

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 17, 2026

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<http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>

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

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718-828-3403, ext. 101

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

Corpus Christi Procession **Thursday, June 4, 2026**



The Corpus Christi Procession will begin at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 4th in front of Saint Benedict Church.** We will process with the Blessed Sacrament and walk along Edison Avenue (and pass Saint Benedict School) to Philip Avenue. At Philip Avenue we will turn left to Logan Avenue and then walk back to Saint Benedict Church. We will process through the streets of Saint Benedict's Parish bestowing Christ's blessings on the whole neighborhood.

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.

The Mass will begin immediately after the Procession.

Please join us in honoring the Real Presence of the Body (Corpus) and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist!

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!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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 Crockin
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

MONDAY, May 18th; *Saint John I*

8:30 John P. O'Halloran

TUESDAY, May 19th

8:30 Domenico and Angela Pirraglia

WEDNESDAY, May 20th; *Saint Bernardine of Siena*

8:30 Rachel Gonzalez

THURSDAY, May 21st; *Saint Christopher Magallanes*

8:30 Larry Burton

FRIDAY, May 22nd; *Saint Rita of Cascia*

8:30 Brendan Golden

SATURDAY, May 23rd

8:30 Frank Janicki
4:00 Ronald Robson

SUNDAY, May 24th; *Pentecost Sunday*

7:00 Darko Bicanic
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 St. Benedict Parish
11:00 Joseph Doran
5:00 Tony and Rosemary Mele

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

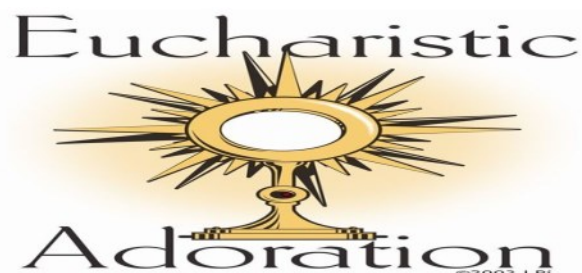
Ann Marie Mastando
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Christian Paul Westermann, MD

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

*Daughter, Daughter-in-Law and
Grandchildren*
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria Delli Carpini and Maria Del Vecchio

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

The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Monsignor Victor S. Pavis



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!

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

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



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:

Alma Falcon-Mazza, Angelina Monetta, Angela Regina

Message From Fr. Pergini,

“Beloved, rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.” the first letter of St. Peter 4:13.

These words from the first letter of Saint Peter reminds me of the heroic sufferings of a Jesuit Priest, Father P. Mushkalla. I was privileged, honored, and inspired to meet him personally. I was very young at that time. It was during the fall season when I as a young man wanted to speak to find refuge and hope for my future. Thanks to one of my cousins, Maria, who made it possible for me to meet the suffering and the holy Jesuit Father Mushkalla. It was evening and dark. As I entered his house where he lived, I saw a tiny and skinny man. He had been in prison more than thirty years. I could touch his suffering and pain of those years. Still his face radiated the joy of Christ. He was ready to eat his supper. On a small table I saw a piece of bread and a mug with hot tea. That was his supper. After Maria introduced me to him, she left us alone. He welcomed me with his tender voice filled with a fatherly love. As a young man I wanted to hear a word of hope, and trust that I could continue my life during an unbearable Communist system. I do remember very well what I said to him in a very slow voice so he could hear me. I said to him we do not see any hope for our future. There is no church where I can worship; the clergy are killed and persecuted. There is only the smell of terror and fear of being unjustly punished. Where is Christ in our life? Can I as a young man hope in a future where the sky is very dark and impossible to penetrate the darkness of this terror and see light? There was silence for awhile. Our eye contact was very strong. In the face of him I could read his painful past but also his remarkable faith and hope. After that powerful silence he needed to recollect his thoughts, he looked at me and said: “As you know from your cousin Maria, I just came out of prison a few weeks ago. The secret police are always watching me. Every day I celebrate Holy Mass after 2:00am in the morning because of the police. In those moments when I hold in my hands the consecrated Host and Blood of Christ the same thoughts of fear and darkness of our sad reality come to mind.” The church is destroyed, the clergy is gone, only a few are left. Some are in prison and others are persecuted outside. These thoughts are present even during the divine moments. But, at the same time while holding the body and blood of Christ I feel and hear his voice saying to me “continue I am always with you to the end of time.” He stopped for a moment. I was moved by this powerful testimony of a real silent martyr of our time. He looked at me and said: “You are young now. One day you will remember that Christ never abandons his people. You, as a young man who is looking for hope will experience that hope one day and see the light of Christ in the deep darkness of the Communist regime. Have faith and never lose hope. As you can see and know, my past has been filled with suffering and pain. Christ speaks to me and strengthens me during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. Only when I touch his Body and Blood, I experience his power that saves and redeems.” His voice was firm, clear and filled with trust. I was speechless at those moments. I deeply felt that his words touched my broken and young soul of that dark night. His tea became cold with that piece of bread on that small table in that dark room. It was during the oppressive Communist regime. I was very young. Thinking back of that deep and dark night of my past and reading the powerful words from the first letter of St. Peter “rejoice in the sufferings of Christ” the face of the holy Jesuit priest comes to my mind. His remarkable faith helped him to share in the sufferings of Christ. His face radiated joy, Christian joy. His long years of torture and suffering in prison did not remove the Christian joy from him. His prophetic vision to encourage me to hope and never be in despair was powerful. Fr. Mushkalla never said a word of hatred toward those who made him unjustly suffer. He was firm and determined in his faith, in his priesthood. He was not ashamed to suffer because of the name of Christ. Christ was with him in his suffering and through his sufferings, he glorified the name God. The readings of this Seventh Sunday of Easter, after the Solemnity of the Ascension, perfectly make sense in the life of those who are powerful witnesses of the Risen Christ. I was moved, inspired and blessed to have met in my life a man who powerfully identified himself with readings of this Sunday. The sacrifice of the Holy Mass strengthened the Jesuit priest to face the unjust reality of that time. I thank Christ for that dark night of my life shining by the faith of the Jesuit Priest Father P. Mushkalla.

