

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 24, 2026



Corpus Christi Procession *Thursday, June 4, 2026*



We Welcome Vicar General Edmund Whalen of the Archdiocese of New York

We welcome Vicar General Edmund Whalen to Saint Benedict's Parish on Friday, May 29th. The Vicar General Edmund Whalen will Confirm the students.

We wish blessings and congratulations to all the students who will be receiving the gift of their Confirmation. This is a very blessed, special and exciting time in their lives. We wish you all God's Blessings on your very special day! Please pray for these students!

Thank you, Vicar General Edmund Whalen for honoring us by coming back to St. Benedict's Parish for this very special Sacrament.

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!

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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

I LOVE GOD

I'm proud to say that

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, May 25th; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time); Memorial Day

8:30 Frank Janicki

TUESDAY, May 26th; Saint Philip Neri

8:30 Richard Wilson

WEDNESDAY, May 27th; Saint Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 Frank Janicki

THURSDAY, May 28th

8:30 Mile Bicanic

FRIDAY, May 29th; Saint Paul VI

8:30 Jean and Sal Caruso

SATURDAY, May 30th; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Frank Janicki
4:00 Deceased Members of the Marschhauser Family

SUNDAY, May 31st; The Most Holy Trinity

7:00 St. Benedict Parish
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Ralph Elio
11:00 Nora Blake
5:00 Frank Janicki

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

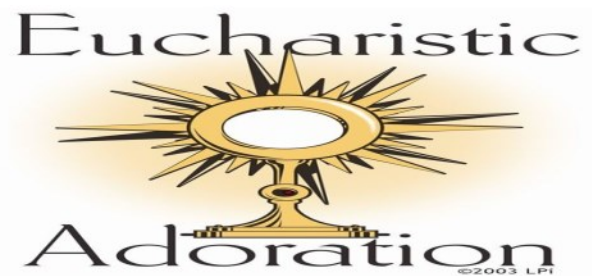
*Rosa, Domenica and Maria
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Francesco, Caterina and Giuseppe Chiodi*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

*Wife Diana and Children
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Adamo Mannarino, Husband and Father
41st Wedding Anniversary— We Miss You*

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

*The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Dr. Robert M. Carvalho, MD*



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 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!

Mass for Memorial Day

St. Raymond's Cemetery will be holding its annual field Mass for Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25th** on the New Cemetery grounds.

The Mass will be tri-lingual and commence at 11:00am.

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

Sara Vazquez Guadalupe

Message From Fr. Pergjini,

Mother Teresa, after she received the Nobel Prize, was invited to visit the Soviet Union. She and two sisters from her community traveled to Moscow. It was the first time for her to visit Russia, back then it was the oppressive communist Bolshevik regime. She was invited to give a public talk regarding her charity work in Moscow. A Russian young man who spoke English very well was translating for her. In the middle of her speech, she stopped talking and walked toward the interpreter. She calmly said to him: "are you translating what I say or are you trying to speak the opposite of my talk?" The interpreter felt embarrassed. He knew very well that he was not translating what Mother Teresa was saying but pretending to translate what she was saying. One can very well imagine the network of a Communist system. He was following the instructions of the Soviet Secret Police to give a different presentation of what Mother Teresa had prepared. From that moment he could not continue as before, but translated what she said. At the end of her talk the two missionary sisters who accompanied her to Russia said to Mother Teresa: "We never knew that you spoke Russian so well." She looked at them and simply said: "I do not know Russian but the Holy Spirit knows every language and everything." It was a very powerful answer. The power of the Holy Spirit penetrated the mind, heart, and soul of Mother Teresa to stop her talking and ask the interpreter to do what he was supposed to do. She was a woman of deep and unshakable faith. She always spent hours praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Before she started giving her talk, she prayed, she invoked the presence of the Holy Spirit, the powerful prayer that many faithful people continue to invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy spirit, and they shall be created. And Thou shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

She was spiritually and mentally prepared to confront the evil of the Communist system. That system persecuted and killed millions of innocent victims who opposed the Bolshevik regime. Mother Teresa knew very well how cruel and oppressive the Communist regime was. Her mother and sister who lived in another Communist country, Albania, worse than the Soviet Union, suffered in silence. The Communist regime never allowed Mother Teresa to visit her mother and her blood sister. They died without seeing their dear daughter and sister.

