

Saint Benedict's Roman Catholic Church
2969 Otis Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465

The Home Parish of Terence Cardinal Cooke ~ (March 1, 1921 - October 6, 1983)
Cardinal Archbishop of New York—Motto: *Fiat Voluntas Tua*, meaning, "Thy Will Be Done"

RECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-718-828-3403
(see page 6 for rectory staff extensions)

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E-mail: stbenedict@optonline.net
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Twitter: @Saintbenchurch

RECTORY HOURS:
(unless otherwise noted)

Monday - Friday:
9:00am until 12:30pm
1:30pm until 7:00pm

Saturday:
9:00am until 4:00pm

Sunday: Closed

SCHOOL:
1016 Edison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465
Tel: 1-718-829-9557
Fax: 1-718-319-1898
Website:
<http://www.stbenedictschoolbx.org>

CLERGY:
Reverend Stephen P. Norton
Pastor
Reverend Daniel P. Tuite
Parochial Vicar
Deacon A. Michael Salvatorelli
Deacon John Scott

PASTORAL STAFF:
Mr. Ray Vitiello, *School Principal*
Sr. Joan Quinn, I.H.M., *Religious Education Office - School*
1-718-829-1200
Mrs. Anne Myers, *Director of Music*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Rectory for a date soon after the birth of your child.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the Rectory at least six (6) months prior to date of Marriage.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please inform the priests if you have a family member in the hospital.

**If you have an emergency, at any time of the day or night,
please call the Rectory at 1-718-828-3403**



Third Sunday of Advent

MASSES:

Weekdays: 6:45am and 8:30am
Saturdays: 8:30am and 4:00pm
Sundays: Vigil: 4:00pm (Saturday evening),
Sundays: 7:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation:
Vigil 7:00pm (Night before)
6:45am, 8:30am and 12:00 Noon

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (CONFESSION)

Saturdays: 9:00am until 9:30am and
3:00pm until 4:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
(See page 4)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Monday 8:30am in the Church

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

*The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear. Zephaniah 3:15b*

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY, December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent;

Las Posadas begins

- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
- 8:00 Luigi LaFergola
- 9:30 Joseph Chiappetta
- 11:00 Philip Roublick
- 7:00 Misael Vasquez

MONDAY, December 17th

- 6:45 Caroline Luccarelli
- 8:30 Kathy & Mary Brogan

TUESDAY, December 18th - International Migrants Day

- 6:45 Vincent, Cristina & Arthur Ferrara
 - 8:30 Joseph DeFedele
- "Merry Christmas in Heaven"**

WEDNESDAY, December 19th

- 6:45 Pia Miller
- 8:30 Patrick J. O'Halloran

THURSDAY, December 20th

- 6:45 Anastasia Vazquez Nieves
- 8:30 Margaret Norton

FRIDAY, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius;

Winter begins

- 6:45 Noel & Marisol Almodovar
- 8:30 Angelina DelVecchio

SATURDAY, December 22nd

- 8:30 Anna & Dominick Vigliotti
- 4:00 Francisca Gonzalez

SUNDAY, December 23rd

- 7:00 St. Benedict's Parish
- 8:00 Giovanni & Maria Boiano
- 9:30 John Bruno, Sr.
- 11:00 John Falzone and Anthony Tornatore
- 7:00 Minnie & Michael Perrino

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church is getting cleaned on **Friday, Dec. 21st**. Therefore, the doors will get locked after the 8:30am Mass unless there is a funeral, then the Church will get locked after the funeral Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

WEDDING BANNS

II. Mary Scott & Dennis McGovern

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

Gene Lynch

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Living and Deceased Members of the Lynch and Miano Families



Please Remember to Pray for the Sick! May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ!

