**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2018**

5:00 PM Repose of the soul Louise-Marie Turenne

 by Yolande and Yvette

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 2018**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the People of the Parish

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Lawrence Darius - by

 Rosey Gilbert and family

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 Por el eterno Descanso del alma de

 Pedro Artiga – por la familia

 Guzman Artiga

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

Action de grâce anniversaire de

 naissance de Erla Télémaque – par

 sa sœur Rosette Jean

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2018**

7:30 AM Loving memory of Lawerence Darius –

 by Rosey Gilbert and family

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2018**

7:30 AM In honor of St. Claire- by Marie Vivien

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2018**

7:30 AM Repos de l’ame de Josiane Bausejour

 – Fred Beausejour.

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2018**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2018**

7:30 AM Action de grace anniversaire de

 naissance de Georgette Charles-

 par Georgette Charles

9:00 AM Action de grace a la Sainte Trinité-

 par Georgette Charles

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2018**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Bread and Wine Offering**

The bread and wine, this week, are being offered in thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity and to our Blessed

Mother by Maira Josefina Melo and Luis Manon.

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

Rita Darius, Christine Frederick, Cecil Gilbert, Barbara Maxamin,

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

Horace Gordon, Marie Jodesty

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third SUNDAY OF ADVENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week in Luke we saw that the ministry of John the Baptist took place at a specific time. This week Luke is also specific in the guidance John offers to each group who comes to him asking, “What are we to do?” The crowd is to share their resources. Tax collectors are to take nothing more than what is prescribed. Soldiers are not to abuse power. Each answer provides a hint about what people were doing that needed to change if they were going to repent and witness the Christ.

 How would John the Baptist answer you if you asked the same question? I’d probably hear: Give from your resources, not just your abundance. Take more time to pray. Pay attention to the person who challenges or frightens you. Take time to ask God, “What do I need to do to live Jesus this Advent?” What might you hear? Asking someone you trust that question might point you in the needed direction.

 When we were baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, we promised to live Jesus and to see and be his presence in concrete ways. Belonging to Christ is reason for great rejoicing. Hear Zephaniah’s words addressed to you: God rejoices over us. The Lord has removed judgment against us. Then treat others as God has treated you so that others can rejoice. Believe these words. Live with rejoicing. Remove anxiety from your hearts. Let kindness abound in ways that help others see Jesus and experience God’s love. Then dance with great rejoicing.

 Open our hearts to hear your Word today, O God, so that we might rejoice in your loving care for us in ways that help others rejoice in you.

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

**Sunday, December 9th:**

****Regular Contributions** $ 5,219

 **Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference –5,306**

**Retirement Fund for Religious $350**

 Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

 Number of Envelopes Used329

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,671

Seven 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.**

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

Thank you for your generosity in last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Your generosity supports retired religious who have given a lifetime of service to the Church.

**Reconciliation Monday**

**Monday, December 17th, 2018** our Parish will have Reconciliation Priests will be available to hear your confession from **4:00pm to 8:00pm in the Lower Church**.

**Examination of Conscience**

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience. An examination of conscience is a “prayerful self-reflection on your words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how you may have sinned against God”. Prepare by reflecting on the Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

**Readings for the Week of December 17th, 2018**

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14/ Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Interested in Learning about the RC Diocese’s Response to the Sexual Abuse?**

Please log in to this link.

**dioceseofbrooklyn.org/abuseresponse/video**

**MASS INTENTIONS & BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**

Mass Intentions and Bread and Wine offerings are still available for the remaining month of 2018. 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 2019 Mass Book is available.

**Christmas Concert**

Join **Témoins du Christ** for aChristmas Concert **on** **Sunday, December 23rd** at **6:30pm** **in the Upper Church.**

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SCHEDULE**

**PROGRAMME DE NOEL ET 1ER JANVIER**

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| **Christmas / Noël / Navidad** | **New Years / 1er Jan. / 1 De Enero** |
| English & Spanish Christmas CarolsMon., December 24, 8 PM Upper Church | English & SpanishEucharistic Adoration Mon., December 31, 8 PM Upper Church |
| English & Spanish Christmas Vigil MassMon., December 24, 9 PM Upper Church | English & Spanish New Year’s Vigil MassMon., December 31, 9 PM Upper Church |
| CreoleChant de NoelMon., December 24, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivie par la Messe de Minuit | Adoration - CreoleMon., December 31, 11 PM Upper ChurchSuivie par la Messe de Minuit |
| English/Spanish Christmas Day MassTues., December 25, 10:30 AMUpper Church | English and Spanish New Year’s Day MassTues., January 1st, 9:30 AM Upper Church |
| CreoleLa Messe de Noël Tues., December 25, 12 PM Upper Church | CreoleMesse 1er Janvier Tues., January 1st, 11:30am Lower |
| http://0.tqn.com/d/webclipart/1/0/R/4/5/Pointsettas.png | Haïtian Independence Day Mass2:00 PMUpper ChurchFollowed by a light refreshment in Gymnasium |
| MerryChristmas.gif |  |

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**Donations for Christmas Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase flowers for the Altar for the Christmas season. Please bring your donations to Mass in the envelope marked Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

II **Church’s Website**

Please visit the church’s website at *www.stjeromercchurch.org.*