**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16th, 2018**

5:00 PM In thanksgiving to God-healing for Anne

 Marie Bouzy- par ses enfants

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17th, 2018**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Luc Estimé - par ses

 enfants

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Repose of the soul of Fritz Saint Surin - by

 Josephine Duviella

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 For the people of the parish

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Repos de l’âme de Rachel Germain - par

 Claudette Germain

**MONDAY, JUNE 18th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21st, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2018**

8:00 AM In thanksgiving to God for the 33rd anniversary of sacerdotal ordination in the priesthood of Christ of Reverend Jean Yvon Pierre

9:00 AM Action de grace á Dieu -33eme anniversaire

 d’ordination sacerdotale du Révérend Jean

 Yvon Pierre

**Readings for the Week of June 18th, 2018**

Monday: 1 KGS 21:1-16/MT 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 KGS 21:17-29/MT 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14/MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: SIR 48:1-14/MT 6:7-15

Friday: 2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/MT 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 CHR 24:17-25/MT 6:24-34

Sunday: IS 49:1-6/ACTS 13:22-26/LK 1:57-66, 80

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

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

Agatha Bristow, Barbara Carrington, Patricia Cummings, Emery Emanus, Christine Frederick, Sœur Marcelle Fils-Aimé, Cecil Gilbert, Michelle Jadotte, Vilma Johnson, Josephine Jones, Ivianne Levine, Barbara Maxamin, Miraclea Pierre, Bianca St. Vil

eleventh sunday in ordinary time



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Augustine told us to pray as if all depended upon God and work as if all depended upon us. These words reflect what Jesus says about the Kingdom of God in today’s Gospel. A sower scatters seed and then sleeps while the seed sprouts, grows, and yields fruit. Then the sower gathers that fruit. Planting and gathering depend upon human work. Sprouting and growth depend upon God’s design. God takes what we do and puts even the smallest seed to magnificent use. Ezekiel proclaims that God takes a tender shoot and turns it into new growth, although God also brings low the high tree and withers the green tree. If we do not depend on God, walking by faith and seeking to stay close to the Lord, we can be brought low and withered, too.

 St. Francis de Sales gave similar advice. Our job is to plant and water and turn to God to give the growth. Turn to God: pray, read the scriptures, celebrate the liturgy, study Church teaching, and pay attention. That’s how we plant and water the seed of faith within us. Then contemplate what we have read, celebrated, and heard. God will give growth and help us embrace what we discover if we stay close to the Lord, seek God’s will, and invite God to produce good fruit in us. Ask yourself how you plant and water the seed of faith within us. Then contemplate what we have read, celebrated, and heard. God will give growth and help us embrace what we discover if we stay close to the Lord, seek God’s will, and invite God to produce good fruit in us. Ask yourself how you plant and water the seed of faith, or whether it is withering because you don’t invite God into your life. Take time to stay close to God, even allowing God to prune your branches where needed. That’s how we can pray as if all depends upon God. It does! And live as if all depends upon us. It does! It’s teamwork.

 You have given us the gift of faith, Divine Sower. Help me take time to water that seed, invite you into my heart to give it growth, and to prune whatever gets in the way of living my faith more clearly. Help me stay close to you and empower me to share the fruit of my contemplation.

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

**Sunday, June 10th:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 6,287

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference -4,238**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used367

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,633

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

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**Peter’s Pence & Vatican Contribution**

Next week our Diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence & Vatican Contribution Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

**Catholic Charities Job Fair**

Join Catholic Charities on **Thursday, June 21st** from 10am to 3pm at St. Francis College (Callahan Center, 180 Remsen St.) for a job fair. Positions available in Behavioral Health Services, Early Childhood Services, Family Stabilization Services, Housing Services and Older Adult Services. Bring your resume, as on the spot interviews will be conducted. For more information, please call **(718) 722-6190**

**Listening Session on Racism**

The Diocese’s Commission on Racism and Social Justice will hold a listening session on the impact of racism in the Church of Brooklyn on **Saturday, June 23rd** at St. Clare School Auditorium from 11am-2pm. All are invited to attend at 137-35 Brookville Blvd in Rosedale.

**Mass of Inclusion for the Disabilities & the Deaf**

Please join Catholic Charities for a Mass of Inclusion for People with Disabilities & the Deaf on **Saturday, June 23rd** at St. Ephrem Church (929 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn) at 12noon. Arrangements will be in place for guests with physical, mental or emotional needs. American Sign Language will also be available. A reception will be held in the school gym immediately following the Mass. For more information, please call (718) 833-1010.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2018**

PLACE: SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

TIME: 8:00pm – 1:00am

Donation: Adults: $70.00;

Children 12 years and under: $45.00

**Thank You and Farewell to Fr. Rigaud**

Dear Fr. Rigaud,

I along with the Parishioners of St. Jerome extend our most sincere appreciation to you for the five years of faithful and dedicated service you have afforded us. We thank you and bid you farewell. May God’s blessings continue to be upon you as you minister to His people. We value your guidance and dedication. Have the assurance of our constant prayer. As you continue your sacerdotal journey, may Christ bless your love of Him and your service to His Church.

Fr. Rigaud, may God bless you and keep you!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Yvon

**Fr. Rigaud’s 5th Anniversary of Ordination and Farewell Celebration**

Please join the parish community on **Friday, June 29th** to celebrate Fr. Rigaud’s 5th Anniversary of Ordination and to bid him farewell. A special Mass will be held at 7:30pm in the Upper Church followed by a reception in the Cafeteria.

**Flea Market**

****On **Sunday, July 1st**, St. Jerome’s Fundraising Committee will host a bazaar/flea market in the church yard, from **9:00am-3:30pm** for all parishioners. There will be food on sale, music, etc. **Flea market tables are $25 for one table and $40 for two tables.** To rent a table, please call the rectory office at **(718) 462-0223**. This is an effort to raise money for the church while enjoying each other’s company.

**Junior Fellowship Choir Summer Concert**

Please join our Parish’s Junior Fellowship Choir for their **Summer Concert** on **Sunday, July 1st** at **6pm** in the **Upper Church**. Tickets are **$20** and can be purchased from members of the junior choir.

**Our Lady of Refuge Annual Boat Ride**

“Honoring All Fathers”

Sightseeing including: Lower Manhattan, Brooklyn, Verrazano and Manhattan Bridge, Coney Island, Governor Island and the Statue of Liberty

Food, Soft Drinks, Water and Entertainment included

Date: **Saturday, June 23rd**

Time: 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Donation: children ages 5-12 $40.00; Adults $65.00

Where: Sheryll Princess Pier 8 Emmons Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11224

For tickets and more information call: (718) 434-2090

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or at vocations@diobrook.org.