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| Zobeida Almodovar | Elaine Marin |
| Blanch Ross-Anderson | Kenneth Marin |
| Anthony Battista | Ann Marro |
| Judy Berardinone | Jenny Mauro |
| Amy Buscamonte | Margie McCarthy |
| John Caminiti | Chris McPadden |
| Inez Cantamessa | Denise McPadden |
| Lillian Corrado | Sue McVey |
| Tom Curran | Maylee Roman Overman |
| Mike & Louis D'Annunzio | Antonette Roublick |
| Louise Duscio | Jennie Schuette |
| Linda Fabrizio | Kathy Selvaggio |
| Sean Fagan | Nina Serpati |
| John Fernandez | Pasquale Tartaglione |
| Marion Gruber | Jean Varela |
| Frankie Lettera | Thomas Vecchio |
| Elizabeth Mandile | Leeann Williams |
| | Patricia Zayas |

Babies/Children - Baby Amari, Danielle Grace Comblo, Charli Mary Carozza, Sebastian DeLuca, Caleb DeJesus, Marco Garcia, Joseph Gentile, Blake Salvatore Haddock, Baby Olivia lafelice, Baby Noelle Jablonka, Infant Savannah Longo, Sophia Lopez, Infant Lucas Ortiz, Alexandra Sydney Selvaggio, Tiffany Toro, Azalea Vargas, Rayne Weiner

+ Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of our Parish and their Grieving Families +

Sr. Kathleen McCann, R.D.C., Josephine Idone, George Bohdan Szkred

Spiritual Readings for the Week of December 16th:

- Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP HAS BEEN DONATED BY:

Sisters Lucy Passaro and the Late Elena Ardito Caggiano
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John & Joseph Ardito, Mary & Frank Passaro, Max & Gertrude, Maggie & Carmela, Assunta, Regina & Paul and Gaetano Orzo

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From the Pastor:

My Dear Parish Family:

With Christmas Day just about a little more than a week away you may be thinking – I still have so much to do! Including getting to Confession! No problem! **Reconciliation Monday is this Monday, December 17th from 4 PM until 8 PM in our parish Church**, as well as Churches throughout the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Please try to remember to get to the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance or Confession) to help yourself get ready spiritually for Christmas Day.

Undoubtedly, for most of us our Christmas tree has been up for some time now, but perhaps on Christmas Eve or sometime this week you may wish to gather your family around the Tree and have a Christmas tree blessing. Anyone or everyone can recite this blessing for a happy and blessed Christmas.

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross and pray:

Almighty God, thank you for the joy of this Holy Season;

*Thank you for the joy of Christmas;
Bless this Tree and all the decorations in our home;*

*Bless our family, those here and those not with us;
May, Jesus, who is the Light of the World fill our hearts and all whom we love with His peace.
Amen!*

Until next week, happy Advent. St. Benedict, pray for us. Servant of God, Cardinal Cooke, pray for us.

Fr. Stephen P. Norton



“Blessing the Baby Jesus”

Fr. Dan and I will be **“Blessing the Baby Jesus”** at all the Masses on **December 22nd and 23rd**. You may bring to Church your image of the *Baby Jesus* from your home Nativity set. If you do not have a Nativity set at your home now is the time to order one online or buy one from the store. Whether you have had the Nativity set for years or it is new, we will bless the image of *Baby Jesus* (and any other images from your family’s Nativity set you wish to bring to Church). Please join us!



Christmas Donations for Needy Children

It’s that time of the year when our Christmas Angels are asking you to please make a donation to families in need. There is a box in the center aisle in Church where you can put your donation. This money helps to buy toys and warm clothing for families of our parish who are struggling. Please be as generous as you can and help put a smile on a child’s face and Christmas in their hearts. Thank you for always caring and for your kindness. God Bless you!

St. Benedict’s Christmas Angels



Find **Peace** through **Forgiveness** on **Reconciliation Monday, December 17th**. Our **priests will hear confessions here from 4:00pm until 8:00pm**. Confessions available in Churches in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ!

St. Benedict School

St. Benedict School will be closed beginning Monday, December 24th - Tuesday, January 1st.

**Classes will resume on:
Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

**Merry Christmas
Healthy and Happy New Year!**

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**RE (CCD)
NO CLASSES:
Sun., Dec. 23rd & Sun., Dec. 30th, Wed., Dec. 26th**

**CLASSES RESUME:
Wed., Jan. 2, 2019 and Sun., Jan. 6, 2019**

**Merry Christmas
Healthy and Happy New Year!**

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Sunday, December 9, 2018 \$13,359.20

50/50 WINNER:

William Cazamayou \$145.00

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for all that you do for St. Benedict's Parish throughout the year!

Longest Married Couple Search

The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. **Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019.**

For further information, please contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or go to:

Joan.brisson@archny.org. Email entries can be sent directly to: Joan.brisson@archny.org.

