**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2017**

5:00 PM Repose of the soul of Marie Elsie Dorcely -

 by her sister, Linda Dubois et famille

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the People of the Parish

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

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Remerciement à Saint Joseph – par Serge

 Delice

**MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Anne L. Metellus - par

 sa fille, Marie Carmel Claude

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

 naissance de Marie Rose Pierre Noel - par

 son epoux

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

 naissance de Marie Fernande Francois - par

 ses enfants, Fitz Gerald et Ashley

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2017**

7:30 AM Birthday blessings for Elianna Chloe Jean-

 Marie - by her grandmother, Elsa Yvrose

 Pierre

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire

 de naissance de Cavanes Grand-Pierre - par

 sa mere, Dona Grand-Pierre

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Bread and Wine Offering**

The bread and wine, this week, are being offered in thanksgiving to God as requested by Valerie and Everald Wilson.

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

Marie Guerda Andre, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, Suzette Da Luz, 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A canticle from Isaiah sings that we shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Water bookends our readings and our lives of faith. The Israelites grumble in their thirst. Moses cries out to God in exasperation. God gives the people water from a rock. An extraordinary event makes known that the Lord is in their midst.

 Jesus gives a Samaritan woman more than water by ordinary means – dialogue and presence. The story is not ordinary. Why? Jews considered Samaritans to be less than human. Men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman in a public place. His request, “Give me a drink,” put himself in need of her and began a conversation that satisfied her deeper thirsts for God and acceptance. Transformed, she returned to the people she tried to avoid and shared her experience. She led the people she tried to avoid to Jesus. Their encounter with him transformed them. They came to know that the Savior, the Lord, was in their midst.

 When we were baptized the Holy Spirit was given to us and we became one with Jesus Christ. By his gift of self on the cross, Jesus gave us living water and offered us the wellsprings of salvation. God quenches our thirst when we are willing to be vulnerable, like the woman, and empty ourselves of whatever keeps us from believing that God’s love can transform us. Reflect on that love. Give thanks for the times that Christ has quenched your thirst and empowered you to bring his presence to others. Ordinary acts can open up the wellsprings of salvation for us and for others. Extraordinary!

 Loving God, your love for us is so great that Jesus died for us while we were sinners. Help us believe in your love. Let the living water poured out on us in baptism quench our thirst and empower us to proclaim that you are here, in our midst.

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

**Sunday, March 12th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,417.00

**** Weekly budget** 10,525.00

 **Difference -4,108.00**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used325

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,675

Ten 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.**

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on **Friday, March 24th,** 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.**

**Black and Indian Mission Collection**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Black and Indian Mission Collection, which 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.

**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. Joseph Retreat Center-Lenten Guided Retreat**

St. Joseph Retreat Center invites all to a Lenten guided retreat from Friday, March 24th at 4pm to Sunday, March 26th at 2pm with Sister Gerrie Contento, MPF and Sister Josita DiVita, FDC. This retreat will give participants the opportunity to turn their gaze towards Jesus and enter more deeply into his heart. Prayer, Eucharistic liturgy and daily reflection will be offered. The fee is: $250-single and $200-double. To RSVP call **(718) 720-1097**.

**Readings for the Week of March 20th, 2017**

Monday: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/

 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Tuesday: DN 3:25, 34-43/MT 18:21-35

Wednesday: DT 4:1, 5-9/MT 5:17-19

Thursday: JER 7:23-28/LK 11:14-23

Friday: HOS 14:2-10/MK 12:28-34

Saturday: [IS 7:10-14; 8:10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/7%3A10)/ HEB 10:4-10/LK 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A/EPH 5:8-14/

 JN 9:1-41

Remember to shop through **WWW.SHOP.COM/STJEROMECHURCH.**

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

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all
the days of my life. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen.

**Lenten Retreat Schedule**

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| **Spanish Retreat****Sunday, April 2nd** at 12:30pm in the Lower Church |
| **Haitian Retreat****Monday, April 3rd- Wednesday, April 5th** at 7:00pm in the Lower Church with Fr. Miracle | **English Retreat****Thursday, April 6th- at 7**:00pm in the Upper Church |

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

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. Our In-Pew Sunday will be **March 25th-26th.**

**Donations for Easter Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the rectory office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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**.

**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.

**Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School**

**Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School** offers a great Catholic, college prep education and paid internships for students at a **low tuition**. Students & parents interested in applying to Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School should call **(718) 455-3555** or visit: [**www.cristoreybrooklyn.org**](http://www.cristoreybrooklyn.org).