



St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
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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 Fr. Nikolin Pergjini
 Pastor

Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale
 Parochial Vicar

Deacon Nestor Halpern

Solemnity of
Saints Peter and Paul
June 29th
Pray for Us!



Archbishop Ronald Hicks
Our Prayers, Congratulations and
Best Wishes!

On Monday, June 29, 2026 Archbishop Hicks



will receive, in Rome, Pallium from Pope Leo XIV.

Pallium was used as a scarf or cloak worn by the philosophers, and it signified a very important element of that time. In the early centuries of the church, the

Pallium was used by the Pope and was given by him to Archbishops.

Please keep Archbishop Hicks in your prayers!

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, June 28th; Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Freddy Moreira
8:00 John Donadio
9:30 Miguel Santo Vazquez
11:00 Domenico Chiodi
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

MONDAY, June 29th; Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 Dot Cormier

TUESDAY, June 30th; First Martyrs - Holy Roman Church

8:30 Andy McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, July 1st; Saint Junípero Serra

8:30 Anthony Maldonado
"Living - Healing"

THURSDAY, July 2nd

8:30 Lance Corporal Ryan J. Barnard

FRIDAY, July 3rd; Saint Thomas

8:30 Domenica Guido

SATURDAY, July 4th; United States Independence Day

8:30 Thomas Gleason
4:00 Isabel and Victor Santiago

SUNDAY, July 5th; Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Sister Carmel Caputo, CND
8:00 Angela Monetti
9:30 Miguel Santos Vazquez
11:00 Lissette Lugo
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

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

The Del Vecchio Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Michele and Domenico Del Vecchio and Pasquale Delli Carpini

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Del Vecchio Family
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Michele and Domenico Del Vecchio and Pasquale Delli Carpini

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

The Irving Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fr. George Torok, C.O.
"Living"



BUS TRIP TO PADRE PIO

Monday, September 21, 2026

National Centre for Padre Pio,
111 Barto Road, Barto, PA

Depart 8:00am from the Bruckner Boulevard side
Depart 4:00pm from Barto, PA

\$60.00 per person round trip (No Refunds)

Bring your own lunch

If you are interested in this bus trip, please come to the rectory to reserve and pay for your seat(s) in advance. Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY O VERNIGHT **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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!

SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters.

Monday, June 29, 2026 at 10:30am at the Northeast Bronx Senior Center, 2968 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10465.

To Register: Registration is required to attend the event. To register visit: www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code below:



- New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Citizen Preparedness Corp.
- This Event is brought to you by Governor Hochul in conjunction with New York National Guard and Knights of Columbus Council #11590 and the Northeast Bronx Senior Center.

I LOVE GOD

I'm proud to say that

Message from Fr. Pergini,

O Roma Felix, O Happy Rome, O Eternal City! This is an ancient Latin hymn used in our Catholic liturgy, especially for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Our new Archbishop Ronald Hicks was installed as our new Archbishop on February 6, 2026 and will be receiving the pallium (in antiquity a pallium was used as a scarf or cloak worn by the philosophers, and it signified a very important element of that time). However, in the early centuries of the church, the pallium was used by the Pope and was given by him to archbishops as a sign of special favor and a special share in the papal power. A pallium is a stole-like made of white wool and embroidered with six black crosses worn looped around the pope's shoulders or an archbishop. The palliums are made from lambswool woven by the nuns at the great Roman Shrine of Saint Agnes on the via Nomentana that are blessed on the day of Saints Peter and Paul by Pope Leo XIV, on Monday, June 29th at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Rome. What a beautiful and marvelous place to be, especially on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Our prayers and best wishes to Archbishop Hicks and many others around the world who will receive the pallium. This ancient city brings to mind the blood of the Christian martyrs, magnificent churches, and Vatican City with its glorious Basilica of Saint Peter with its palaces and museums. Yes, I was in Rome on June 29, 2005, twenty-one years ago, invited by an archbishop. What a privilege and glorious day to be in Rome on the day in which the whole Church celebrates the Feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul. It becomes even more inspiring and moving to be present at the Basilica of Saint Peter during the celebration of this great solemnity. At that time, it was the first time Pope Benedict XVI (*may he rest in peace*) celebrated this great solemnity bestowing palliums on thirty-two archbishops from around the world. It was an unforgettable and joyful occasion! What a great privilege to be in Rome that day. Yes, I was fortunate enough to have a place not far from the Altar of Saint Peter. During those noisy moments when people from all over the world were trying to find their seats with the help of the Swiss guards and Italian ushers, I was waiting with patience that very hot summer day. I deeply felt the beauty of the Basilica with its glorious history of our faith. I tried to embrace that beauty of art and prayer with my whole being and enter those moments of the past, present and future. Could I embrace that extraordinary beauty? The huge Basilica with its splendor and majesty is overwhelming with its beauty. Yes, within my human limits I carefully watched the surrounding beauty as if I was there for the very first time in that divine place. Sitting there for more than an hour, I was faced with this magnificent beauty of genius human work inspired by the divine forces. There is the beauty of art with its transcendental power to lift our human souls into the blue skies of eternity. My eyes carefully looked all over the ceilings, statues, paintings, and side altars with their magnificent chapels. My attention was focused on the main Altar where Mass was going to be celebrated. The huge candlesticks with the impressive Cross and the gorgeous flower decorations around the altar and the tomb of St. Peter added more to that majestic beauty. There were red and white roses. The beauty of those flowers reflected the blood of the Apostles Peter and Paul, the Roman martyrs and then the crowning victory with the glory of heaven. The beauty of nature, arranged by human hands in that divine place, was a real masterpiece, a marvelous and harmonious combination of art and nature. Suddenly, the heavenly and angelic voices of the boy's and men's choirs started singing in Latin the entrance hymn: *Caeli enarrant*. It was divine to listen to them and be near the choirs. From a distance I could hear the standing ovation to greet the Pope who was coming! What a joy to see him approaching the altar with that reverence, dignity, and humility. His smile revealed his innocence, humility, and brilliance as a theologian. In my mind came the memories of his books that I often bought and read and re-read, still today, with great passion and desire to know him and learn from him. What a privilege it was to be so close to him and feel his presence not from TV but near that sacred Altar in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was taking place.

