**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2017**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 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

 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

 For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2017**

8:00 AM Repose of the souls of all Deceased

 Members of the Duverglas Family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Readings for the Week of March 6th, 2017**

Monday: LV 19:1-2, 11-18/MT 25:31-46

Tuesday: IS 55:10-11/MT 6:7-15

Wednesday: JON 3:1-10/LK 11:29-32

Thursday: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25/MT 7:7-12

Friday: EZ 18:21-28/MT 5:20-26

Saturday: DT 26:16-19/MT 5:43-48

Sunday: GN 12:1-4A/2 TM 1:8B-10/MT 17:1-9

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

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

**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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The tree in the middle of the garden was enticing, “good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom” (Genesis 3:8). Adam and Eve only wanted the good. How many people wish that we were gods at times? They ate and their eyes were opened. They were creatures, not gods, nor God. Trying to be something other than who they were filled them with shame, feeling bad about who we are. Healthy guilt, on the other hand, means feeling bad about what we did. Shame is destructive. Guilt can give life. We can learn what is truly good, pleasing, and desirable, rather than what only appears to be.

 Satan tempts Jesus by offering what the Evil One cannot deliver: true food, ultimate authority, and true worship. At first sight what is offered appears to be good. However, only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. That is why we are to trust and not test God. Only God is worthy of our worship. Jesus saw through these offers because he knew the One who alone can satisfy us and is worthy of our worship and trust. Forty days and nights of fasting deepened his understanding of who he and God are. That knowledge freed him to accept death on the cross, where we receive the gift of justification.

 Lent asks, “Have we put our trust in what only appears to be good, pleasing, and desirable, or in the One who alone can satisfy our hungry hearts?” Open your eyes to see who we are, children of God who belong to Jesus Christ. May our Lenten journey renew our identity so that we can discover what is really good, desirable, and life - giving.

 Open my eyes, Lord, to see beyond appearances into the heart. May I fast from what only appears to be good and pleasing so that I can find you deep within all who make you known. Help me accept the gift of being your child, your creature, and your beloved.

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

**Sunday, February 26th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 7,707.00

**** Weekly budget** 10,525.00

 **Difference -2,818.00**

**Maintenance Collection $1,600.00**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used429

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,571

Eighteen 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 10th,** 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**

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 Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the important priorities. Please give generously in this week’s Collection.

**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, swimming pool, and daily Mass with Fr. Yvon. Rates based on double occupancy per person: $1,302-inside, $1,482-ocean view and $1,948-balcony. For reservations, call Ann Marie Millien at (917) 750-6413 or Therese E. Obas at (718) 909-2547.

**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**.

**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.

March-Support for Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church

**Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

**General Recommendations on Immigration Policy**

At this time, Catholic Migration Services (CMS), advises those with a lawful status or work authorization to make several copies of their documents and make sure to carry a copy of these documents with them at all times. CMS also recommends that people have a copy of their documents at home or somewhere easily accessible by loved ones. CMS also advises that those without status, who have been in the U.S. for more than two years, start to gather documents to prove physical presence in the U.S. for at least two years (examples include entry documents, rent payments, birth certificates of U.S. citizen born children, hospital records, children’s school records and medical records, and junk mail). If you are already in an immigration court process, you still have the right to have an immigration judge hear your case and decide if you can stay in the United States. Because the President’s policy announcements did not have much detail, there is still a lot that is unknown about how these new policies will be implemented. We want to stress the importance of seeking out competent legal counsel at this time. Low-income immigrants are eligible to obtain free legal advice from CMS. To schedule a consultation, please call (718) 236-3000 in Brooklyn or (347) 472-3500 in Queens. Catholic Migration Services is a non-profit organization that offers free immigration, employment, and housing legal services to Brooklyn and Queens residents. Please visit our website at www.catholicmigration.org for further updates and important information about the government’s immigration policies.

**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, March 11th at 1921 Cortelyou Rd (at Ocean Ave) at 9:45am. For more information, call **(718) 635-2623**.