**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2019**

5:00 PM No Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2019**

7:45 AM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Action de grace anniversaire de

 naissance de Marie Chery- par Renee Chery

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 For the People of the parish

10:30 AM LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 No Mass Intentions

1:00 PM UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos des ames de Gervais et

 Jergens Cherubin - par Mignonne Cherubin

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st, 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace anniversaire de

 naissance de Yelva Megie – par ses enfants

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st , 2019**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos des âmes de tous mes parents

 défunts - par Yolene Merisier

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd , 2019**

8:00 AM Birthday blessings for Michael and

 Madison Ercole - by their parents

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**Readings for the Week of January 28th, 2019**

Monday: HEB 9:15, 24-28/ SEE 2 TM 1:10/ MK 3:22-30

Tuesday: HEB 10:1-10/ MK 3:31-35

Wednesday: HEB 10:11-18/ MK 4:1-20

Thursday: HEB 10:19-25/ MK 4:21-25

Friday: HEB 10:32-39/ MK 4:26-34

Saturday: MAL 3:1-4/ HEB 2:14-18/ LK 2:22-40

Sunday: JER 1:4-5, 17-19/ 1 COR 12:31—13:13/ 1 COR 13:4-13

**Church’s Website**

**Please visit the church’s website at**

[**www.stjeromercchurch.org**](http://www.stjeromercchurch.org)

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

Rita Darius, Christine Frederick, Cecil Gilbert. Barbra Maxamin

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

Achounette Dorsaint, Josephine Chenet, Marie Rose Theophile

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An ancient maxim –*Lex orandi, lex credendi*– states that we pray what we believe. Our prayer and belief affect how we live. Celebrating liturgy forms us as Catholic Christians. Its rituals, actions, songs, scriptures, and prayers, along with how we use our bodies, all make a difference and prepare us to announce the gospel with our lives.

 The first reading today describes a liturgy. The Israelites, returned from exile, relearn how to honor, hear, reverence, and live God’s law. They weep, overcome with emotion at being able to gather again and celebrate this ritual. They eat and drink to celebrate their return to the temple, land, and religious practice. Maybe you have had a similar experience after being away from celebrating the Eucharist for a while.

 Liturgy is also the setting for today’s Gospel. Jesus reads from Isaiah and invites us to identify his life and ministry as the time when God’s promised favor, freedom, justice, and mercy are fulfilled. Because the people thought they knew Jesus well they find his identifying himself with these words difficult. Adding “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” adds fuel to the fire.

 We gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the liturgy. We have a personal relationship with God’s saving love because we belong to Christ’s Body. Our unique gifts help the entire Body live what we celebrate. We can live or ignore what we pray. When we live it, do people meet us and say, “Today the scriptures are fulfilled by your living”? We pray what we believe to know how to live. Being filled with the Spirit can free captives, announce good news, open eyes, and anoint the world with the presence of Christ.

 Your words are Spirit and life, O Lord. Give us humble courage to announce your word through attitudes and actions that respect all the members of your Body and God’s creation, from least to greatest.

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

**Sunday, January 20st:**

 **Regular Contributions** $ 5,591

**** Weekly budget** 10,525

 **Difference 4,934**

Number of Registered Parishioners2,000

Number of Envelopes Used283

\*Parishioners who need to use envelopes 1,717

Seventeen 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.**

**Collection for Churches in Need**

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for Churches in Need. Many Catholics do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please give generously to today’s second collection.

**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.

**Church’s Website Parish Vocation Committee Meeting**

“ Bishop DiMarzio has asked that all parishes establish a Vocations Committee. The purpose of a Vocations Committee is to meet periodically to discuss prayer campaigns, distribute materials, and other ways that we can support the members of our Parish who have been called by our Lord to the religious life, to marry or to serve in another way. If you would like to participate in such a committee at St. Jerome Parish, please contact the Rectory office at **(718)-462-0223**.” Thank you for your support and encouragement of vocations!

We look forward to working together with you this year!

[www.whatsmycalling.org](http://www.whatsmycalling.org) **or**

[www.brooklynpriests.org](http://www.brooklynpriests.org)

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 **Follow Up Meeting for St. Jerome European Cruise**

A meeting will be held in the Lower Church on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 11 am for all those who have registered for the upcoming European Cruise. Please note the meeting will start promptly and will last approximately one hour. I strongly recommend that you attend this meeting. Please use the entrance on Newkirk Ave. near the subway station.

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**January is Poverty Awareness Month!**

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the [**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**](http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/) and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!

Here are some ways to do it:

1. “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor” (Evangelii Gaudium no. 187). Pray for the grace to understand how God is calling you to be an instrument for the common good.
2. Many face barriers to breaking the cycle of poverty due to discrimination or racism. Read and reflect on Open Wide Our Hearts, the bishops’ new pastoral letter against racism. How is this letter calling you to conversion?
3. When someone experiences poverty, their basic rights to clean water, food, housing, employment, and vital healthcare are violated. With rights come the duty to protect them. Learn more about our Rights and Responsibilities.
4. We are called to listen to the needs of victims and uphold the dignity of offenders through practicing restorative justice and opposing the death penalty. How can you show God’s love and mercy to those in need of healing and hope?
5. Keep the conversation about poverty going with your family, in your parish, and neighborhood by signing up to receive our newsletter Notes for Neighbors and other communications from the Department of Justice Peace and Human Development.

**World Youth Day 2019**

The 34th annual World Youth Day will be in Panama this year it will be a chance for pilgrims around the world to come together with the many young people from the peripheries in Latin America to pray, worship, and celebrate the Catholic faith. In preparation for the World Youth Day the 2019, please take time to pray for:

* The Universal Church, led by His Holiness Pope Francis and the bishops of the world
* The nations of the world: for solidarity, peace, and cooperation
* Youth and young adults ages 16 to 35, especially those on pilgrimage to WYD
* The young people who are disconnected from the practice of faith: for a conversation of heart
* Those who lead ministries for youth and young adults: in thanksgiving for their great work
* Those who are marginalized, lost, in poverty, sick, hurt, or in need of prayer
* Those who have died, and who have passed down to us our heritage of faith
* The host country of the next international WYD: Panama
* Any special intention you may have at the moment

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