**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH and SUNDAY, MARCH 29 , 2020**

* For the people of this parish
* Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de Anne Marie Pierre
* Action de grace a Dieu occasion anniversaire de naissance de Stephen Victor – par sa mere Sabrina Espert

**MONDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2020**

* For a cure to the Coronavirus and for those who are affected by it.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST , 2020**

* Remerciement a Dieu pour ses bienfaits – par Alberte Cadet

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2020**

* For a cure to the Coronavirus and for those who are afflicted by it

**THURSDAY,APRIL 2ND, 2020**

* For the people of this parish

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2020**

* Birthday Blessings for Norma Ingles – by Norma Ingles
* Action de grace a Dieu occasion anniversaire de naissance de Ethan Felix Jean – par sa grand-mere Carole Georges

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2020**

* Repose of the souls of Jeannine Solage – by

her children and St. Jean Moise Family

**Readings for the Week of March 30th, 2020**

**Monday**: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday**: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday**: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday**: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9: Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday**: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday**: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday**: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

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

Agatha Bristow, Luis Culajay,SariliaCernier,Josephine Patricia Cummings, Rita Darius, Emery Emanus, Elysee, Christine Frederick, Cecil Gilbert, Marc Jean, Josephine Jones, Sylfise Joseph, Ivianne,Levine,Sister Marie ElzaVallery, , Rita Tuzinowski,Stephen Victor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Martha cried out, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died!" What had she been thinking and discussing with Mary during the days of her brother's illness and now after his death? Surrounded by friends, she did not find the one friend that she was looking for-he who had the ability to help. She may have

whispered, "Jesus, where are you? Where are you right now when

Mary and Lazarus and I so need you?"

Have you ever been in a situation in which someone who could

have chosen to help you would not? Someone who is in a position

of authority-who you thought had your back and did not? The

betrayal cuts deeply, causing anguish, high blood pressure, anger, grief, hurt, and sleepless nights-in short, a crisis of trust in the one who could have helped, but did not. Where was he/she when I needed him/her?

       We don't always know why things work out as they do. Human

beings let us down. Sometimes it feels as though God lets us down-

our prayers are not answered as we expect. These are our personal

crucifixion moments. We may later see clearly why things happened

and God is glorified: these are resurrection moments. Sometimes we

never know why and life and death remain a mystery.

     In today's story, the Lord did finally show up. Then he quaked

with grief. Jesus wept. For the sake of his friends, he called Lazarus

out of the tomb. It was personally perilous for him to do so. But out

of love, he revealed his power. At the same time, he was about to

take the pains of the world upon himself. When he saw his friends'

grief, did that reveal how much they would suffer from *his* upcoming

death? No wonder he trembled.

   Lord, I hope you don't mind the honesty, but sometimes it feels a

though you aren't showing up. We need you. We believe that you are

the resurrection and the life; help our unbelief. Give us the strength to

cling tightly to your steadfast love when life bears down hard. Most

of all, thank you for taking our pains upon yourself. Ezekiel's dry

bones give us hope in this parched valley. We look forward to the day

when you bring us to a new and fresh life, good and gracious God.

 **Weekly Donations**

Please remember to support St. Jerome’s financially during this time: since there will be no public Mass, please send your donation envelope via mail.

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Dear Parishioners:

Below please find **NEW MANDATES FROM THE DIOCESE EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH, 20, 2020 at** **NOON.**

They are as follows:

The Parish of St. Jerome will remain closed until further notice.

Bishop DiMarzio has granted all the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn a dispensation from the law   
 of abstinence for the Fridays of Lent for this year. I would like to remind you that the Fridays of Lent (and indeed all year) remain days of penance and prayer and that this is needed now more than ever.

Out of an abundance of caution especially the most vulnerable, Funerals and weddings will not be permitted in church. This is because limiting the funerals and weddings to 10 people is proving not to be feasible. If absolutely necessary, a graveside service, maintaining the recommendations of the CDC regarding social distancing, could be done, at the discretion of the cemetery administration. A memorial   
Mass for the deceased should be celebrated later. Weddings should be postponed.

Catholic Charities is available for assistance, if needed. The Call Center number is **718-722-6001**, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. Information is available about food pantries and about mental health services. The mental health centers have the capacity to offer counseling over the phone. Know that Bishop DiMarzio, the Diocese of Brooklyn and I are all committed to serving you during this difficult time.

Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

**A Note from Our Pastor**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings,

Life is not the same due to the spread of the Coronavirus. Many are afflicted or have died, many have lost their employments, many are being quarantined, houses of worship are closed, we can no longer congregate as we usually do. However, despite all this, I urge you to stay connected spiritually and emotionally, by using any of the following means that you prefer: telephone, social media, email, text messages, or websites. In addition, You may use the following websites for additional prayer, daily Mass, and faith teachings.

May God keep us safe.

**Father Yvon Pierre,**

**St Jerome RC Church**

**MASS SCHEDULES**

The celebrations of the Eucharist are scheduled as follows:

**Netny.tv:**

**Sunday Mass:**

**8:00am: Mass in English;**

**8:30am: Mass in Haitian Creole**

**9:00am: Mass in Spanish;**

**12:00pm: Mass in English;**

**KTO: www.ktotv.com (in French).**

**6:00am: Angélus et Prière du Temps Présent.**

**6:30 am: Mass LIVE with the Pope every day (Sundays and Weekdays).**

**3:20pm: Chapelet médité LIVE (en direct de Lourdes).**

**Radio Saint-Louis Martinique, LIVE.**

**6:30am: Mass LIVE with the Pope every day (Sundays and Weekdays)**

**8:00am: Mass LIVE from Martinique, every day (Sundays and Weekdays).**

**3:00pm and 9:00pm: Chapelet médité LIVE (en direct de Lourdes).**

**Radio Espérance, LIVE 24/7**

**https://radio-esperance.fr**

**(Click on ECOUTER, then on VOUS ECOUTEZ, et voilà).**The Diocese has requested that “we continue to pray, especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who are sick, for medical personnel, and for all people as we confront this challenge”.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal**

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. We ask all parishioners to contribute towards the Catholic Appeal. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. This year our parish hopes to raise approximately **$44,000.**

Please remain assured that your gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* **cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose**.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2020 ACA video online at: CFBQ.org/ACAVideo**.**

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.   
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

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**Church’s Website**

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

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