

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Bulletin: July 26, 2026
Welcome to Our Parish

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<http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>

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

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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 in the Church

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays: **Monday through Friday**
8:30am

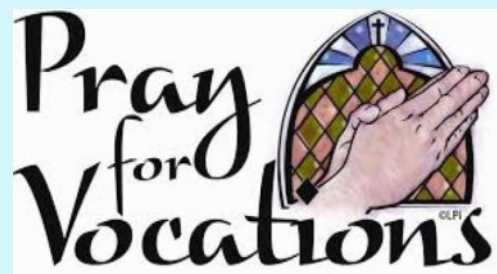
Saturdays: **8:30am and 4:00pm**
(Saturday Evening Vigil)

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



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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, July 26th; Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

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

MONDAY, July 27th

8:30 Anne Fucci

TUESDAY, July 28th

8:30 Steve Pianoff

WEDNESDAY, July 29th; Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:30 Louise Suarino

THURSDAY, July 30th; Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:30 Jeanne Barnard

FRIDAY, July 31st; Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 Maureen A. Maguire and Family

SATURDAY, August 1st; Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 Maria and Domenico Del Vecchio
4:00 Luvigj Popovic

SUNDAY, August 2nd; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Michelangelo Cipollone
8:00 Mario Fidanza, Sr.
9:30 Katey Cunnane
11:00 St. Benedict Parish
5:00 Carol Soccoli "Living"

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

*Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Domenico Del Vecchio*

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

*Daughter-in-Law and Grandchildren
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Maria and Domenico Del Vecchio*

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

*The Moschitto Family
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:*

*Luis Martinez
Happy Heavenly Six Month Anniversary*

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:

Angel Baez, Valerie D. Forbes, Vincent Serratore

Message from Fr. Pergjini,

Sunday, July 26th, is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis, may he rest in peace, established this celebration throughout the Church. July 24–30 also marks the beginning of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. This is a fitting time to reflect on and give thanks for the noble role grandparents play in our families, society, and country. Through their presence—and, for many of us, through the powerful memories they have left behind, grandparents promote, defend, and proclaim the Church's teaching on marriage, conjugal love, responsible parenthood, family life, natural family planning, and fertility awareness.

As I write this reflection, I remember my grandparents with deep love and gratitude. I am sure many of you also give thanks to Almighty God for your good and loving grandparents. Their humble presence blessed me from childhood into young adulthood. I especially treasured visiting their home during winter and summer vacations, and I remain grateful for the deep faith they shared with our family.

I have many memories of the weeks and months I spent at my grandparents' house, both as a child and later as a young man. The most inspiring memories are of their firm and faithful practice of the Catholic faith. One memory that remains close to my heart is the rosary recited before dinner. My grandfather led the rosary, and my grandmother, uncles, and aunts joined him. Dinner was never served until the five decades of the rosary were finished. In that quiet, simple house, there was complete silence during prayer.

Those evenings of family prayer shaped my faith. As a child, I did not yet understand the saying, "The family that prays together stays together." Looking back, I see its truth clearly. My grandparents were a beautiful example of a joyful couple who loved each other faithfully until the end of their lives.

After the rosary, the smell of dinner filled the house and increased my appetite. Praying together and eating together helped keep the family united and joyful. After dinner, there was no television. My aunts and uncles sang beautiful songs, and I could hear neighbors singing as well. The evening ended with the Act of Contrition, one of my favorite childhood prayers and still a cherished memory.

Before I went to sleep, my grandparents would ask whether I wanted to join them for early Holy Mass. There were daily communicants and they attended the first Mass at 6:00am, celebrated by the bishop. It was not easy to wake up so early, get ready, and walk with them. We left the house in silence and walked in silence reciting the rosary. The cathedral was only about ten minutes away.

I became an altar server when I was six years old, and my grandparents were very happy to see me serve. Their reverence in church was remarkable. I clearly remember how they knelt during the consecration and received Holy Communion with deep devotion. Their prayerful posture was an inspiring act of adoration before Christ on the altar. Their reverence during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass touched my soul and helped shape my faith.

This is my memory of my grandparents. I am sure each of us has a story to tell and a reason to be thankful for the gift of our grandparents. Through their actions, they have helped to shape our faith and shown us the path that leads to Christ. Grandparents have a noble and important role in our families, society, and country. Humble and dedicated grandparents proclaim, defend, and promote true Christian values, offering hope for future generations.

Despite the troubling news we hear each day, many faithful Catholic grandparents continue to teach by example how to live the faith. They make every effort to guide their grandchildren, helping them to build a solid foundation for their future. As a priest celebrating many funerals, I frequently noticed the pain of the grandchildren losing their grandparents. I can see how the love and sacrifice grandparents have made for their grandchildren. They share their memories with their grandparents since their childhood and now as adults. They thank them for the gift of faith by teaching family values and never compromise the truth of Christ. Our young generation today experiences a different reality what many of us had before. Still, there is hope. This World Day for Grandparents and Elderly is meant to focus and increase the importance of family life, to be respectful, caring, and loving to our grandparents and elderly. One day the young generation will become grandparents, and they will remember the importance of their grandparents.

We thank our grandparents and love them dearly for all they have done and continue to do for us. May the grandparents who have passed away rest in peace. May Almighty God reward them for their love, sacrifice, patience, and teaching by example how to live our Catholic faith.

May the grandparents who are still living be good examples of love, dedication and sacrifice, and to witness the redeeming values of our Christian faith. Thank you dear grandparents, and may God bless you always!

***May the Deceased Grandparents
Rest in Peace!***

***Happy World Day of
Grandparents and the Elderly!***

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 God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgments decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our role and government; so, that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

(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 Jennings, Edward Kennedy, Paul Komgold, Stephanie (Tyko) Kreps, Daniel Kundig, Josephine Lambell, 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!



**III. 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 every day 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!

"To be truly alive is to be transformed from within, open to the energy of God's love."

~~~Pope Benedict XVI



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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 Week of July 26, 2026:

#### 26 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

27 Mon Weekday Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

28 Tue Weekday Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

29 Wed Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Memorial Jer 15:10, 16-21 /Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

30 Thu Weekday [Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

31 Fri Memorial Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26: 1-9/Mt 13:54-58 33

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1 Sat Memorial Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

#### 2 SUN EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME