**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2023**

 5:00 PM  For the People of the Parish

 **SUNDAY,** **JANUARY 15th, 2023**

 7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Arthur V. Calixte et de Marie

 Helene Paul – par leur fille Marlaine Augustin

 10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Birthday blessings for Georges Puzo –

 by his spouse Loneze

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 16th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Action de grace –anniversaire de naissance de

 Ketlene Rancher

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21th, 2023**

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ No Mass Intentions

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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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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday**: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
**Tuesday**: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
**Wednesday**: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
**Thursday**: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
**Friday**: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
**Saturday**: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21
**Sunday**: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Yvrose Auguste, Junie Beausoleil, Georgette Charles, Kenneth Culajay, Andre Innocent, Bob Johnson, Fleurisca Lexius\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

 In today’s Gospel John identifies Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” This phrase is familiar to us from the Mass. During the breaking of the bread we pray to Jesus under this title, asking him to grant us mercy and peace. John’s words are used to invite us to Communion, where they are combined with a reference to the “Supper of the Lamb” spoken of in the book of Revelation.

 These familiar words remind us that the one who takes away our sin is the servant of God who, as the prophet Isaiah says, was led like a lamb to slaughter. This is the servant of whom Isaiah speaks in this Sunday’s first reading, the one who will be a light to the nations and a source of salvation for all people. When we implore mercy and peace from Christ the Lamb at the Eucharist, we call to mind both the Suffering Servant of God as well as the victorious Lamb of Revelation. The words that are spoken so often in the liturgy contain the paradoxical mystery at the heart of our faith: saving strength is manifested in the gentle image of a lamb; the heavenly feast is present in a simple sharing of the signs of bread and wine.

 As we begin in the following Sundays of Ordinary Time to follow Matthew’s story of the life and ministry of Jesus, it is good to bear in mind what John’s Gospel tells us: that Jesus is the Lamb, slain and victorious, who bears our sins away. It is through him, as Paul says in the second reading, that we have been sanctified and called to lives of holiness.

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sins, giver of peace: let us partake of your sacrifice so that we might share in your victory. Amen.

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**Vocation**

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

**Sunday, January 8th**

**** \*Regular Contributions** $ 5,878

 \*\***Online** Offerings 0

 **Weekly budget** -10,525

**Difference -$4,647**

**Diocesan Mission $320**

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

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Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 16th, 2023** in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. day.**

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**Donation Statements**

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 2022 is **$250** or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.

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**Collection for the Diocesan Mission**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the Diocesan Mission. Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and more programs in the Diocese. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come.

**Collection for Churches In Need**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for Churches in Need. This collection supports Churches throughout the world. Projects in Latin America & Caribbean include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Projects in Central & Eastern Europe include training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs as well as church construction and renovation and evangelization through Catholic media. Projects in Africa include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. Please give generously.

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**January 18th – January 25th**

**“Do good; seek justice”**

January-Christian Unity Lord, you called your people from slavery into freedom. Give us strength and courage to seek out those who are standing in need of justice. Allow us to see this need and provide help, and through your Holy Spirit gather us into the one fold of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen

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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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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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**Thankful Notes from Fr. Jean Yvon Pierre**

**and Fr. Hilaire Belizaire**

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Dear Committee Members, Various Groups, Members of various ministries, Volunteers and Parishioners of Saint Jerome,

First and foremost, I thank the Almighty God for gracing us with gifts of time, talent and treasure that are being put to the service of His people.

I want to thank you for making the celebration of the mass commemorating the Independence of Haiti a real success. Indeed, I truly appreciate each and every one of you for the tremendous contribution you have made towards this joyous liturgical and social ceremony. The people of God were full of joy as they witnessed the beauty of the liturgical celebration and the welcoming atmosphere we provided. I will forever remain grateful to you for your dedication and your love for our Christian Family of Saint Jerome. May

God continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

I would like to share with you a grateful note from Reverend Hilaire Belizaire, Pastor of Sacred Heart RC Church and Coordinator of the Ministry for Haitian Immigrants of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.

Hello Padre:

I cannot find enough words to express my gratitude to you and your staff for the great hospitality I experienced. You went above and beyond to make sure we get everything we need for the celebration. What happened today is a reflection of your leadership….

I can tell you have a wonderful team with you. Keep up the good work, bro. There is a great spirit in the parish.

God be praised!

*Rev. Jean Yvon Pierre*

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