**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2018**

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2018**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l’ame de Christiane Aristide -

par sa fille

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

In thankgiving to God-Jacqueline Farquhar

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

Por el eterno Descanso del alma de Jorge

Guzman - por Felipe y Ireni Guzman

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

naissance de Rev. Luçon Rigaud

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 2018**

7:30 AM Birthday blessings for Rev. Luçon Rigaud

9:00 AM Remerciement à Dieu-anniversaire de

naissance de Rev. Luçon Rigaud

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 2018**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Readings for the Week of February 5th, 2018**

Monday: 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13/MK 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30/MK 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 KGS 10:1-10/MK 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 KGS 11:4-13/MK 7:24-30

Friday: 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19/MK 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 KGS12:26-32; 13:33-34/MK 8:1-10

Sunday: LV 13:1-2, 44-46/1 COR 10:31—11:1/

MK 1:40-45

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

Agatha Bristow, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, 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, Miraclea Pierre, Bianca St. Vil

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

Lise Denise Belony

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever felt hopeless, like Job? Yet Job continued turning to God, even when he felt he would not see happiness again. Jesus spent himself healing and teaching people in today’s Gospel. Yet he turned to God, too. He took time to pray, and felt free not to feel forced into service when he heard, “Everyone is looking for you.” Prayer strengthened him to move on and continue his mission to preach and manifest God’s presence in his works.

Job and Jesus found freedom in their relationship with God. Job did not give up on God, even though God seemed absent. Jesus remained faithful to his mission, even when people wanted him to remain with them. Paul’s relationship with God freed him to preach the Gospel by becoming all things to all people. Centered in his relationship with Jesus, Paul discovered how to live Jesus in every situation he encountered.

We need not rise early in the morning to pray, as Jesus did. Some of us are night people. But we do need to make time for prayer. Even a short amount of time goes a long way. There we find that God is present in our midst. There we can discover true freedom, as Job, Paul, and Jesus did. To pray is to speak to God and listen for God’s voice in order to breathe as one with God, according to St. Francis de Sales. So, take a deep breath. There is God. Exhale. Release anxiety, hopelessness, or a feeling of pressure. Repeat. Breathe deeply and be centered in the One who is the source of our freedom, who gives us hope, and empowers us to respond to every situation we meet in our lives.

Breathe in me, O breath of God. Remove those things that keep me wound tight. Fill me with the breath of your Spirit and center me in your Son, Jesus Christ, to find hope, freedom, healing, and peace.

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

**Sunday, January 28th:**

**Regular Contributions** $ 5,456

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

**Difference 5,069**

**Churches in Need Collection $ 425.00**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used360

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,640

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.**

**Palms Are Needed**

Please remember to bring your palms from last year to the Lower Church during the weekend Masses by Sunday, February 11th, 2017.

**Ash Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, which prepares us for Christ’s glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses:

* 7:30 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (English)
* 9:00 AM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Creole)
* 7:30 PM: Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Trilingual)

**Ashes will not be given in the Rectory during office hours**. **To receive ashes, you must attend Mass**. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** for those ages 18-59 and a day of **abstinence from meat** for those ages 14 and up.

**Collection for Churches in Need**

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for Churches in Need. Your donations will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in need so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit this website: www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

**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!

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

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. You may request a maximum of 10 Mass intentions at once.

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

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

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2018**

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.

February-**Universal: Say “No” to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**Prayer: Act of Faith**

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Sone became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither, deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

**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 (FTC)! FTC is a group of Brooklyn tenants associations working together to build tenant power and develop tenant leaders. The Flatbush Tenant Coalition is an initiative of the Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC). For more information, call **(718) 635-2623**.

**Reasons to More Drink Water**

1. Water helps maximize physical performance
2. Hydration has a major effect on energy levels and brain function
3. Water may help prevent and treat headaches, relieve constipation and treat Kidney Stones
4. Water can help with weight loss

**CAMBA Small Business Services**

On **Wednesday, February 21st** join CAMBA at their Wave Accounting session from 6pm-8pm. Learn how to navigate the user friendly Wave accounting system to track sales and expenses, create invoices, manage accounting and generate financial statements. \*Must have three months of sales to attend this workshop. 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](mailto:smallbiz@camba.org).

**St. Joseph High School**

St. Joseph High School encourages all interested young women to apply for the Success Program which provides tuition assistance. This program targets students wanting to attend Catholic high school, but whose families are unable to afford the expense. The scholarship funding will lower the cost of tuition to only $2,000 per academic year (down from $6, 300) and is an incredible opportunity. For more information, call **(718) 624-3618**. The school is located at **80 Willoughby Street** in Brooklyn, NY.