I hope and pray, we humbly and patiently accept the sufferings that we face in our lives. May we speak the truth of Christ to a hostile world that wants to remove God from the picture of our lives and compromise the Divine Truth which saves our souls. Yes, indeed, only in this way, and there is no other way, we can rejoice and share in the sufferings of Christ. **“Beloved, rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.”**

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

I. Nargiz Ispakova & Nik Berisha

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. 107 or email:

deaconnestor@stbenedictchurchny.com

**St. Joseph's Seminary
Graduate Theology Course Offerings:**

Intro to Church History / Dr. Daniel Frascella, Mondays and Wednesdays (May 27th-July 8th; 6:00pm-9:00pm via Zoom

Ecclesiology / Msgr. Donald A. Guglielmi, STD
Daily June 22 to 26th, 9:00am-5:00pm Intensive and via Zoom

Women in the Bible / Prof. Annmarie McLaughlin, MA
Daily June 29-July 3rd, 9:00am-5:00pm Intensive, in-person
At Yonkers and via Zoom

dunwoodie.edu/summercourses or email:
sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu



***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, Georgina 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, Emily 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, Syfvia 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, Crosslyn, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpin, 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

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA!**

REMINDER

Confirmation Rehearsal is Wed., May 27th at 4:00pm in our Church.

Confirmation will be Friday, May 29th at 6:00pm in our Church.

*Bishop Edmund Whalen
will be the Celebrant*

"MAY IS POPPY MONTH"

The Month of May is when members of the American Legion Auxiliary throughout New York State distribute bright red Poppies. The Poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice to Honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars. Wear the Poppy in Honor of the millions of Americans who have willingly served our nation, all too many of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice. The entire Memorial Day weekend will pay an Honored tribute to all veterans, especially those who are currently serving overseas. **The Throggs Neck American Legion Auxiliary (Unit #1456) will be present at St. Benedict's Church to distribute Poppies on May 16th AND May 17th. Any donation would be appreciated!**

Thank you and God Bless you!



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:

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)

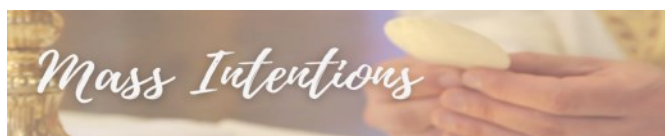
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CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Wed., May 27th at 4:00pm

CONFIRMATION: Friday, May 29th at 6:00pm

Maria Pirraglia:

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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!

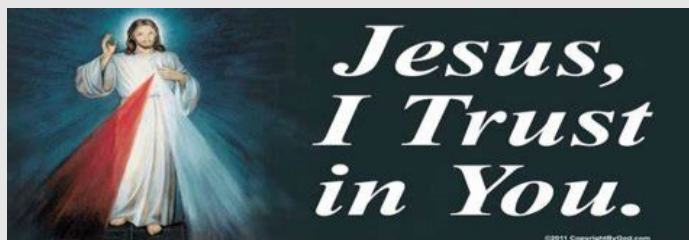
To make a gift, please visit: cardinalsappeal.org
or call 646-794-3300 today.

*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

When we ponder, O Christ, the marvels accomplished on this day, the Sunday of your holy resurrection, we say: "Blessed is Sunday, for on it began creation ... the world's salvation ... the renewal of the human race On Sunday heaven and earth rejoiced and the whole universe was filled with light. Blessed is Sunday, for on it were opened the gates of paradise so that Adam and all the exiles might enter it without fear. 41

41 Fanqith, *The Syriac of Antioch*, vol. VI, first part of Summer, 193 B.



"If people knew and saw what goes on during Liturgy, they would pick up the dust from the floor and wash their faces with it"

~~Saint Gabriel of Urgebadze (Georgia)

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Bronx, NY
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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:

Chief Petty Officer, Laurence Bueno, 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 17, 2026:

17 SUN SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a (59)

18 Mon Easter Weekday [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr] Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

19 Tue Easter Weekday Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

20 Wed Easter Weekday [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest] Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

21 Thu Easter Weekday [Saint Christopher Magalanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs] Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

22 Fri Easter Weekday [Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious] Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

23 Sat Easter Weekday Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

24 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY Solemnity Vigil