The deadline for entries is 5:00 PM on Thurs., 1/24/19

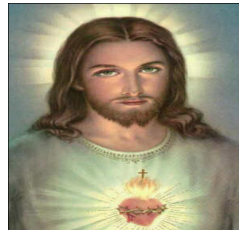
ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

St. Benedict's School offers FULL & HALF DAY Pre-K 3 and 4 Year Old Programs and FULL DAY Kindergarten through Grade 8. If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend St. Benedict's School for the **2018-2019** school year, please visit our website at: www.stbenedictschoolbx.org for important registration/application information. Please feel free to contact St. Benedict's School (718-829-9557) for a tour. A limited amount of scholarships are available for those eligible.



ANNOUNCED MASSES - It is that time of year again! If you would like to reserve Announced Masses, please complete the "gold" form that is in the back of the Church and return it to the rectory with your check. The forms are in the back of the Church and in the rectory. **These Masses will be reserved from Jan. 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.** The Masses will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your cooperation!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - CHAPEL HOURS

Tuesdays

9:00am until 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

Fridays

9:00am until 7:00pm Adoration Chapel
12:00 Noon Rosary in the Adoration Chapel

We have **Eucharistic Adoration** here at St. Benedict's Parish in the Adoration Chapel on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, unless otherwise noted. Please stop by and spend some quiet time with Jesus. Please tell a friend, neighbor and/or relative. See for yourself how peaceful and relaxed you can feel. You can stay as long as you want or as little as you want.

Thank you and God Bless you!

+ Prayer List For Our U.S. Servicemen and Women + U.S. Air Force:

1st Class Airman Eric Bosco, Lt. Col. Thomas D. Crimmins, Ismael Guiles, Major Roger Illari, Stephanie Mendez, Air Force Airman, Msgt. Daniel Rivera, Major Alicia Stumpf, Major Sean Stumpf.

U.S. Army/U.S. National Guard:

Pvt. Michael Careswell, Fr. (Chaplain) James Collins, 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, Staff Sgt. Javier Mendoza, PV2 James McCarthy, Captain Peter Anthony Orlando, Pvt. Anthony Ottaviano, Captain Fr. Peter Pompisello, Major Lori Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Jr., Pvt. Justin Roman, Timothy S. Valentine, S.J., Capt. Javi SanJuan, 1st Lt. Renee SanJuan, Col. Raymond Van Pelt, Franky Perez, PV2 Manual Ramirez, Sgt. Andrew Santander, Staff Sgt. Matthew Wickes, SPC Albert Zapata, Staff Sgt. William Ziegler.

U.S. Coast Guard:

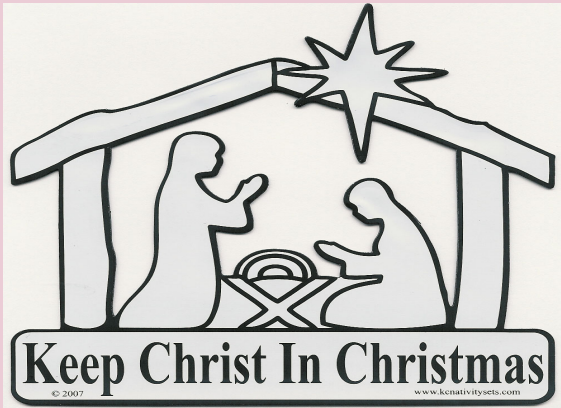
Jayke Hooks, Seaman Apprentice, Thomas J. Hooks, Brandon A. Moreno, Seaman Apprentice, PO3 Eberlee Santander.

U.S. Marine Corps:

Master Sgt. Mark S. Lynch, Corporal Kevin S. Major, LCpl Erik M. Mango, Major Frank Parisi-Reserves, Sgt. Benjamin Rodriguez, Staff Sgt. Randy Vaccaro-Reserves, Pvt. 1st Class, Jason R. Wager-Reserves.

U.S. Navy:

Diplomat John Brunetti, Lt. Joshua Eskow, Petty Officer Gillen, Lt. Jennifer Groger, ABHAN Christopher Hough, Naval Airman E-3, Sea Bee Sammy Pizzano, Petty Officer William F. Ramos, Ralph Romero Sanchez, Richard Torrens, Lt. Victor Schaeffer, Pvt. Nicholas Zayas



“Keep Christ in Christmas” Magnets

If you would like to purchase a magnet that reads “Keep Christ in Christmas”, please stop by the rectory. Our Knights of Columbus have these magnets and brought them to the rectory. **The cost is ONLY \$3.00 each.** Thank you and God Bless you!

