

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church



St. Benedict's School Class of 2026

*We Salute You ~~~ We Thank You
We Wish You All God's Blessings
June 12, 2026*



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, June 7th; The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Solemnity

7:00 Bridget Doran
8:00 Maria Piacquadio
9:30 Lance Corporal Ryan J. Barnard
11:00 St. Benedict Parish
5:00 Marija Bicanic

MONDAY, June 8th

8:30 James Barrett, Jr.

TUESDAY, June 9th; Saint Ephrem

8:30 Russell Feeley

WEDNESDAY, June 10th

8:30 Salvatore Catalano

THURSDAY, June 11th; Saint Barnabas

8:30 Frank Janicki

FRIDAY, June 12th; The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity

8:30 Kathy Masserano

SATURDAY, June 13th; The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Anthony of Padua

8:30 Mary and Frank Di Giannantonio
4:00 Robert Carapola

SUNDAY, June 14th; Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Flag Day

7:00 Zvonko Hromin
8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
9:30 St. Benedict Parish
11:00 Florence Moscato
5:00 Gene Cumbee

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

Maria and Antonio Boiano
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Giovanni Boiano

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Uncle Scott and Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Lance Corporal Ryan J. Barnard

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

The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Dr. Christopher P. Comfort, MD
Living

Happy Feast Day St. Anthony
June 13th -- Pray for Us!



We will have the Blessing of the Bread in the Church at the 8:30am Mass



CONGRATULATIONS

We Congratulate the 2026 Graduates of St. Benedict's School

May Our Lord Bless you in your future undertakings.

Remember the friendships you have made and the joys experienced at St. Benedict's School.

We will keep you in our prayers! God Bless you!

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, July 3, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.** We are in need of Male volunteers from the parish! Thank you!

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

Eleonora Agovino, Arturo Gonzalez, Marisa Vucci,
Otilia Sanchez Sifuentes

Message From Fr. Pergjini,

Saint John Paul II powerfully said, “that the Church does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” Yes, indeed, we did process around our parish territory on June 4th carrying our Lord reciting the rosary and singing Catholic songs. Our Eucharistic Lord hidden in the beautiful monstrance walking with us and looking toward us who were accompanying Him and those who stopped looking at the procession with our Eucharistic Lord. Our hidden Lord in the monstrance knows how to touch those who are not aware of His Eucharistic presence. We walk, we pray, we adore Christ with firm faith that Christ is the sacrifice for the salvation of the world, and we bring this powerful presence in our streets. We do have the gift of having Holy Mass every Sunday. Most of us know the redeeming value of our Lord in the sacred Host, and we come faithfully to worship. Sometimes we do have questions and doubts about our faith, especially Holy Eucharist. On the other hand, it would be better to ask ourselves how seriously do we take the sacrifice of the holy Mass? How do we prepare ourselves to recognize the hidden presence in the consecrated Host? To answer peacefully these questions, we bring to our mind the scripture account of the Last Supper. It is a powerful event that can calm our broken souls with hope and love. The washing of the feet is a very moving moment, of love and service. It is also a very significant element of the last supper. It is a very powerful reminder that Christ wanted to cleanse them interiorly from their sins, to prepare them to fit for the Altar. After they were physically and spiritually cleansed Our Savior gave the command what must be done by the apostles. He took the bread and wine saying do this in memory of me, this is my body and my blood offered for you. During these two thousand years our Catholic Church has celebrated and will continue to celebrate this mystery of our salvation only by ordained men to the sacrament of the priesthood. By faith, we humbly believe what is essential, we believe what Christ accomplished by his passion, death and Resurrection. The French Aviator Antoine de Saint Exupéry, in his classic book written in 1943, the Little Prince, there is a very touching sentence, very significant and powerful to be used. The fox said to the little prince: what is essential is invisible to the eye. Yes, indeed, during the holy mass we do not see any magic action that can impress us, but we do see within ourselves, and we do believe what Christ said to the apostles, this is my body and this is my blood given up for you. To experience this powerful presence of Eucharistic Lord, we must see with our hearts within ourselves to believe what is hidden in the sacred host that looks like bread, but it is not bread any more after the words of consecration. Our senses can never prove what is divine, what only Almighty Father can accomplish through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Holy Eucharist requires a good examination of conscience. It is indispensable to confront ourselves before His presence and to beg in the confessional His Mercy and Love. Today, many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence. Many do not take seriously to go and pray on Sunday's Holy Mass. The majority do not go to confession, but when occasionally they attend mass for funerals, weddings, and baptisms, they do line up and receive Holy Communion. Baptism, Eucharist, and confession is impossible to separate from one another. None of us can be persuaded regarding this essential part of our faith. Our faith in Christ is not a question to convince someone what we do believe. Our faith is the real power that speaks into our hearts for conversion. **Saint Paul, in his famous letter addressed to Corinthians states that those who receive without discerning the body and blood receive their own condemnation.** Imagine these words were written two thousand years ago, and still today make sense and are helpful to us if we take seriously holy communion. One time after the funeral Holy Mass was over and I was heading to go to the cemetery, the sister of the deceased said to me, “Father, if you did not make that announcement, I would have received it. Those words of honesty and humility touched me that day. On the other hand, there are people who do not want to be informed, to be reminded. They make their own decision ignoring the fact that the announcement is to help them recognize the redeeming value of Holy Communion. It is the teaching of our Catholic Church that we should be in a state of grace to receive the Eucharist. If we miss Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation (for our fault and not confessing our sins) we cannot receive the Eucharist. Saint Paul very strongly warned the faithful to discern before receiving Holy Communion (1 Cor 11:29). It is our duty to speak out and help the faithful to know the redeeming value of Holy Communion and how we can properly prepare ourselves through the sacrament of confession. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI powerfully reminds us that **“The Eucharist is not a ritual meal where everyone can participate. It is a shared prayer of the church in which the Lord prays together with us and gives us Himself. Therefore, it remains something great and precious. It remains a true gift, even when we cannot communicate. If people understood this better and have a correct view of the Eucharist itself, many pastorals’ problems, the position of the divorced and remarried in the church would cease to be a burden.”** How beautiful and consoling are his words! When we participate in Holy Mass, we do not automatically have the right to receive holy communion. There is no such right, it is a gift. The main purpose participating in Holy Mass is to worship: giving praise and glory for the gift of the Eucharist to Almighty Father for the sacrifice of His only begotten Son. Only in this way, and there is no other way, can we be aware of the redeeming value of the Holy Mass, and of our procession in the streets of our parish. May we never take for granted to go to Holy Communion without making a good Examination of Conscience, confessing our sins and absolved in the sacrament of confession. We hope that the Corpus Christi Procession helps us fully live the words of St. John Paul II “that the Church does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” Amen!

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Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical

Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"), is now officially available through the Vatican Documents Database.

You can access the document directly at the following link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

*Please Pray for the Police,
Firefighters, First Responders,
and the Military!*



God Bless America!

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday after the 8:30am Mass.

ST. ANTHONY PRAYERS:

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

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, 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, 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 Jennings, Edward Kennedy, Paul Komgold, 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, 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 & 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, Noah, Lucas Ortiz, Sihanna, Anastassia Savov, Tiffany Toro, Summer Rose Vachna

*Please Pray for all those who have no one
to Pray for them!*



Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Archdiocese Vocations Office at 914-968-1340.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection **NEXT Weekend** for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Home Missions Appeal. We appreciate your generosity! Many thanks!



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

Religious Education (CCD)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CGS)

2026/2027 Re-Registration and Registration

2026/2027 Re-Registration and Registration will begin July 1, 2026. There will be more information in future bulletins!

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Pirraglia at:

reled@stbenedictsschool.com

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!

Throggs Neck Homeowner's Association

The last meeting (until the Fall) will be **Tuesday, June 16th and NOT June 30th** at The Villa Barone Manor at **6:00pm**. These meetings are very informative. Please try to attend. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be October 2nd and 3rd 2026

More information in future bulletins!

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

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.

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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 June 7, 2026:

7 SUN USA: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) Solemnity

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58 (167)

8 Mon Weekday (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time) 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12 (359)

9 Tue Weekday [Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church] 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16 (360)

10 Wed Weekday 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19 (361)

11 Thu Saint Barnabas, Apostle Memorial Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 /Mt 5:20-26 (362)

12 Fri The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus Solemnity Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 (170)

13 Sat Weekday [The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church; BVM] 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, 1 Kgs 19:19-21 (364)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)

14 SUN ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME