**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2017**

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Louis Bellamy - par sa

 fille

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

No Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Marie Yolene Innocent -

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**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

Mass Intentions and Bread and Wine offerings are still available for the remaining months of 2017. A Mass intention or Bread and Wine offerings can be requested for a loved one (living or deceased), or for a friend, or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted etc. The 2018 Mass Book will be available on **Monday, December 4th**.

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

Monday: 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/

 LK 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 MC 6:18-31/LK 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 MC 7:1, 20-31/LK 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 MC 2:15-29/LK 19:41-44

Friday: 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59/LK 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 MC 6:1-13/LK 20:27-40

Sunday: EZ 34:11-12, 15-17/1 COR 15:20-26, 28/

 MT 25:31-46

**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

****thirty-third sunday in ordinary time

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 Fear kept the third servant in today’s parable from taking the risks needed to grow what he’d been given. The master chided him for being lazy. How often have life experiences kept us from taking the steps and risks needed to develop the gifts that we’ve been given, whether of time, talent, or treasure? Fear can be a powerful force. On the other hand, the worthy wife took those risks. She was industrious and generous to the Lord and to all people. When the Thessalonians did not experience Jesus’ immediate return, Paul encouraged them to keep using and developing the gifts that God gave them. Live as children of the light, alert, sober, and ready whenever the Christ returns.

Like the Thessalonians, we await the return of the Lord. Like the servants in the parable, God has given us many gifts and the means to develop them. St. Augustine’s rule for community life advises that we give according to our ability and take according to our need. Ability and need change depending upon age and circumstance. However, when we find the courage to admit our need, name our ability, and develop the gifts that God has given us, we will live in the light that readies us to meet Christ in all life’s conditions. It is the spirit who frees us from fear. Remain in the Spirit and multiply the gifts God has given. Then we can hear God say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.’’

Generous God, you bless us in many ways. Help me to multiply your gifts to me in your service as a sign of my gratitude. Where fear holds me back, give me courage and freedom to move ahead.

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

**Sunday, November 12th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 5,346

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -5,179**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used330

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,670

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

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed

on **Thursday,** **November 23rd and Friday, November 24th** in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

**RAFFLE WINNING NUMBERS**

**Congratulations to the individuals who hold the following winning tickets of the 2017 Raffle**:

1st Prize Ticket #05751

2nd Prize, Ticket #09884

3rd Prize, Ticket #14101

**Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule**

On Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23rd, Mass will be held at **7:30am** in English and **9:00am** in Creole.

**Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner**

St. Jerome requests the honor of your presence at their **Annual thanksgiving Dinner** on **Saturday, November,** **25th** from **1:00pm-6:00pm** **in the Gymnasium.** All are welcome!

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**

Next week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give generously to the CCHD Collection.

**Deanery 7 Youth Recollection Day**

All youth are invited to a Youth Recollection Day on **Saturday, December 2nd** from 10am to 4pm at St. Jude Church in Canarsie. The day’s theme will be “Soldier of Christ”. Come to pray and reflect on Advent with other youth in the deanery. Lunch and transportation will be provided. For more information, see Fr. Rigaud. Youths under the age of 18 must have a signed permission slip to attend.

**Up-Dating the Sick List**

Please help us to keep the sick list up-to-date by calling the rectory office to add or remove a name. On **Sunday,** **December 3rd, 2017,** we will purge the sick list and start a new one. This list will be updated twice a year.

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

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

**First World Day of the Day-November 19th**

**Let us love, not with words but with deeds**

Pope Francis has called for an annual day of prayer and activism for the poor across the world. This new World Day, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel. May we dedicate ourselves to loving, not with words, but with deeds, especially on behalf of the poor.

**A Message from the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, the Southern Caribbean Cruise sponsored by the Parish, which was scheduled from November 11th through November 21st of this year, has be cancelled due to mechanical problems with the ship. I apologize for all inconveniences this cancellation may have caused. I was looking forward to spending a very good time with those who signed up for the cruise.

As previously announced, the Cruise was a fund raiser for the Parish. As a result, I am very excited to inform you that the parish received a check of $10,100 from the cruise line. I would like to thank all who have helped us in this process.

The next trip has been scheduled for 2019 in Europe. I will keep you posted.

Thank you for your understanding and God bless!

Father Jean Yvon Pierre

**Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

We are collecting canned goods, produce, dry foods, and you got it: **turkeys!** Drop off canned goods and dry foods in the beautifully decorated boxes in the Upper and Lower Churches. Drop off turkey and produce donations at the Rectory. Not sure what to bring? Use this rule of thumb: don’t bring it to the church, if you wouldn’t feed it to your family! Let’s make Thanksgiving special for those in need by sharing the blessings we’ve received of the Lord’s merciful hand and keeping the “giving” alive in Thanksgiving.

**Free Flu Shots**

CVS Pharmacies are offering free flu shots in every store, every day during flu season to all GMIT members. Just bring in a valid photo id and your prescription card for your flu shot.

**Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to Mexico**

Join Fr. Jorge Ortiz on a Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from March 2-8, 2018. For a Brochure call Lucille at Regina Tours (800) CATHOLIC ext. 208 or email Lucille@goupist.com.