Let's be proud of our Catholic Faith!

REMINDERS:

- 12/15 & 12/16** Choir members will be selling the Snowflake decorations after the Masses
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| Sun., 12/16 | 11:00 Mass | Baptisms |
| Sun., 12/16 | 3:00pm | Bereavement Service Church |
| Mon., 12/17 | 4pm-8pm | Reconciliation Monday |
| Mon., 12/17 | 7:00pm | Baptism Instructions Convent |
| Tues., 12/18 | 9am-7pm | Adoration Chapel |
| Fri., 12/21 | 9am-7pm | Adoration Chapel |
| Fri., 12/21 | 12:00 Noon | Rosary - Chapel |
- 12/22 & 12/23** At all Masses **Blessing of the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity set**
- 12/22 & 12/23** Choir members will be selling the Snowflake decorations after the Masses
- NO BAPTISMS**
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| Sun., 12/23 | Christmas Eve | RECTORY CLOSED |
| Mon., 12/24 | Christmas Day | RECTORY CLOSED |
| Tues., 12/25 | NO Adoration | |
| Tues., 12/25 | RECTORY CLOSED | |
| Wed., 12/26 | NO Choir Practices (Children & Adult) | |
| Wed., 12/26 | 7:30pm | Men's Cornerstone Mtg., convent, up, large |
| Thurs., 12/27 | 9am-7pm | Adoration Chapel |
| Fri., 12/28 | 12:00 Noon | Rosary - Chapel |
- Sun., 12/30** **NO BAPTISMS**
- Mon., 12/31** **RECTORY CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Rectory Closed - Happy New Year

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| Tues., 01/01 | NO Adoration |
| Tues., 01/01 | NO Baptism Instructions |
| Wed., 01/02 | RECTORY OPEN FROM 9am-7pm |

Christmas Family Trees

Since 1995 our parish has had a tradition of each family donating a Christmas ornament for our Family Christmas Trees. *We invite new parishioners to add an ornament to our parish trees.* Please place it in a small bag with your name and bring it to the rectory. We will hang the ornaments on our Christmas trees in Church for the Christmas Season. Thank you.

Providence Rest

WE NEED YOU! Whatever your talent, whatever your skill, whatever your hobby, we need you! Whatever day, and whatever time, we want you! **Share our mission and become a volunteer at Providence Rest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.** Please call 718-514-8406.

Holy Family Church Flea Market, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bx Sunday, December 16th from 8:00am until 4:00pm
Variety of items for sale: for the home, toys, etc.

Everyone is Welcome!

Christmas Bereavement Service

Sunday, Dec. 16th at 3:00pm in the Church. Come and honor your loved one this year (*or in recent times*) and pray for them and all of God's people. Please write a letter to your loved one and bring it with you.

BIBLE STUDY

From now until December 18th (Tuesday nights) Fr. Dan will speak about “Advent Faith Formation Series on the Eucharist.” Therefore, the next Bible Study class won't be until January 2019.

We will let you know the exact date!

Advent Day of Reflection for Women with the Sisters pf Life and Fr. Joseph Koterski, SJ
A day of prayer and renewal for women as we wait with Mary for the birth of Jesus

Sat., Dec. 22nd from 9am-3pm at St. Vincent Ferrer Lower Church, 869 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan, NYC. \$25 registration fee (includes lunch) payable at the door. RSVP nolan.jacqueline29@gmail.com or 212-721-4507.

