

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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

MONDAY, July 20th; Saint Apollinaris

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, July 21st; Saint Lawrence of Brindis

8:30 Lupercia Martinez

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd; Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30 Angela and Domenico Pirraglia

THURSDAY, July 23rd; Saint Bridget

8:30 Elizabeth Perez Bhoj

FRIDAY, July 24th; Saint Sharbel Makhlūf

8:30 Elizabeth Duffy

SATURDAY, July 25th; Saint James, Apostle

8:30 John P. Matthews
4:00 Keith McKevitt

SUNDAY, July 26th; *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 St. Benedict Parish
8:00 Nicola e Concetta Piacquadio
9:30 Dr. Christian Westermann
11:00 Mary Wynne
5:00 Marco Soccoli

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

Carmen Mejia
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria Victoria Guerrero

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

The Lillo Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Crucita Stephens

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

John M. Matthews
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
John P. Matthews

Eucharistic Adoration

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!

St. Benedict's School Registration

We know summer is well underway, but time flies and pretty soon we have to get back into school mode. If you are thinking about what school to place your child in for this coming September, one way to show love to your children is to offer them a catholic school education. So, please feel free to contact St. Benedict School at your convenience to set up a tour. **Registration for the 2026/2027 school year is OPEN and we have availability in all grades.** If you are looking to apply you may do so by going online to our website at **stbenedictschoolbx.org** and clicking APPLY NOW. SBS serves grades PK-3 students all the way through 8th grade. PK classes are curriculum based and 8th graders are guided and prepared to enter high school. PK-3 must be aged 3 by 12/31/2026 and PK-4 must be aged 4 by 12/31/2026. **Financial aid for the 2026/2027 school year will be available to the families with students FULLY REGISTERED and ENROLLED in grades KINDERGARTEN through 8th grade and is on a first come, first served basis.** You may contact the school at 718-829-9557 for further information about our school and to set up a one-on-one tour. **Have a blessed, safe and enjoyable rest of the summer!**

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

**MaryAnn Maldonado, Juan Jose Rodriguez,
Ann Ventrella**

Message from Fr. Pergjini,

The well-known Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky and his famous novel, "The Brothers Karamazov" is considered one of the greatest Christian novels among the fascinating drama of that time. Dostoevsky predicted that the revolutionary terrorist movement People's Will which led to Bolshevism, the tragic totalitarian system, is also the Russian folk tale which conveys a very powerful theological message.

Grushenka was going through a very difficult moral crisis, tells this Russian tale to Alyosha. A wicked woman dies and finds herself in the lake of fire, and hell. Her guardian angel, distressed at her sufferings, knows that this wicked woman did one good thing in her life. She gave an onion to a beggar. God said to the guardian angel take that onion and pull her out of hell with it. The wicked woman recognized the onion given to the beggar and now was held by the guardian angel. She grabbed it and is slowly lifted above the lake. Now other sinners in that lake of fire, saw that the wicked woman getting out of the lake of fire hoping to be saved through her, grabbing her legs to get out. The wicked woman kicked them away saying with anger it is my onion, it is not yours. At that moment the onion's stem breaks, and the wicked woman goes back to the lake of fire. She has been roasting in hell ever since. This moving Russian folk tale has a very deep and profound moral meaning. I have been sharing this story for years in our classrooms for the students who have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is amazing to me by the answer of the students when I asked the question why the wicked woman fell back to the lake of fire. Almost all of them say that she did not have love, she was selfish. She would have been able to get out if she had allowed other sinners who were hoping to grab her legs and be saved. The genius mind of Dostoevsky who had an unshakable Christian faith said that even a small good and loving deed can matter to save our sinfulness. As a teenager I was fascinated by the powerful impact of Dostoevsky's writings. He did not look for big dramas but for ordinary goodness, not for exceptional examples, but only daily goodness experienced by simple and humble. I thought of sharing with you this meaningful Russian folk tale which can be very well-related to the Gospel of this Sunday.

We have the powerful example of good seeds planted by the master. At our baptism we have received the good seeds. Unfortunately, the evil one made possible that next to the good seeds the weeds grew next to the wheat. They asked the question how is this possible since the master planted good seeds. The farmers proposed to their master to pull the weeds up and let only the wheat grow for the harvest. The answer was God's patience first, and then at the time of the harvest the weeds will be burned, and the wheat will be in the Master's barn. The wisdom of the Russian folk tale can teach us a great lesson. In the merciful and loving

heart of our Savior who looks at our misery with His Divine patience. Christ in one way or the other finds the right way to reach us even in the most miserable state of our soul. He pulls us out of our misery, inviting us to be saved if we are willing to accept His merciful love. Jesus Christ is patient, allows us to have the time and enter the path of conversion, the path of experiencing Love and Mercy. A small deed of love and goodness can be a very powerful tool to save someone. The gospel today reminds us that Hell and Heaven exist. No one can deny the passages mentioned by Christ. The wicked woman who could have saved herself from the fire of hell if she could have shown love and allowed others to get out with her. On the other hand, being in hell the word love does not exist, otherwise, she would not have been there. Where love is absent there is the tormenting experience of selfishness and pride. She never understood or rather she refused to understand that without love we can never belong to Christ. It is true she gave an onion to a beggar but in her giving love did not exist. Her pride, selfishness and corrupted soul refused to use the grace of the sacraments. The gospel powerfully describes the amazing patience of God. Christ waits for us, allows the good and bad to be together, the wheat and the weeds, hoping that we are touched by His Love and Mercy. We have our duty and obligation to pray for those who continue to be on the side of weeds. We must imitate God's patience and allow Him to do what we cannot. God wants our salvation and not our condemnation. The healing power of Jesus Christ makes what is impossible to be possible: to change the weeds into wheat and save our souls, with one condition: *to accept God's grace offered to us* through the sacraments and refuse the evil thoughts, words and deeds. The Russian tale in "The Brothers Karamazov" confirms that those who are in hell, they have condemned themselves. They have refused the merciful and loving patience of the Almighty Father. Today only Heaven is mentioned. The lake of fire is avoided. It is true that at our baptism was promised the pledge of eternal life. The pledge of eternal life it must be nourished by living God's will according to His Truth and His commandments. We pray on our knees that Christ can touch our hearts and souls so we can recognize our weeds within ourselves first, and then others. We must know that even a small act of goodness done with love for Christ can be a journey toward the Love and Mercy of Our Savior.

The Mercy and Love of Christ is impossible to separate from the Truth and His commandments. May the grace of the sacraments touch our hearts, mind, and souls, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that we continue our journey of conversion.

Christ's patience, passion, death, and Resurrection is for our salvation and not our condemnation!

Amen!

Prayer for the Church and Civil Authorities, composed by Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop of Baltimore and the founder of the American ecclesial hierarchy. His prayer has consistently appeared in American Catholic devotionals for over two centuries, and it is often prayed publicly on days of national importance.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

We pray Thee, O Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of Thy name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life our chief bishop, Pope Leo XIV, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the government of His Church; our own Bishop, (or Archbishop) Archbishop Hicks (if he is not consecrated, our Bishop-elect); all other Bishops, Prelates, and Pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

(to be continued in next weekend's bulletin)



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!

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 Jeninngs, 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, 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!



*II. 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

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.**

stbenedictchurchny.org

There will be more information in future bulletins

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

SAVE THE DATES

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

**St. Benedict's Men's Cornerstone
Retreat will be October 23rd and 24th 2026**

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!

MAGNIFICAT

Registration is open for a Brunch on **Saturday, August 15th** in the beautiful **Jean Jugan Residence Hall** with the **Little Sisters of the Poor on Schurz Avenue**. Special guest speaker is Sarah Ryyan ... Sarah's down-to-earth humor and joy accompany her conversion. Experience Magnificat as Sarah shares her faith journey through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in her everyday life. Tickets are \$45. Please call Marianne or Monique at St. Frances de Chantal's rectory to reserve your seat (718-792-5500, extension 200).

Quotes from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, and the Great Teachers!

"In your hands, carry the Cross of Christ. On your lips, the words of Life. In your hearts, the saving grace of the Lord"

~~~*St. Pope John Paul II*



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## Prayer List For Our United States Servicemen and Women

### U.S. Air Force:

1<sup>st</sup> 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, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Spiritual Readings for the Wk of July 19, 2026:

#### 19 SUN SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**20 Mon** Weekday [Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr] Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

**21 Tue** Weekday [Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

**22 Wed** Saint [Mary Magdalene Feast] Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**23 Thu** Weekday [Saint Bridget, Religious] Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

**24 Fri** Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest] Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

**25 Sat** Saint James, Apostle Feast 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

#### 26 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME