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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

***Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus, on the Occasion of the 250th
Independence Anniversary***

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

**O Desire of Nations and Center of History,
we ask you to bless these United States
of America,**

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

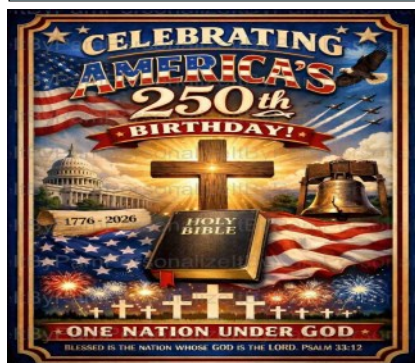
***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for us!***

***This Prayer is from the Consecration
of the Country of the United States to
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus***

God Bless America.

**Happy 4th
of July!**

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**GOD
BLESS
AMERICA**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, July 6th; Saint Maria Goretti

8:30 George Auletta

TUESDAY, July 7th

8:30 Antonio e Pasquale Polcini

WEDNESDAY, July 8th

8:30 Antonio Zappone and Giovanni Carriero

THURSDAY, July 9th; Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

8:30 Rosalie Battista

Happy Heavenly Birthday

FRIDAY, July 10th

8:30 Jean and Jane DeJohn

SATURDAY, July 11th; Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:30 Hugo Fucci

4:00 Loretta Bullock O'Brien

SUNDAY, July 12th; Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 St. Benedict Parish

8:00 Michelangelo Cipollone

9:30 Wilson Gutierrez

11:00 DeSantiago Family

Living

5:00 The Deceased Members of the
Montalvo Family

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

Susan and Frank McSherry

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Robert Mazzeo

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

The Frawley and Kiely Families

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Martin Frawley and

Patrick Kevin Frawley

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

The Irving Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Dr. Paul M. Bisson, MD

Living



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is **OPEN** Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The **NEXT Overnight Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, August 7, 2026 from 8:00pm until 8:00am.**

**We are in need of Male volunteers from the parish!
Thank you!**



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!**

Taken from the Roman Missile:

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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

**Michael Deenihan, Rafael Heredia,
Frank Pesce, Wilfredo Vazquez**

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Message from Fr. Pergjini,

The Fourth of July this year marks a big anniversary, 250 years of the Declaration of Independence. Last month, on June 12th, the Bishops of the United States consecrated the country to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The reason for the Consecration was to be understood as part of this unique celebration. Today, we remember with gratitude for the gifts that Almighty Father has given to this nation. I thought of sharing with you some historical information, a very powerful one, regarding the Washington Monument. A few years ago, my good friend and devout Catholic, a dedicated prolife activist, Bernadette, died a few years ago, (*may she rest in peace*), sent me an email which I saved for years. She knew that every year, by now, will be more than thirty years that I have been going to Washington D. C. for the March for Life. Before the march starts the huge crowd of people gather near the Washington Monument and, even before this email, I was not aware of what was written on the top of it. In Washington D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument are displayed two powerful and moving words in Latin: LAUS DEO. Unfortunately, no one can see these words, and the visitors to this monument are totally unaware they are even there. These words, Laus Deo, are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, and overlooking towards the East the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of our nation. Some of you know the meaning of these two powerful words in Latin, some others do not. *The words Laus Deo are very simply translated: "Praise be to God!"* These words are out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but those who had the real faith and know the redeeming value of these words which are meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world, are words of encouragement and hope. In the highest monument is not placed the glory of any human being, but what belongs to Almighty Father, the praise and glory forever and ever. The construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when President James Polk was of the United States. It wasn't until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to cap the memorial with a tribute to the father of our nation, Laus Deo, Praise be to God! From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From the vantage point, one can easily see the giant obelisk and easily see the original of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the North, The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west. It is amazing to know that when the cornerstone of the Washington Monument

was laid on July 4, 1848, deposited within it were items including a Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. What a powerful past we have! *Laus Deo, Praise be to God!* The discipline and moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first president of our unique democracy, One Nation under God. Yes, indeed, One Nation Under God. The powerful and moving prayer for America of George Washington can be a source of reflection and meditation for all of us who continue to believe, to pray, to defend, and to proclaim without fear what we stand for as people of faith trusting the power of Christ to save this beautiful country. One Nation under God; **"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And, finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love MERCY, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** It is a powerful prayer to remind all of us that God is and must be the guide of our nation, and to its citizens. We can never be at peace and promise our young generations a prosperous and blessed future if pushed aside God's presence from our public and private life. We live in very difficult times; we are all aware of this difficult social and political situation. Still most Americans are faithful and dedicated citizens who love America and want to have the powerful American values. They defend these values and stand firm and determined to keep this beautiful country as it is meant to be one nation under God. We must pray hard and live according to His commandments and the truth that America can be Great again. Chesterton, when he visited the United States was asked what do you think of the United States. He made a humble and spiritual statement saying that America has the soul of a church. Yes, indeed, nowhere you can find a nation with this deep faith and dedication to serve and to be faithful to God first, and by being faithful to God you faithfully can serve the country as well. The words of George Washington are encouraging that we can never pretend to be a happy nation without a humble imitation of the Divine Author of our Blessed religion, which is our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We say Amen to that powerful statement. We hope and pray that what was built with a great sacrifice and dedication, and many shedding their blood for this beautiful country, will continue to keep America the Beautiful under God.

Please, do not forget to say a prayer and thank God for these 250 years as a nation for what we have and hope to continue to have for many years to come.

Laus Deo! Praise be to God! Blessed and peaceful July Fourth! God bless America Always! 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



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"

Second Collection

There will be a **Second Collection next week-end (July 11th/12th)** for **Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People.**

Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

VOCATIONS: 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

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 at 718-828-3403, ext. 101.

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, Luis Gabriel Leal, 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!

PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM!
REMEMBER ALL DONATIONS ARE
TAX DEUCTIBLE

**San Silverio Committee of Morris Park
BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

*Friday July 10th at 6:30pm, Morris Park
Association, 1824 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx
\$35.00 per person; 6 games - 3 cards per
game. Cash Prizes and Raffles .*

*Beverages included. Bring snacks and
goodies to share with your table.*

To reserve your spot, please call:
*Domenic at 718-344-4103
Angela at 347-204-8183*



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.

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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!



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!

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.



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Spiritual Readings for the Week of July 5, 2026:

5 SUN FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

6 Mon Weekday [Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr] Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

7 Tue Weekday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

8 Wed Weekday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

9 Thu Weekday [Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs] Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15

10 Fri Weekday Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 (387)

11 Sat Saint Benedict, Abbot Memorial Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

12 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9