Little Sisters of The Poor

Jeanne Jugan Residence, Throggs Neck Position Open

All Shifts, CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant)
Please contact Susan O'Connor / HR Director
347-329-1734 ph. / 347-329-1811 fax
Email: bxhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org

ORGANIZATIONS:

AA Friday at 8:00pm - *FAH - 1-347-387-0079
Al Anon - Friday from 7:00pm-8:00pm for Beginners and from 8:00pm-9:00pm for the regular meeting in the **Convent - 1-646-281-9522
Bereavement Group - Spring and Fall Sessions Saturday from 11:00am until 12:30pm - **Convent 718-828-3403, ext. 101
Bible Study - Tuesday 7:00pm **Convent upstairs
CCD—RE-CCD Classes Sunday from 10:30-12:00pm and Wednesday from 4:15-5:45pm - *Parish School*
Children of Light Charismatic Group - Monday 7:30pm - *Providence Rest, Waterbury Avenue*
Choir (Adult) Rehearsal Wednesday from 7:15-8:30pm and Sunday Mass at 11:00am
Choir (Children) Rehearsal Wednesday from 2:45pm-4:00pm and Sunday Mass at 9:30am
Fife and Drum Corps - Monday 6:00pm - *Parish School*
Legion of Mary - Wednesday 7:30pm - *Convent Chapel*
NA - Wednesday 7:00pm - **Convent
Nar-Anon - Wednesday 7:00pm to 8:15pm - **Convent
RCIA Sunday at 11:00am Mass and then over to the **Convent at 12:00 Noon - Classes begin in September and end in May
Respect Life 2nd & 4th Friday 7:00pm - **Convent
St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus
 Website: www.kofc11590.org
 *FAH-Father Albert Hall or **Convent, 1082 Edison Avenue

Reasons to be Registered in the Parish:

- * Helps support the Church;
- * Proves that you are a practicing Catholic;
- * Helps to obtain sponsor certificates, release letters, or any other documentation needed from the Church;
- * Enables you or members of your family to become eligible for any of the sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick);
- * Enables you to have your children registered in our Parish School or our Religious Education Program (RE-CCD) for their religious education;
- * Give you a sense of belonging to the Parish Family;
 Stop by the rectory **Monday-Friday**, 9:00am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-7:00pm. and **Saturdays**, 9:00am-4:00pm. 718-828-3403, ext. 101 or go to the website: <http://www.stbenedictchurchny.org>
Closed on Sundays.

We're Always Looking For...

BOX TOPS - EDUCATION: All you have to send in are the actual squares of the box tops, the bar codes of the item you purchased are not needed. You can send them to the school, attention Cristina Cherubino. Everything helps and the school appreciates your participation with this. Go to BTFE.com.

For Your Information: If anyone would like to listen to Radio Maria English...type the web address **radiomaria.us**. Then...on the bottom left where it says "24/7 Live Listening..Listen Live" ..click on "Live Stream" on the Radio 620am

RECTORY TELEPHONE #: 1-718-828-3403

TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

When the recording comes on, please dial the extension. The extension numbers are as follows:

Fr. Stephen Norton	109
Fr. Dan Tuite	104
Deacon Michael Salvatorelli	107
Reception Desk	
(Isabelle Welsh)	101
Carole Janicki	102
Carl Triano	117
Sr. Joan Quinn (CCD)	1-718-829-1200
School	1-718-829-9557

Helpful Information for Our Parish Family:

If anyone would like to donate furniture, clothing, etc. to charity, contact any of the following organizations:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: 718-292-9090
ST. MARY'S CHURCH: 718-529-6070 or 718-529-7825

HOUSING WORKS: 212-366-0820

SALVATION ARMY: 800-728-7825

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 718-931-9270

THORPE: (They do **NOT** pick up. 718-933-7312 or You have to bring your donation to 718-295-2550 Thorpe).

The above organizations may set a date with you to pick up your donation(s) unless otherwise specified. Thank you for caring.

Catholic Directory:

Familink.com - Internet Protection

www.familink.com - Catholic Internet provider service which filters the Internet. **PROTECT YOUR FAMILY:** Make your computer safe for your children and for yourself. BSAFE ONLINE internet filter will protect you from chat rooms, pornography, violence and other harmful websites. To order and install go to their website at: **www.bsafefhome.com**

Sisters of Life - Post Abortion Help

www.sistersoflife.org

1955 Needham Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466. Pro-Life Sisters who pray and fight for all human life, born and unborn. Retreats for women who have had an abortion, please call 1-718-881-8008 and ask for Theresa.

The Catholic League - www.catholicleague.org

1011 First Avenue, NYC, NY 10022.

Fighting anti-Catholic bias in the media and entertainment field. If interested, they ask for a \$15.00 donation for their newsletter.



STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE

A prayer for strength is often needed during difficult times. Please remember that God is always here for us, to give us strength, guidance and lift our hearts when all seems hopeless.

