**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2023**

5:00 PM  For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY,** **JANUARY 8th, 2023**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

For the People of the Parish

Action de grâce anniversaire de naissance de

Donnaven José – par sa Mère, Martha José

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

For the People of the Parish

In Thanksgiving to God by Michael Brennan

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

 For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM   UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2023** 

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace et remerciement á Dieu

–pour Germaine Bellamy

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions 

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2023**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ No Mass Intentions

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Bread and Wine Offering

The bread and wine, this week, is offered in thanksgiving to God as requested by Michael Brennan and family.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday**: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17  
**Tuesday**: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday**: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday**: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday**: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday**: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday**: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Yvrose Auguste, Georgette Charles, Kenneth Culajay,

Andre Innocent, Bob Johnson

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

Rosemarie Vilsaint, Sonia Savaille

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The story of the magi and King Herod reminds us of the difference between being “wise” and being “crafty.” Though the term “magi” might more literally be translated as “astrologers” (and our word “magician” comes from it), the tradition term “wise men” does capture an aspect of their story. They are wise not simply because they are smart, but because they use their God-given intellectual abilities to seek out God, to read the signs of the times in order to discern what God is doing in the word.

King Herod, in contrast, is not so much wise as he is crafty. Historians agree that Herod was in many ways an effective ruler: rebuilding the Jerusalem temple, maintaining public order, and keeping Roman interference in day-to-day affairs in Palestine to a minimum. They also agree in large measure his effectiveness as a ruler was a result of his absolute ruthlessness, a merciless resolve that shows itself in today’s Gospel. He lies to the magi and plots the murder of a child in what seems to him to be an effective scheme to ensure that he remains in power.

But the wise understand something that the crafty do not. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God’s saving power in the world, not in the form of royal splendor but of a humble child born into lowly circumstances. His is a power that Herod, for all his craftiness, cannot even recognize, but which the magi, showing true wisdom, come to adore.

O God, source of true wisdom, give us discerning minds to see your power at work in the humble, the poor, and the weak. Help us to manifest your love to the world through our words and actions. Amen.

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Vocation

“God chose us before the world began to be holy.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

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

**Sunday, December 25th**

**** \*Regular Contributions** $ 5,700

\*\***Online** Offerings 0

**Weekly budget** -10,525

**Difference -$4,825**

**Catholic Charities $569**

**Second Maintenance 522**

**Catholic Education 437**

**Christmas 1,538**

**Online Christmas 50**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**\*\*To be reported at the end of the month**

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

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

**** \*Regular Contributions** $ 7,916

**December Online** Offerings 730

**Weekly budget** -10,525

**Difference -$1,879**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God $868**

**Haitian Independence Day Mass 1,141**

\***Give to God with love by placing your gift inside the offering envelopes. May God continue to bless you.**

**Special Collection for Catholic Charities**

Thank you for your generosity in this week’s Special Collection for Catholic Charities which sponsors over 160 programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless.

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**Collection for the Diocesan Mission**

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Diocesan Mission. Your gift to the Collection will be used by Bishop Brennan to support appeals from various missions throughout the world. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Diocesan Mission and be generous in today’s second Collection.

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**The Pope's Monthly Intentions For 2023**

**January:** **For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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**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.

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**Online Offering**

Your generosity is what allows us to sustain our parish during this time. Please consider using our convenient electronic giving method. You can access our E-giving page at

**https://givecentral.org/stjbrooklyn**

**Or simply text the word SUNDAY to 917-905-2031.**

***We are very grateful for your sacrificial giving.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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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**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

In order to better serve you as our parishioners, we are asking you to register your family. Please do not assume because you attend Mass here you are registered in the Parish. Are you on our mailing list? Are you receiving envelopes? If not, it would be very embarrassing to us, to you and to your family when someone calls to make wedding plans, to have an infant baptized, or if you need a certificate of sponsor for baptism or confirmation.

We will be unable to honor your request because we have no record of your registration as a parishioner. To register, all you need to do is stop by the rectory during business hours and fill out a registration form.

**New York Encounter 2023**

**“*Who am I that you care for me*”**

This is the theme for the 2023 New York Encounter Metropolitan Pavilion (125 West 18th Street, New York City, NY 10011). On **February 17-19 2023**, join them for a weekend of public discussions, exhibits, and live performances to encounter people who are seeking the truth.

In person and live streamed via Encounter’s website. It is free of charge and prior registration is not required. For more information, contact the Encounter at

[info@newyorkencounter.org](mailto:info@newyorkencounter.org)

**St. Catherine of Genoa-St. Therese of Lisieux**

**Catholic Academy**

St. Catherine of Genoa-St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Academy is located on the corner of Avenue D and East 45th Street. The academy offers a welcoming, safe, faith-filled environment where children from grades Pre-K to 8 can learn and grow to their potential. Call the academy at (718) 629-9330 for additional information. Financial aid is available.

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**UPDATING YOUR PARISH FILE**

We need to update your information in order to better communicate with you during a crisis. Please call the rectory office during working hours at (718)-462-0223.

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