

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: July 12, 2026

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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

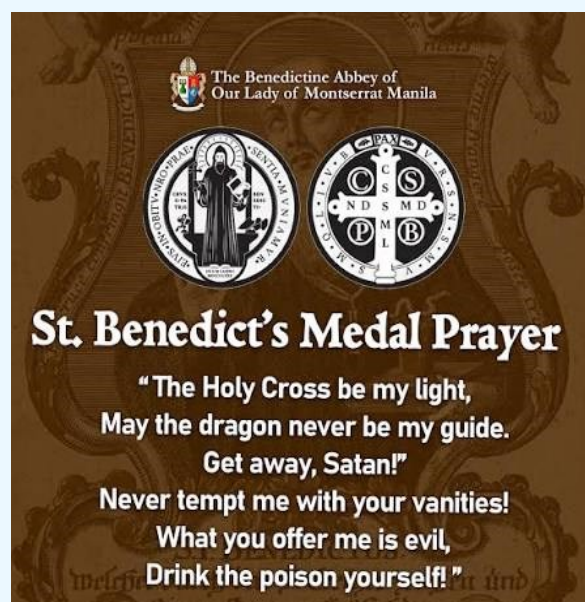
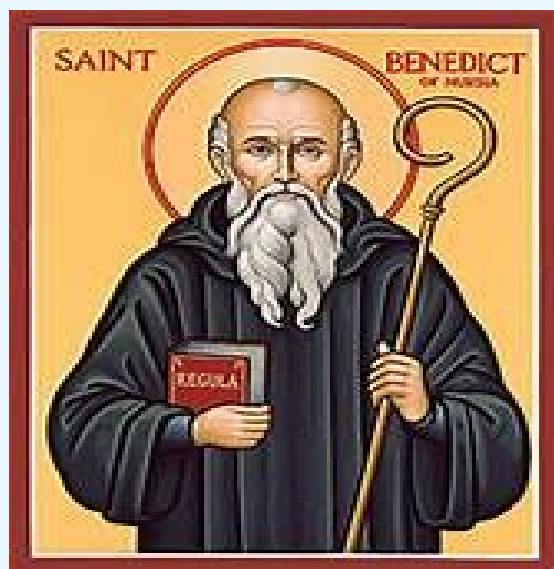
CLERGY:
Reverend Fr. Nikolin Pergjini
Pastor
Reverend Fr. David L. Birkdale
Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nestor Halpern

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

RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER:
718-828-3403
(see page 6 for extensions)

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

The Feast of Saint Benedict
Our Patron Saint
July 11th
St. Benedict, pray for us!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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 Deceased Members of the
Montalvo Family

MONDAY, July 13th; Saint Henry

8:30 Kevin McKevitt

TUESDAY, July 14th; Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 John and Mary Freyne

WEDNESDAY, July 15th; Saint Bonaventure

8:30 Nicholas Celentano

THURSDAY, July 16th; Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30 Maria, Alfredo and Sal Catalano "Healing"

FRIDAY, July 17th

8:30 Brendan J. Golden

SATURDAY, July 18th; USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 Special Intention to St. Anthony
4:00 Sacred Heart of Jesus and
Immaculate Heart of Mary

SUNDAY, July 19th; Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Johanna Livesay "Living"
8:00 Famiglia DiMeglio e Romano
9:30 Palma Giannone "Living"
11:00 Crucita Otero-Stephens
5:00 St. Benedict Parish

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:

Mario Fidanza, Jr.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Mario Fidanza, Sr.

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

The Lillo Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Vincent Cavallo



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 Blvd 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 Missal:

O God, who made the Abbot Saint Benedict an outstanding master in the school of divine service, grant, we pray, that, putting nothing before love of you, we may hasten with a loving heart in the way of your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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

**Susan Bittner, Maryann Maldonado,
Thomas J. Vecchio**

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Message from Fr. Pergjini,

Sunday, July 12, 2026, is the Feast of Saint Benedict, our Patron Saint. It is with great joy that I write a few words on this special occasion. The Cross and the medals of St. Benedict are frequently used by many devout Catholics today. There is a special prayer used to bless the well-known Cross and medals of St. Benedict. How many medals, crosses, and holy cards with the picture of this great Saint have I blessed during my priesthood? I can never count how many but there have been many and the faithful continue to ask me to bless their medals and crosses. At each celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, after reading the gospel and a short reflection, we invoke the intercession of Saint Benedict, the Patron Saint of our Parish. We all feel his presence and beg his intercessions. Saint Benedict was called by Saint Gregory the Great as a "luminous star" to point out the way of the black night of history. Pope Benedict XVI, who took the name of Saint Benedict as it is the custom for the newly elected pope, admired this great saint whose name he had chosen. Pope Benedict XVI has often written about this great monk and here I am sharing his wisdom and advice regarding Saint Benedict. **In fact, the Saint's work and particularly, his Rule were to prove heralds of an authentic spiritual leaven which, in the centuries, far beyond the boundaries of his country and time changed the face of Europe following the fall of the political unity created by the Roman Empire, inspiring a new spirituality and cultural unity that of the Christian faith shared by the people of the continent. This is how the reality we call "Europe" came into being.** Saint Benedict lived alone for three years in a cave which was the heart of the Benedictine monastery called *Sacro Speco* which means the Holy Grotto. That time of solitude with God was a time of a spiritual battle within himself. During that time, he had to prepare himself; first; to help others later on, as he did in his life as an Abbot and a great teacher. During those three years of extreme solitude, he knew what he had to fight within himself. Christ moved, inspired, and strengthened his soul in that wild cave. During that time of silence of interior struggle, Saint Benedict was able to overcome the three-fundamental temptations of every human being:

One: The temptation of self-affirmation and the desire to put oneself at the Center; **Second:** The temptation of sensuality; and **Third:** The temptation of anger and revenge.

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Saint Benedict was fully convinced that **only after overcoming these three temptations he could start establishing the monastery** where he could help and advise other monks in the valley of Subiaco. For Saint Benedict, humility is the compendium of all virtues. He said that the first step of humility is taken when a man obeys all of God's commandments.

He described humility **not as an exterior code of conduct, but a deep and profound interior disposition of our soul being aware and fully convinced of our powerlessness, a total dependence upon God, and the obligation to render an account to God.** These words written by this great saint, powerful words about humility, and teaching others to do so, made me think and reflect on these words. Saint Benedict wrote his famous and well-known Benedictine Rule and humbly lived alone for three years in a cave. As we can imagine that long period of silence of this humble and holy monk, today we try to take refuge in his intercessions of this great saint, patron saint of our parish.

A deserted place does not always mean finding a wild cave somewhere in a mountain like St. Benedict did. To be a hermit is not meant for everyone. It is a vocation that comes from Christ. It means for us to eliminate for a while the power of technological noise that is suffocating our souls, especially the souls of our young generations. It is the gentle voice of Christ who knows better than anybody else our indispensable need to be alone with him, in a deserted place. It could be an empty church sitting before the tabernacle or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar. In those silent moments of our deserted place, we beg for help to fight the temptations of selfishness, sensuality, anger and revenge. Saint Benedict can teach all of us through silence spent before Christ to overcome the painful experience of the three temptations that he had to fight to help himself and others.

Because of his unique experience of those three years, he was able to write the famous Benedictine Rule helping others for centuries with his wise and prudent words. It is a long time of solitude fighting against evil attacks. In that spirit of silence and Divine truth confronting ourselves before Christ we beg the intercessions of Saint Benedict to assist us with his wisdom and prudence to heal our broken souls, and to practice humility.

We entrust our parish to the intercession of this humble and prudent Saint.

Saint Benedict pray for us!

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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 THIS weekend (July 11th/12th)** for **Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People**. Thanking you in advance for your generosity!



The word **"Missal"** was inadvertently spelled incorrectly in the July 5th bulletin.

I apologize!

Thank you for your understanding!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday through Saturday in the Adoration Chapel from 9:00am until 1:00pm

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Every Monday after the 8:30am Mass in the Church

ST. ANTHONY PRAYERS:

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

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!



*I. Amanda Alfonso
and
Ryan Fitzpatrick*



TRAVELLING?

If you will be travelling in the United States and want to find the nearest Roman Catholic Church and its Mass schedule, you can visit the Mass Times site on the Internet:

www.masstimes.org

Many foreign cities are also included.



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 is now Open!
We accept children from grades 1-12.

Visit the parish website at:

stbenedictchurchny.org

There will be more information in future bulletins

**For more information or any questions,
please contact Maria Pirraglia at:
reled@stbenedictsschool.com**

PLEASE NOTE:

**The Villa students receiving sacraments at
St. Benedict's, do NOT need to register at
St. Benedict's Rectory.**

**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 is now Open!

Visit the parish website at.

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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 contrib-
uting 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, Liam Deenihan, Parris Island Boot Camp; 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 Wk of July 12, 2026:

12 SUN FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

13 Mon Wkday [Saint Henry] Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

14 Tue USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Memorial Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

15 Wed Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Memorial Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

16 Thu Weekday [Our Lady of Mount Carmel] Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

17 Fri Weekday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

18 Sat Weekday [USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM] Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

19 SUN SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME