**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2017**

5:00 PM In loving memory of Carmen Walmé Henry

 - by her children, grandchildren and great-

 grand children

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2017**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Christiane Aristide - par

 sa fille

9:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 No Mass Intentions

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el reposo del alma de Maria Adela

 Panora y Luis Humberto Uruchima - por su

 familia

11:00 AM UPPER CHURCH – ENGLISH MASS

 For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de âmes de tout mes parents defunts -

 par Rosette Jean

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Amonie Museau - par

 Marie Museau

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu et à St. Therese - par

 Jean Joseph

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu et à Notre Dame de

 Fatima - par Jean Joseph

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2017**

7:30 AM Repose of the souls of the deceased

 Members of the Legion of Mary - by the

 English Legion of Mary

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu et à St. Jerome - par

 Jean Joseph

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2017**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Marie Elsie Dorcely -

 par Serge et Linda Dorcély et famille

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Lecerne Moise - par

 Serge Delice

**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-first sunday in ordinary time

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus tells his hearers to respect the scribes and Pharisees, but not to follow their example. Their deeds did not match their words, so do as they say, not as they do. How often has a parent, teacher or pastor said that and later regretted it? Jesus, who humbled himself, lived what he taught. So follow his example. Pope Francis does the same. He tells church leaders to smell like the sheep and he lives those words. We are to pay attention to and be with people, like the nursing mother in the second reading who cares for her children. If we do as we say, others will want to do as we say and do, too.

Malachi’s message is similar. Listen to God’s commandments, take them to heart and live them, or experience the Lord’s curse rather than God’s blessing. We are all children of one God, so show no partially. These words are difficult, because if we are honest, some people are our favorites and others are our nemeses. But we are to do as God does. God loves us all like a nursing mother who cares for all her children. Humble yourself. Serve all. Smell like the sheep of the flock, be blessed, and be a blessing.

You love us with the care of an attentive parent, O God. Though Jesus you chose to smell like your sheep. Help our deeds match our words and empower us to attend to one another as a nursing mother cares for her children.

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

Monday: ROM 11:29-36/LK 14:12-14

Tuesday: ROM 12:5-16AB/LK 14:15-24

Wednesday: ROM 13:8-10/LK 14:25-33

Thursday: EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17/

 JN 2:13-22

Friday: ROM 15:14-21/LK 16:1-8

Saturday: ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/LK 16:9-15

Sunday: WIS 6:12-16/1 THES 4:13-18/MT 25:1-13

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

**Sunday, October 29th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 7,129

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -3,396**

**Maintenance $ 1,043**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used365

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,635

Twenty-one parishioners caught up with their donations**.**

**ELECTIONS 2017**

On **Tuesday,** **November 7th**, the polls will be opened from **6:00am-9:00pm**. Please make it a priority to vote if you are a registered voter. It is a sacred and civic duty for all US Citizens to vote. VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

**Office Closed-Veteran’s Day**

The Rectory office will be closed on **Friday, November 10th** in observance of Veteran’s Day. God bless all our Veterans and all men and women who serve our country.

**A message from the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners:

Beginning on Sunday, December 3rd, 2017, the Sunday English Mass schedule will be at 10:00am. Most Reverend Bishop Guy Sansaricq will preside at the first 10:00am Mass. The Saturday evening Mass will continue to be celebrated at 5:00pm. As previously announced, the majority of our parishioners took the time to express their preference for the new Sunday Mass Schedule.

I understand that this change will affect some people in our community. I am sorry for the inconvenience that this adjustment may cause. After all, we are all undoubtedly familiar with how hard change can be; it is my fervent hope and prayer that all of us will help each other to embrace the new Mass schedule.

Whether you have been Catholic all your life or are new to the Church; whether you have stayed on the fringes of parish life or are already involved, know that each and every one of you matters and are a valued and important part of our community.

Father Rigaud and I would like to kindly ask you to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Please encourage someone to consider the priesthood as a vocation.

The Charity of Christ Compels Us!

-Fr. Yvon

**THANK YOU!**

The Fundraising Committee and the Parish Council would like to thank all who attended the beautiful dinner dance on October 27th. A special thank you to all the volunteers who were very generous with their time.

This function was a success and we could not have done it without all of you. We look forward to seeing you next year. Please know that we welcome any suggestions you may have.

God's Blessings!

**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

November-Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**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.

**Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Reparation of Sins**

Join The Legion of Mary for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Reparation of Sins committed against the Church on Saturday, November 11th, 2017 from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the lower Church. All are invited.

**Catholics Care**

DeSales Media Group, the communications arm of the Diocese of Brooklyn, is seeking volunteers for a mission trip to Houston, Texas to help hurricane victims. The volunteer project will take place between November 11-19, 2017 and will require a refundable deposit of $300 to secure airfare. If interested, please send an email to Catholicscare@desalesmedia.org if you would like to help. You can also call (718) 499-9705.

**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.

**New Sunday Evening Mass at Our Lady of Refuge**

The newly established community of Jesuit priests and brothers in Brooklyn has begun a weekly, Sunday evening mass at 6pm at Our Lady of Refuge Parish (2020 Foster Avenue). The liturgy will offer a quiet, contemplative space to prepare for the upcoming work week. The Jesuits, known for their educational ministry with young adults, will focus on welcoming newcomers to Brooklyn with an emphasis on the importance of spirituality in daily life, a strong Christian faith community, and a commitment as Christians to a life of service and justice. All are welcome to attend.