**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2017**

5:00 PM Thanksgiving to Jesus the good shepherd

 for Beryl Violet King - by Tessa King-

 Shepherd

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 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

 No Mass Intentions

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Action de grace à Dieu-anniversaire de

 naissance de Harry Thélémaque - par sa

 marraine, Rosette Jean

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Adele Estinville - par sa

 fille, Yvette

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER5TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Marie Elise Dorcely

 -Par Linda Dorcely et famille

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER6th, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Messe pour Emmanuel Blot - par Marie

 Archange Blot

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Rosemarie Gilsaint - par

 Bertha Gilsaint

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Jeanne Archelus - par

 ses enfants

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Leone Dorsainvil - par

 Jeanette Denis

**Readings for the Week of September 4th, 2017**

Monday: 1 THES 4:13-18/LK 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11/LK 4:31-37

Wednesday: COL1:1-8/LK 4:38-44

Thursday: COL 1:9-14/LK 5:1-11

Friday: MI 5:1-4A/MT 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: COL1:21-23/LK 6:1-5

Sunday: EZ 33:7-9/ROM 13:8-10/MT 18:15-20

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

Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings,Yourcile T. Deriphonse, Whouls Dupiton, Emory Emanus, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Marie Fenelus, Ginette Fenelus, Christine Frederick, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Ivianne Levine, Lucinda Lopez, Christopher Louis, Andre R. Milord, Miraclea Pierre, Yolande Saint-Jean, Bianca St. Vil

***PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:***

Eustelle Vilmenay

****twenty-second sunday in ordinary time

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 “Why do bad things happen . . . to me, to those I love, to good people, in the world?” How often I’ve asked and heard others ask this question. We prefer life without suffering, sadness, or hardship, an ultra-gentle-baby-shampoo, a no-tears life. However, life does include hardship. “It is what it is,” as some say. I ask, “What really is?” Jesus proclaims that suffering, pain, evil, and death do not have the last word; the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory and repay all according to their conduct.

 How do we conduct ourselves to share in this promise? We take up our cross. We accept life’s mortifications, afflictions, contradictions, and troubles and find God right there. To find life we need to be willing to lose it as we know it. There is no way around that reality. Jeremiah knew this all too well. His message was not popular. People opposed him, yet he could not stop speaking God’s word. It was a fire burning in his heart, a fire of love. He fell in love with God and could do none other than be God’s prophet, even in the face of opposition and hardship. Had God’s love not duped him, he’d probably have given up. So would we.

 Paul’s advice to the Romans applies to us: Be transformed by deepening your relationships with God every day and conform your ways to God’s ways. Then “discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2). There we discover God’s presence even in difficulty, the courage to take up our cross, and are washed in a love that brings life through the tears that are part of what is on life’s journey.

 O God, the God whom I seek, thank you for your faithful love. Help me to remember your love when the hardships and difficulties of life overwhelm me, so I might continue to seek you, have the courage to be faithful to you, and always find joy in the shadow of your wings.

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

**Sunday, August 27th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6074

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -4,451**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used352

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,648

Fifty eight parishioners caught up with their donations**.**



The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, September 4th, 2017** for the Labor Day Holiday.

**Labor Day Mass & Procession**

Join our Diocese on **Monday, September 4th** at St. Matthew Church (1123 Eastern Parkway) at 9:30am for the Labor Day Mass, immediately followed by the parade. Come and give witness to the power of the Roman Catholic Christian Faith. For more information, please call **(718) 774-6747**.

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SIXTEENTH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

**DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2017**

9:30am—1:00pm

St. Jerome School Gymnasium

GUEST SPEAKER: Deacon Carl Johnson

Admission- Adults: $20.00;

Children under 12 years: $10.00

***AND***

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

**DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2017**

PLACE: GLEN TERRACE

5313 AVENUE N. (off Utica Avenue)

COCKTAILS: 8:00pm – 9:00pm

DINNER/DANCING: 9:00pm – 1:00am

Donation: Adults: $100.00;

Children 12 years and under: $56.00

For tickets call: **(718) 462-0223**

The Raffle will be drawn at this function.

**ST. JEROME’S FEAST-Revival Week**

-Saturday, September 23: Prayer Breakfast at 9:30am

-Sunday, September 24: Spanish Retreat at 12:30pm in the Lower Church

-Monday, September 25: English at 7:30pm in the Upper Church

-Tuesday, September 26-Thursday, September 28: Créole avec Sœur Claire Gagné a 7:00 du soir

-Friday, September 29: Trilingual Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm in the Upper Church

-Saturday, September 30: St. Jerome’s Feast Day-Trilingual Mass at 5pm in the Upper Church; Followed by a reception in the gym

function.

 **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.

September-Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**Collection for The Catholic University of America**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Please be generous in today’s second collection.

**Religious Education Registration**

Registration for the 2017-2018 Sunday school Classes will take place on **Sunday, September 10th** and **Sunday September 17th** from **8:00 am until 11:00 am** in the Charter School Cafeteria. Please bring with you the following: **1.** Photo copies of Child’s Birth Certificate, **2.** Baptismal certificate (even if Baptized at St. Jerome) and **3.** $60 tuition fee per child. For those students who wish to receive the Sacrament of First Penance/First Communion must complete a minimum of two years of religious education and are in the second grade or older, there is an **ADDITIONAL $50 First Sacrament Fee.** For those students who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must complete a minimum of two years of religious education and are in the eighth grade or older, there is an **ADDITIONAL $50 Confirmation Fee**.

First day of Sunday school Classes is Sunday, September 17, 2017. Students are to arrive no later than 8:45 am and line up in the Cafeteria when the Bell rings. For more info contact Deacon Norman at stjeromeff@gmail.com.

**Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults**

New RCIA classes, for the preparation of adult to become members of the Catholic Church Family, begins on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. St Jerome's Church welcomes all non- Catholic adults who are currently attending church and are interested in becoming members of our family; adults who are Catholics but have not completed their Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; adults who have not been baptized; and also adults who have received all the sacraments of initiation but have a great desire to learn more about the faith, deepen their spiritual life, develop a personal relationship with Jesus and grow closer to God. Jesus tells us in John 14:6 that he "... is the way, the truth, and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through him..."

All are welcome. Please call the rectory at (718) 462-0223 to register.