**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2017**

5:00 PM In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the

 life of Beryl Violet King - by Tessa King-

 Shepherd

**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Luc Estime - par ses

 enfants

9:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el Descanso eterno del alma de Adolfo

 Arita - de Ireni Artiga

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 Repose of the soul of Carline Georges - by

 Yvette and Yolande

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Remerciement à Dieu- anniversaire de naissance de Rene Jean - par sa soeur, Rosette Jean

**MONDAY, MAY 8TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu- anniversaire de

 naissance de Wadner Denis - par sa mère

 Iranie Denis

**TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu- anniversaire de

 naissance de Marie Josée Boutin – par

 Marie Josée Boutin

**THURSDAY, MAY 11TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Resia Paul - par ses

 enfants

**FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Joseph Rene Misère -

 par ses enfants

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Joseph Rene Misère -

 par ses enfants

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**Readings for the Week of May 8th, 2017**

Monday: ACTS 11:1-18/JN 10:11-18

Tuesday: ACTS 11:19-26/JN 10:22-30

Wednesday: ACTS 12:24—13:5A/JN 12:44-50

Thursday: ACTS 13:13-25/JN 13:16-20

Friday: ACTS 13:26-33/JN 14:1-6

Saturday: ACTS 13:44-52/JN 14:7-14

Sunday: ACTS 6:1-7/1 PT 2:4-9/JN 14:1-12

**Please Pray For The Sick, specially:**

Marie Guerda Andre, Jaime L. Bruneus, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, Suzette Da Luz, Emory Emanus, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Marie Fenelus, Ginette Fenelus, Christopher Louis, Christina Frederic, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Paulette Jeanty, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Juliette Josma, Ivianne Levine, Lucinda Lopez, Christopher Louis, Andre R. Milord, Miraclea Pierre, Iciline Smith, Ashley St. Fort, Cassandra St. Fort, Edith St. Fort, Bianca St. Vil

****FOURTH sunday of EASTER

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 In 2013, at the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis asked bishops and priests to “be shepherds with the smell of the sheep.” Smelling like the sheep requires getting close to them. Shepherds got close: they slept at the entry to the pen to protect the sheep and keep them from wandering off. Sheep recognized the shepherd’s voice and followed; the shepherd held a wandering sheep around his neck to reinforce his smell and remind the sheep not to wander again.

 Jesus got close to the people. The Pharisees set themselves apart. He still comes close, taking on human flesh. He healed by giving himself to us and to God on the cross. He took the high road: not returning insult, not threatening, but submitting to those who judged unjustly. To be close with him, we need to follow his example by reorienting our lives to his unconditional, merciful love. Submission does not mean becoming doormats. Instead, we find strength in suffering and the power that comes from the work of dying to self. Filled with the Holy Spirit we can forgive, speak truth in love, avoid becoming defensive or going on the attack, and live like Christ, the servant of God, our shepherd.

 The pope, bishops, priests, or religious are not the only ones to smell like the sheep. All of us are sheep and shepherds, called to care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ. By getting close to one another, we can help others hear the shepherd’s voice, feel the shepherd’s love, and experience the shepherd’s forgiveness. Just as the sheep gate is the doorway to the sheep pen, so are our lives doors through which Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, dwells in our midst and is made known.

 You, Lord, are my shepherd. Thank you for coming so close that I know your love in my life. Help me get close enough to my sisters and brothers that I smell like them, because I live with them as lovingly as you have chosen to live with us.

**YOUR** **WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD**

**Sunday, April 30th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 7,871

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -2,654**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used443

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,557

Six parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

In order to better serve you as our parishioners, we are asking you to register your family. Please do not assume because you attend Mass here you are registered in the Parish. Are you on our mailing list? Are you receiving envelopes? If not, it would be very embarrassing to us, to you and to your family when someone calls to make wedding plans, to have an infant baptized, or if you need a certificate of sponsor for baptism or confirmation.

We will be unable to honor your request because we have no record of your registration as a parishioner. To register, all you need to do is stop by the rectory during business hours and fill out a registration form.

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2017**

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Our goal this year is $**36,000**. We ask all parishioners to contribute towards the Catholic Appeal. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese. Those who have not received a pledge card in the mail, please ask an usher for a card. As mandated by Jesus Christ, we are to care for our brothers and sisters.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage**

Join Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions from August 30th-September 8th, 2017. For a brochure call, the Catholic Tour at **(855) 564-1008**.

**Devotions To Mary**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We take this time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Please join your parish community on the following days at 7:30pm in the Lower Church:

**-Spanish**: every Monday of May

**-English**: every Tuesday of May

**-Haitian:** every Friday of May

**Steubenville NYC**

Join thousands of youth at Steubenbille NYC on Friday, July 21-Sunday, July 23, 2017 at St. John’s University in Queens. Steubenville NYC is designed for incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors in high school accompanied by their adult chaperones, age 21 and older. Cost-Early Bird Cost: $270 (until June 1st, payment made in full); Cost after June 1st: $285; Deposit Amount: $50. For general conference questions, contact Jill Patten at jpatten@lifeteen.com or 860-460-3947.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2017**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

May-Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

**Our Lady of the Cape**

The statute of Our Lady of the Cape from the National Shrine of Trois-Rivières in Québec will be at St. Jerome on **Wednesday, May 17th** at **7pm**. This special evening will include the rosary and Mass. All are welcome!

**Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign**

Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Please be generous in this week’s collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communications needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness to the world.

**St. Jerome Southern Caribbean Cruise**

Join your fellow parishioners in an unforgettable cruise aboard the Norwegian “GEM” from November 11-21, 2017. This cruise will leave from NYC and travel to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and Tortola. Rates include accommodations, meals, nightly entertainment, casino, Jacuzzi, swimming pool, gym and daily Mass with Fr. Yvon. Rates based on double occupancy per person: $1,302-inside, $1,482-ocean view and $1,948-balcony. Pick up a flyer in the church for more information. For reservations, call Ann Marie Millien at (917) 750-6413 or Therese E. Obas at (718) 909-2547. **\*\*All parishioners who have made reservations for the cruise, please stop by the rectory office during business hours to pick up your receipts.\*\***

**Flatbush Tenant Coalition**

Do you have a powerful tenant association or want to start one? Do you need repairs? Are you being harassed or overcharged? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then join the Flatbush Tenant Coalition! This is a group of Brooklyn tenants associations working together to build tenant power and develop tenant leaders. The Flatbush Tenant Coalition advocates for everyone’s rights to safe and affordable housing. Come to the next meeting on Saturday, May 13th at 1921 Cortelyou Rd (at Ocean Ave) at 9:45am. For more information, call **(718) 635-2623**.