**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 2022**

5:30 PM  For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27th, 2022**

7:30 AM**LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

Anne Marie Pierre – par Anne Marie Pierre

10:00 AM**UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS**

11:00 AM**LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL**

Birthday Blessings for Jayden Louissaint –

by his mother, Myriam Jerome

1:00 PM   **UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**

Repos de l’âme de Deliverance Casseus –

par ses enfants

**MONDAY, MARCH 28th, 2022,**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29th, 2022,**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th, 2022**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

de Maxime et Charite Omeus- par Charite Omeus

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, 2022**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1st, 2022**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, April 2nd, 2022**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

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.

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***PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY***

Kenneth Culajay, Cecile Gilbert, Bob Johnson, Marie Jean-Louis, Amina Joseph

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

Hans Fleurima, Emmanuel Civil

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

            All the three readings of this day confront us with the idea of novelty: the novelty of the Promised Land, the novelty of forgiveness in Christ, the novelty of the return of the brother. Novelty implies a change in the person’s behavior. Faith life is never fixed once and for all; it can bring about radical changes in our lives. This Laetare Sunday is a Sunday of joy that should prepare us to welcome the joy of Easter by welcoming this novelty of the resurrection in our lives.

I- The novelty of the kingdom.

In Joshua 5, the first of the prophetic books, the Lord signifies to his people that the time of the desert is over and that it is necessary to adapt to a new reality: the time of slavery in Egypt is over, the promised land is given, there is no longer a desert to travel as a nomad but fields to cultivate as a sedentary person. Manna no longer falls from the sky, now all have to get to work on the land. Everything is different, and yet it is the same faith that must animate the people, that of Passover during the exodus from Egypt…

II- The novelty of forgiveness.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul is in the same line. In Christ, we are new creatures. A new world is here. What characterizes and must characterize our new life in Christ is reconciliation, the forgiveness of sins. Christ died for the forgiveness of sins. His death is in vain if we, baptized in his death and resurrection, are not able to do the same. I can no longer behave as I did before based on respect for a Law, but now on respect for the faith in Christ. I must now be able to allow myself to be reconciled with God, with my neighbor, with myself…

            Luke 15 illustrates Paul's point well with the parable of the prodigal son. We often emphasize the repentance of the younger son. Yet when you look closely at the gospel, as much time is devoted to the older son as to the younger. There is this dichotomy between the old world and the new world. The youngest of the sons entered the new world, without doing anything special except to acknowledge his sin. The eldest son remained in the old world refusing to forgive and letting himself be dominated by jealousy. According to the old Law, the eldest son is right to complain. According to the new law, established in Christ, he is wrong. He didn't put on the clothes of the new man. He has not accepted that his world has changed and that he needs to change his behavior towards his father and his brother. His father forgave, he cannot.

            We are often much closer to the eldest son than to the youngest. At Easter, we have to welcome salvation and forgiveness of sins that go beyond our ready-made rules and our enclosing categories. The Our Father that we recite every day clearly tells us that if we do not forgive others, we will not be forgiven. Will the eldest son be forgiven? The gospel does not say so, as if it were sending us back to ourselves.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Vocation**

“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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YOUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES & COLLECTIONS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th

**\*Regular Contributions** $ 5,986

**Online Offerings 385**

**Weekly budget** -10,525

**Difference -4,154**

\*Give to God with love by placing your gift inside

the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Respond in

Faith, Hope and Charity

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. The goal for this year is $44,000. 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. Our In-Pew Sundays will be April 30th and May 1st and 14th and 15th.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Contributions**

We greatly appreciate your generosity to our parish over the past year. Please call the rectory office at (718) 462-0223 if your total contribution for 2021 is $300 or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. How will you help?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Special Collection for Ukraine**

In an effort to give aid and support our Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters in need, particularly, the refugees. Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Brennan is asking that we take a second voluntary for distribution and direct assistance to the affected of the war in Ukraine. Please pray for our Ukrainian Brothers and Sisters, for peace and an end to this war. Please be generous in next weekend special collection.

**Donations for Easter Flowers**

The Parish is in need of donations to purchase Easter flowers for the Altars of the Upper and Lower Churches for the Easter season. Please bring your donations to Mass or to the rectory office in an envelope marked Easter flower donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.\_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 646-664-6738 or via email: stjeromeff@outlook.com to make an appointment to register. You can also register online at: [www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff](http://www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff)

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**Stations of the Cross**

Please join your parish family on Friday, April 2nd, and on every Friday of Lent:

¨ STATIONS OF THE CROSS: UPPER CHURCH: 7 PM

¨ LE CHEMIN DE LA CROIX: LOWER CHURCH: 7 PM

¨ EL CAMINO DE LA CRUZ: UPPER CHURCH: 8 PM

Please note that those age 14 and up, who are of sound body, are called to observe the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent.

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Lenten Retreat Schedule

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| Spanish Retreat  Sunday, April 3rd, at 12:00pm in the Lower Church | |
| **Haitian Retreat**  **Saturday, April 2nd**  From 9:00am – 12:00 pm  In the Lower Church with  Rev. Schned Bruno | **English Retreat**  **Saturday, April 2nd**  From 2:00pm – 4:15 pm  In the Lower Church with  Rev. Schned Bruno |

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2022**

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.

March: ***For a Christian response to bioethical challenges***

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Readings for the Week of March 27th,2022\_**

**Monday**: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday**: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday**: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday**: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday**: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday**: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday**: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_