**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2018**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2018**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Luc Estime - par son

 épouse, Gracieuse Zéphyr et ses enfants

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 For the People of the Parish

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el eterno Descanso del alma de Roberto

 Antonio Menjivar Ramirez - por su familia

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l’âme de Max F. Raymond - par

 son père, Max Henry Raymond

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2018**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l’âme de Aliette Duvaissaint - par

 sa fille, Michelle Duvaissaint

**Readings for the Week of February 19th, 2018**

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: 1 PT 5:1-4/MT 16:13-19

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

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

Sunday: GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18/

 ROM 8:31B-34/MK 9:2-10

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

Agatha Bristow, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, June Cornwall, Whouls Dupiton, Emory Emanus, Brother Buteau Estiègle, Matilda Everett, Marie Fenelus, Ginette Fenelus, Christine Frederick, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Ivianne Levine, Lucinda Lopez, Christopher Louis, Miraclea Pierre, Bianca St. Vil

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

Marie Anne Jeudi

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God promised: “When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings” (Genesis 9:14-15a ). The rainbow reminds God, and us, of that promise. In Baptism we enter into a relationship with God In baptism we put to death whatever is not of God, “the flesh “in St. Paul. In baptism we promise to live by the Spirit. Lent is a rainbow of renewal, wherein God reminds us of the promise never again to destroy all mortal beings. During Lent we enter the desert with Jesus to hear him say to us: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15) .

Repent! Reflect on the floodwaters of sin that keep you from believing God is here. Repent! Renew your baptismal promise to live Jesus. Repent! Name your storms that cloud over God’s unconditional, merciful love. Ask Jesus for help to find the rainbows of forgiveness and new life that often follow those storms. Our example will give hope to those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. St. Francis de Sales taught that life happens. Whatever happens, God is with us. Look for God’s rainbows that proclaim: God is here! God will not destroy you! Repent! Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

These forty days of Lent, O God, we give our storms to you. Open our eyes to see your rainbow and renew our lives. Help us trust in your promise that you will remember the covenant you made with us.

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

**Sunday, February 11th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,086

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference 4,439**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used343

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,657

Eight 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.**

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed from **Monday, February 19, 2018** in observance of Presidents’ Day

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on **Friday, February 23rd,** 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 European Cruise**

Join your fellow parishioners in an unforgettable cruise aboard the Celebrity Cruise Line “Constellation” from May 12-21, 2019. This cruise will travel to Barcelona, Spain; Monte Carlo, Monaco, Nice, France; Sicily and Rome, Italy; Corfu, Greece; Montenegro; Zadar, Croatia and return to Venice, Italy. Rates include round trip airfare from JFK, accommodations, meals, nightly entertainment, Jacuzzi, swimming pool and daily Mass with Fr. Yvon. Rates per person: $2,918-inside double, $3,765-ocean view double, $4,492-balcony double, $2,882-inside triple, $3,532-ocean view triple, $4,032-balcony triple. Pick up a flyer in the church for more information. The first deposit of $375 is due on Thursday, March 15th, 2018. Checks should be written to Enna International Travel. For reservations, call Deacon Carlos Culajay at (347) 203-3121, Therese E. Obas at (718) 909-2547 or Arlene Roopchand at (917) 647-0355.

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

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

**Junior Fellowship Choir Concert**

The Junior Fellowship Choir presents **“A Celebration of Caribbean Black History”** on **Sunday, February 25th** at **6pm** in the **Upper Church**. Tickets are **$20** and can be purchased from any member of the choir. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music!

**Donation Statements**

We greatly appreciate your generosity to our parish over the past year. If your total contribution for 2017 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’s College Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

May 16-25, 2018

Travel with St. Joseph’s College faculty members:

Sister Grace Rowland, CSJ and

Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM

For a detailed brochure call Sister Grace at

 **(631) 654-0199** or email **growland@sjcny.edu****.**

**Pilgrimage to Italy**

Join RENEW International on a special pilgrimage to Italy to celebrate their 40th anniversary from September 21-30, 2018. The pilgrimage includes stops in Siena, Assisi and Rome. There will be time for prayer, sightseeing, contemplation, fellowship and exquisite cuisine. For more information, call (908) 769-5400.

**Catholic Migration Services**

Catholic Migration Services is happy to announce a new service being provided. If you are a green card holder and interested in applying for citizenship, you can call or text (718) 866-3687 to set up an appointment or to ask any citizenship questions.

**Pastoral Care Volunteer Training 2018**

The Brooklyn Hospital Center will host a pastoral care training program, to teach skills for providing pastoral care to persons who are ill or hospitalized. The program will start on **Saturday,** **March 3rd from 9am to 4pm** and run for three consecutive Saturdays. These sessions will cover topics as listening and responding appropriately to patients, dealing with illness and loss and developing empathy. Registration ends on **Monday, February 26th**. For more information, contact Chaplain Sarah Spieldenner, Director of Pastoral Care at **(718) 250-8572** or at **sspieldenner@nyp.org**.

**CAMBA Small Business Services**

CAMBA is a non-profit agency that provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. On **Wednesday, March 7th** join CAMBA at their Square Mobile App session from 6pm-8pm. Learn how to use the Square Mobile App to accept credit cards, create invoices, manage inventory and analyze sales reports from your tablet, computer or smart phone. This session will be held at 2244 Church Avenue, 4th Floor in Brooklyn. To register, please call (718) 226-0436 or email smallbiz@camba.org.