This Sunday, we celebrate with great joy the Solemnity of Pentecost, the splendor of the Glory of Almighty Father who brought to completion the Pascal mystery of our salvation. Christ promised to his apostles that he was going to send the Holy Spirit as our advocate to be present in his Church. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the Church came to birth. The Catholic church through the power of the Holy Spirit never stops offering the Body, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ every single time that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated. Christ remains present through the Holy Spirit with all his openness and breadth and freedom in the worship, and in the sacraments that Christ has given to our Mother Church. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that led Mother Teresa and many other saints to discover, and to accomplish God's will. She was not afraid to confront the Russian interpreter who was not honest to translate what Mother Teresa was trying to communicate. In our lives we all have someone who is touched by the power of the Holy Spirit to gently and peacefully confront our dishonesty, our hidden lies, and hypocrisy. A French intellectual, historian, essayist, novelist, poet, literary critic, and a faithful practicing Catholic, Pierre-Henri Simon, beautifully said, "the wind of Pentecost, the wind of the Holy Spirit, always disturbs that terrible "sleep of conscience." Yes, indeed, today there are many whose conscience sleeps, refusing to wake up, and to know the truth that saves our broken souls. It was through the power of the Holy Spirit that Mother Teresa wanted to awaken the conscience of the young interpreter who was contaminated by the Bolshevik ideology, to speak the truth and continue to live with hidden lies. We pray that the wind of the Holy Spirit can touch our conscience when we refuse to see reality with the eyes of our faith, with the truth, love, and the mercy of Our Almighty Father. May the wind of the Pentecost awaken our sleepy conscience and allow the gentle power of the Holy Spirit to experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

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BANNS OF MATRIMONY

III. 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

Our Weekly Envelopes

The printing company for our offering envelopes has extended a sincere apology for the continued delay. In the meantime, temporary envelopes are available at the back of the church for your use. Thank you for your understanding!

Help Us Maintain our Church as a Sanctuary of Peace!

We invite you to help us maintain our church as a sanctuary of peace. Because sound carries easily throughout the building, including from the vestibule, we kindly ask that all conversations be taken completely outside before and after Mass. This act of charity ensures that those remaining in the pews can pray without distraction. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a reverent atmosphere for everyone.



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!



God Bless America!

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, 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 Fianza, Christopher Filardi, 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, Bradley Nother, 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 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

REMINDER: Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association meeting dates are: **May 26th, and June 30th (both Tuesdays) at The Villa Barone Manor at 6:00pm. We hope to see you there!**

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.

Vicar General Edmund Whalen will be the Celebrant



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
May 17th Last Day of Classes.

Wednesdays: May 20th Last Day of Classes.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Sundays: May 3rd, 10th (Mother's Day),
NO Class - attend Mass
May 31st Last Day of Classes.

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 is 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!

50/50 WINNER:

Mario Piacquadio April 19, 2026 \$153.00

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God “Father” and to share in Christ’s grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory. ¹³¹

¹³¹ St. Basil , *De Spiritu Sancto*, 15, 36; PG32, 132.




From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father’s and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ’s sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity. ¹³³

¹³³ St. Cyril of Alexandria, *In Jo. Ev.*, 11, 11: PG74, 561.

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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:

Lieutenant Commander Diplomat John Brunetti, Lieutenant JG Bethany Lee Champlin; Chief Petty Officer, Laurence Bueno, 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 24, 2026:

24 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62) or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

25 Mon The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time) Memorial Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Jn 19:25-34 (572A, see USCCB.org/motherofthechurch)

26 Tue Saint Philip Neri, Priest Memorial 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk10:28-31

27 Wed Weekday [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop] 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

28 Thu Weekday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

29 Fri Weekday [Saint Paul VI, Pope] 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26) 28

30 Sat Weekday [BVM] Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33 2)

31 SUN THE MOST HOLY TRINITY