How grateful I was to the Lord for those privileged moments of my life! His homily was clear, accessible and very pastoral. Unity, Catholicity and Apostolicity were the main themes of that solemnity. This time for us who will watch on TV the ceremony, and those who have accompanied Archbishop Hicks to Rome, after his homily, Pope Leo will bestow the pallium to our Archbishop Hicks who lived a few blocks from the house where Pope Leo lived in Chicago, and to other metropolitan archbishops, as well. It is going to be a very moving and inspiring moment when Pope Leo XIV will install the palliums. On Monday, June 29th we will celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and we will be united in a spirit of prayer of gratitude to Almighty Father for our "new" Archbishop Ronald Hicks. We beg the intercessions of these two great martyrs, the pillars of Catholic faith for Pope Leo XIV, Archbishop and others, to be faithful to the teachings of the Divine truth taught by the Apostles Peter and Paul.

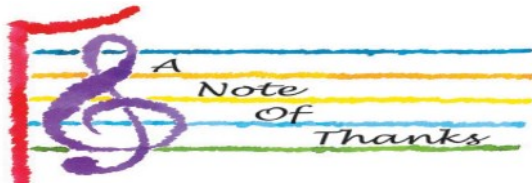
May they lead us toward the Glory and Praise of Almighty Father and for the salvation of our souls.

Amen!

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This is an Invitation to **ALL Adults** who have not received their sacraments. You are invited to attend classes here at Saint Benedict's starting the end of September 2026. If you are interested, please come to the rectory to register. Any questions, please call 718-828-3403, x101. Thank you



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** on behalf of the Youth Choir, the Adult Choir and the parish for your generous contributions which are being used to treat the Youth Choir members to a trip to Bowlero and the Adult Choir members to a dinner.

We are blessed with such a dedicated Choir Director, Anne Myers, who leads the music ministry with such joy and enthusiasm.

God Bless Anne and our Choirs!

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>

U.S. Bishops Consecrated Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026

On **Thursday, June 11, 2026**, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) solemnly consecrated our nation to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This historic act invited Christ's love, mercy, and protection into our country as we approach our nation's 250th anniversary.

In union with this national event, all parish families are warmly encouraged to **enthroned their own homes** to the Sacred Heart. Home enthronement is a beautiful way to officially recognize Jesus as the source of peace, love, and security in your family life.

If you would like to discuss home enthronement further or want guidance on how to bring this blessing into your home, **please speak with our priests or deacon** after Mass, or contact the rectory.

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, William F. Reilly, 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 & 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, Erma, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Ella Grazia Delli Carpini, Eli, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Harry, Jr., 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

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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III. Juliette Lefebvre and Kevin Loeffler



The Bible Study Group is taking a break for the summer. God willing, we will begin again in the Fall (*date to be determined*).

Have a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

"See you in the Fall"



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)

2026/2027 Registration will Open July 1st.

We accept children from grades 1-12.

Visit the parish website at:

stbenedictchurchny.org

There will be more information in future bulletins.

Any questions, please contact Maria Pirraglia at:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com

2026/2027 Religious Education Program presents:

CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD

Religious Education designed for children ages 4-6 years or Pre-K and Kindergarten. Beginning October 2026 to May 2027 will be at the Convent. Registration will Open July 1st. Visit the parish website at.

stbenedictchurchny.org

There will be more information in future bulletins

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SAVE THE DATE

**St. Benedict's Women's Cornerstone
Retreat will be**

October 2nd and 3rd 2026.

More information in future bulletins!

***Have a Blessed, Safe and
Enjoyable Summer!***

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!

The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit

We want to bring your attention to an exciting new opportunity launching next year: the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit. This program allows taxpayers to support K-12 tuition and education scholarships at zero net cost.

Materials will be provided when we receive them! Thank you!



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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 Wk of June 28, 2026:

28 SUN THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

29 Mon SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Solemnity Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

30 Tue Weekday [The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church] Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

JULY 2026

1 Wed Weekday [USA: Saint Junípero Serra, Priest]

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

2 Thu Weekday Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

3 Fri St. Thomas, Apostle Feast Eph2:19-22/Jn20:24-29

4 Sat Weekday [USA: Independence Day; BVM] Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382) or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City"

5 SUN FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME