**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 2016**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 2016**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de toutes les âmes du purgatoire - par

 Germaine Bellamy

9:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Mr. Lawrence Darius -

 by his daughter, Rosey Gilbert and family

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 No Mass Intentions

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Josianne Beauséjour -

 par son, fils Fred Beauséjour

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2016**

7:30 AM Birthday blessings for Georgette Charles -

 by Georgette Charles

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Georgette Charles - par

 Georgette Charles

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Lucien Delly - par sa

 soeur, Therese Perard

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2016**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

 Claire Francois - par Claire Francois

**Bread and Wine Offering**

The bread and wine, this week, are being offered for the repose of the soul of Glen Millien donated by the Parish Administration and Staff.

**Save-the-Dates: Spiritual Retreats for Advent**

**-Creole:** Tuesday, December 20th-Thursday, December 22nd at 7:00pm

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St Jerome’s receives a donation every time you shop!

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

Marie Guerda Andre, Carmen Avilés, Maria Avilés, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, Emory Emanus, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Marie Fenelus, Christina Frederic, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Luisa Jimenez, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Ivianne Levine, Christopher Louis, Miraclea Pierre, Elizabeth Smith, Iciline Smith, Ashley St. Fort, Cassandra St. Fort, Edith St. Fort, Bianca St. Vil

fourth SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are fascinated with the lives of great leaders, heroes, heroines, and saints. We read biographies and autobiographies or watch movies that tell their stories. When we like them, we excuse their peccadilloes. When we don’t, we use their sins to erase their goodness. Like Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew, we read their stories through the lens of the present.

 Matthew describes the backstory of Jesus’ birth. Mary, engaged to but not yet living with Joseph, is found to be pregnant. Because Joseph loved her deeply he wanted to keep this quiet. She could be stoned according to the law, so he wanted to divorce her quietly. Then the angel appeared and made clear that the child’s conception was of God. Because of his faith in God and in Mary, Joseph did as he was commanded.

 Isaiah spoke to a people on the verge of attack to engender trust that God was with them, no matter the outcome. We hear about a virgin who could conceive and bear a son named Emmanuel, God-with-us. See the connection with today’s Gospel? The people believed.

 Paul wrote his letter to make clear that he was set apart by God, an apostle, chosen to witness the power of God made known in Jesus Christ the Lord. They knew his past as a persecutor, but, faith in Jesus changed his life. His seemingly impossible transformation meant that people would know that God-with-us through him.

 This last Advent Sunday reminds us that we come from a long line of people whose faith and trust made clear that God is with us. We are to make Christ’s presence known today. Tell the story of how you know God’s presence because you follow Jesus. Through you others will see Emmanuel, God-with-us.

 Emmanuel, you have come into our world through people like Mary, Joseph, and Paul, and have made God’s presence known through prophets like Isaiah. Make my life a sign of the power of your love that invites others to faith and trust that God is with us still.

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

**Sunday, December 11th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,159

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –4.366**

**Religious Retirement Fund $510**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used410

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,590

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

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Mr.** **Glen Millien,** a long time parishioner of St. Jerome and the husband of Ann Marie Millien. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Glen and for the consolation of his family and friends. May Glen rest in the peace of Christ, the risen Lord.

**Examination of Conscience**

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience. An examination of conscience is a “prayerful self-reflection on our words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how we may have sinned against God”. Prepare by reflecting on the Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

**Reconciliation Monday**

On **Monday, December 19th**, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebration Reconciliation Monday for the season of Advent. On this special day, all parishes of our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be offered at St. Jerome from **4:00pm to 8:00pm in the Lower Church**, in preparation for the great feast of Christmas.

**Donations for Christmas Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Christmas Concert**

Join **Témoins du Christ** for aChristmas Concert **on** **Sunday, December 18th** at **6pm** **in the Upper Church.** This concert will feature Frère Bénédict Lamartine with special performances by Les Jeunes Disciples De Jésus, Choeur D’Hommes and La Grande Chorale. **Donation is $20.** All proceeds will benefit Hurricane Matthew’s victims in Southern Haiti and help rebuild the Church of St. Anne & Joachim of Camp-Pérrin.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

A trilingual Mass in honor of **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph** will be heldon **Friday, December 30h** at **7:30pm** in the **Upper Church**. All are invited.

Congratulations to **Kahina Dauphin and Johann Pinchinat** attending **St. Edmund Preparatory High School** for achieving academic honors this semester. Keep up the great work!

**St. Jerome Southern Caibean 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.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOEL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas / Noël / Navidad** | **New Years / 1er Jan. / 1 De Enero** |
| Sat., December 24**NO Morning Masses** | Sat., December 31**NO Morning Masses** |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsSat., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | Adoration English & SpanishSat., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassSat., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassSat., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| Chant de NoelSat., December 24, 11 PM Upper Church | Adoration HaïtienneSat., December 31, 11 PM Upper Church |
| Messe de MinuitSun., December 25, 12 AM Upper Church | Messe de MinuitSun., December 31, 12 AMUpper Church |
| Christmas DaySun., December 25, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule | New Year’s DaySun., January 1, Regular Sunday Mass Schedule |
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**Readings for the Week of December 19th, 2016**

Monday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/LK 1:5-25

Tuesday: IS 7:10-14/LK 1:26-38

Wednesday: SG 2:8-14/LK 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 SM 1:24-28/ LK 1:46-56

Friday: ML 3:1-4, 23-24/LK 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16/LK 1:67-79

Sunday: IS 52:7-10/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18