Our Heavenly Mother, that the Lord may reward and bless our mothers! We love you Mom and we thank you! Have a Blessed and Prayerful Mother's Day!

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

III. Julia Delorenzo and Ryan Levine

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 email: deaconnestor@stbenedictchurchny.com



Armed Forces Day!
May 16th
Thank you to all our
Servicemen and Women,
Living and Deceased!
Please keep them in your
prayers. God Bless!



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, 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, Crosslyn, 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

GOD BLESS
AMERICA!

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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



MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.

~~~*Saint Ambrose*



**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.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

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

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**Ascension Thursday, May 14th**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

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**Maria Pirraglia:**  
reled@stbenedictsschool.com

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**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 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The Masses will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you!

**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!**

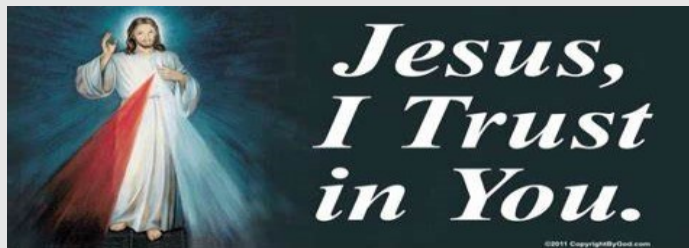
To make a gift, please visit: [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org)  
or call 646-794-3300 today.

**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**

If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all; *it must have a Heart, and a Heart BURNING WITH LOVE.* And I realized that *this love alone* was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function, the Apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. LOVE, IN FACT, IS THE VOCATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL OTHERS; IT'S A UNIVERSE OF ITS OWN, COMPRISING ALL TIME AND SPACE - IT'S ETERNAL! .298

298 St. Therese of Lisieux, *Autobiography of a Saint*, tr. Ronald Knox (London: Harvill, 1958) 235.



**From the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

You are the eternal Shepherd who never leaves his flock untended. Through the apostles you watch over us and protect us always. You made them shepherds of the flock to share in the work of your Son ...<sup>367</sup>

<sup>367</sup> *Roman Missal*, Preface of the Apostles I.

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**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.

**Spiritual Readings for the Week of May 10, 2026:**

**10 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**11 Mon Easter Weekday** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**12 Tue Easter Weekday** (Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr] Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

**13 Wed Easter Weekday** [Our Lady of Fatima] Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293) Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, NY, Omaha, Philadelphia:

**14 Thu THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** Solemnity [Holyday of Obligation] Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt

**15 Fri Easter Weekday** [USA: Saint Isidore] Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

**16 Sat Easter Weekday** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

**17 SUN SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**