**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 2023**

5:00 PM    For the People of the Parish

 **SUNDAY,** **APRIL 30th, 2023**

7:30 AM    LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 de Jean Elder Delva- par son épouse et

 ses enfants

10:00 AM UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 Birthday Blessings for Mia Polizzotto –

 by her parents

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

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1:00 PM    UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’ame de Apalius Menard – par

 Ali et Agaly Menard

 Repos de l'ame de Deacon Magloire Marcel

 - par son épouse Marie Josette

**MONDAY, May 1st, 2023**

7:30 AM   Birthday Blessings for Mia Polizzotto-

 by her parents

 9:00 AM  Repos de l’âme de Anthony Francois – par

 sa fille Ashley Francois

**TUESDAY, May 2nd, 2023**

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Action de grace anniversaire de naissance

 de Miriette Innocent – par Miriette Innocent

**WEDNESDAY, May 3rd, 2023**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   Repos de l’âme de Deacon Magloire Marcel –

 par son épouse, Marie Josette

**THURSDAY, May 4th, 2023**

7:30 AM     No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, May 5th, 2023**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   Repos de l’âme de Marie Andrelie Jean Calixte

 – par sa fille Marie Jacqueline St. Victor

**SATURDAY, May 6th, 2023**

8:00 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM   Repos de lâme de Soeur Marcelle Fils-Aimé

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

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Georgette Charles, Kenneth Culajay, Amina Joseph, Andre Innocent, Bob Johnson, Fleurisca Lexius, J. Mitchell, George Farid Puzo,

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

Euranie Dominique

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

 In 2013, at the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis asked bishops and priests to “be shepherds with the smell of the sheep.” Smelling like the sheep requires getting close to them. Shepherds got close: they slept at the entry to the pen to protect the sheep and keep them from wandering off. Sheep recognized the shepherd’s voice and followed; the shepherd held a wandering sheep around his neck to reinforce his smell and remind the sheep not to wander again.

    Jesus got close to the people. The Pharisees set themselves apart. He still comes close, taking on human flesh. He healed by giving himself to us and to God on the cross. He took the high road: not returning insult, not threatening, but submitting to those who judged unjustly. To be close with him, we need to follow his example by reorienting our lives to his unconditional, merciful love. Submission does not mean becoming doormats. Instead, we find strength in suffering and the power that comes from the work of dying to self. Filled with the Holy Spirit we can forgive, speak truth in love, avoid becoming defensive or going on the attack, and live like Christ, the servant of God, our shepherd.

    The pope, bishops, priests, or religious are not the only ones to smell like the sheep. All of us are sheep and shepherds, called to care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ. By getting close to one another, we can help others hear the shepherd’s voice, feel the shepherd’s love, and experience the shepherd’s forgiveness. Just as the sheep gate is the doorway to the sheep pen, so are our lives doors through which Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, dwells in our midst and is made known.

    You, Lord, are my shepherd. Thank you for coming so close that I know your love in my life. Help me get close enough to my sisters and brothers that I smell like them, because I live with them as lovingly as you have chosen to live with us.

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 **Vocation**

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.” Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OUR WEEKLY GIFT TO GOD\***

**Sunday, April 23rd:**

**** Regular Contributions** $ $ 5,318

 **Online Offerings 250**

 **Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -4,957**

**Second Maintenance $750**

 **Catholic Home Missions $423**

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

***Annual Catholic Appeal 2023***

**United in Communion, United in Charity**

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. The goal for this year is $44,000.00. We ask all parishioners to contribute towards the Catholic Appeal. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese. You can also make a pledge today by texting ACA to 917-336-1255. Your donation supports the many needs of our Diocese. Our In-Pew Sundays will be.

April 29th and 30th

and May 6th and 7th

Those who have not received a pledge card in the mail, please ask an usher for a card. As mandated by Jesus Christ, we are to care for our brothers and sisters.

If 150 Parishioners pledge $300 each to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will exceed our goal.

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**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

**Strengthening the Church at Home**

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your generosity will help support seminarian formation in poor dioceses.

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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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**Devotions To Mary**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. We take this time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Please join your parish community after the weekday Masses.

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**St. Jerome Pilgrimage to**

**Egypt, The Holy Land and Jordan**

**May 1, 2024 to May 15, 2024**

Join your fellow parishioners in an unforgettable pilgrimage trip to Egypt, The Holy Land and Jordan under the spiritual direction of our pastor, Reverend Jean Yvon Pierre.

**$4,899 from New York**

**Single Room Supplement- $899**

Your tour includes: Roundtrip air flight from New York, Airline Taxes and fuel surcharges, accommodation in four star hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, sightseeing in a private air conditioned motor coach, assistance of a tour guide, entrance fees and local taxes, daily mass where possible and visa for Egypt and border crossing fees. Pick up a flyer in the church for more information. For reservations, call Yanick Thomas at (347) 683-3869 or Arlene Roopchand at (917)6470355 or the Rectory Office at (718)462-0223. You may conveniently register online @ www.AdriaticPilgrimages.com

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

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.

***May*: For Church Movements and Groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­

**Readings for the Week – April 30th, 2023\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Monday**: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
**Tuesday**: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
**Wednesday**: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
**Thursday**: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
**Friday**: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
**Saturday**: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
**Sunday**: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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