**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2017**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Action de grace à Dieu-anniversaire de

naissance de Altagracia Henry - par

Altagracia Henry

9:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

No Mass Intentions

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

No Mass Intentions

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l’âme de Rose Herzulie Augustin

- par ses enfants

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

naissance de Herby Aime – par sa mere,

Marie Claire Aime

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

naissance de Alberte Drouillard - par

Alberte Drouillard

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2017**

7:30 AM In honor of St. Joseph - by the

Duverglas Family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

7:30 PM Tri-lingual Mass

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’ame de Marie Andrelie Jean

Calixte - par Jacqueline Saint Victor

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Readings for the Week of February 27th, 2017**

Monday: SIR 17:20-24/MK 10:17-27

Tuesday: SIR 35:1-12/MK 10:28-31

Wednesday: JL 2:12-18/2 COR 5:20—6:2/

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: DT 30:15-20/LK 9:22-25

Friday: IS 58:1-9A/MT 9:14-15

Saturday: IS 58:9B-14/LK 5:27-32

Sunday: GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ROM 5:12-19/MT 4:1-11

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

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Picturing God as a tender mother unable to forget her infant is one of my favorite images in scripture.

St. Francis de Sales taught that with the exception of sin, anxiety is the greatest evil we can experience. It distracts us, robs us of energy, and leads us to trust what is not God (mammon) more than God. God alone is our rock. Anxiety weakens our immunity to the Evil one, who gains access to our minds and hearts in ways that chip away at faith. Living without worry and anxiety is easier said than done, but not impossible. Close your eyes. Imagine yourself in your mother’s or father’s arms, whichever relationship is more comforting. Take a deep breath. Pray, “Rest in God alone, my soul.” Then exhale and pray, “Take my worries and anxieties from me, God” Breathe again and pray, “Rest in God alone, my soul.” Now pray as you exhale, “Give me this day my daily bread.”

Strong and tender God, hold me in your arms today and every day. Make me aware that I always live in your presence. Help me turn to you in times of need and thank you in times of blessing.

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

**Sunday, February 19th:**

**Regular Contributions** $ 7,218.00

**** Weekly budget** 10,525.00

**Difference -3,307.00**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used414

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,586

Twenty four 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.**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday, March 1st**, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, which prepares us for Christ’s glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses:

* 7:30 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (English)
* 9:00 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Creole)
* 7:30 PM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Trilingual)

**Ashes will not be given in the Rectory during office hours**. **To receive ashes, you must attend Mass**. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** for those ages 18-59 and a day of **abstinence from meat** for those ages 14 and up.

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on **Friday, March 3rd,** and on every Friday of Lent:

* **Stations of the Cross**: Upper Church: 7 PM
* **Le Chemin de la Croix**: Lower Church: 7 PM
* **El camino de la cruz**: Upper Church: 8 PM

Please note that those age 14 and up, who are of sound body, are called to **observe the tradition of** **abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent.**

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander the earth seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Donation Statements**

We greatly appreciate your generosity to our parish over the past year. If your total contribution for 2016 is **$300.00** or more**,** please call the rectory office Monday-Saturday between the hours of 9:30am-12noon at (**718) 462-0223** to request a donation statement.

**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, and daily Mass with Fr. Yvon. Pick up a flyer in the church for more information.

**Lay Ministry Sunday**

Today is Lay Ministry Sunday, a day when we celebrate the many ways in which our lay women and men give of themselves in service to the Church. While all are called to service, some are called to leadership. The Lay Ministry Program is for sponsored persons who wish to serve in parish ministry as leaders or coordinators of a particular ministry. Participants are provided with academic, pastoral, human and spiritual formation. If you are open to filling a need within your parish ministries, speak with Fr. Yvon about applying to the Lay Ministry Program for 2017-2020. An Information Session for classes starting in September 2017 will be held on March 20, 2017 at Bishop Molloy Retreat House, 86-45 Edgerton Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11432 starting at 7:15 pm. The Information Session will also be available on the Pastoral Institute’s website following the live presentation. Contact the parish office for a Registration Form or the Pastoral Institute at 718-281-9556 or E-mail: PastoralInstitute@diobrook.org.

**Fourth Annual Women’s Conference**

The Diocese of Brooklyn invites you to the Fourth Annual Women’s Conference on **Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8am to 4pm** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The Conference will include workshops in English and Spanish, lunch, Holy Hour and Mass. Speakers include Sr. Maria Regina Immaculata, S.V., Holly Wright and Joann Roa. Pre-registration online at www.bqonlineformation.org, as well as a fee of **$25** is required before March 1st. The registration fee will increase to **$30** at the door. For more information, please contact Christine Georgi at **(718) 965-7300**.

**Black and Indian Mission Collection**

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholics faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the important priorities. Please give generously in next week’s Collection.

**Back to Basics**

As we begin this season of Lent, Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens invite all those who minister to the sick or homebound to a special morning of reflection on **Saturday, March 11th** from **9am to 12pm** at the Immaculate Conception Center. Pope Francis’ call for us to be Witnesses of Mercy has profound implications for our parishes to get “back to the basics” of ministering to some of the most precious members of our community, the sick and the homebound. Come for Mass, light breakfast and a morning of sharing. Registration is required. Please contact Deacon Andrew Mastrangelo at **(718) 722-6000 ext. 6458**.