**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024**

5:00 PM   For the people of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Action de grace anniversaire de naissance de

 Naika Duvert – par Martha José

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 1-For the repose of the soul of Patricia M.

 Brennan

 2-Birthday blessings and healing for

 Norma Williams

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

     For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM      UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  Birthday blessings and healing for

 Jacqueline Jones -by her sister, Pat Prosper

9:00 AM  Repos de lame de Mr. et Mme. Simeon

 Morisseau -par leur enfants

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2024**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l’âme de Marie Helene Paul

 – par sa fille, Marlaine Augustin

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024**

7:30 AM     Birthday Blessings for Michael and

 Madison Ercole - by their parents

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024**

**JANUARY: *For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church***

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

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

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Lydia Christien, Josette Perrin George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Elisa Quashie Lawrence, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, Rosalind Wahab

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

People are fickle. When others do something with which we agree, or ask something of us that we want to do, we recognize and accept their authority. When people challenge us to a new way of thinking or ask something that we resist, we often ask by what authority they speak. I tend to be more open when someone speaks with integrity because their words match their deeds.

 Jesus amazed the people. When he expelled an unclean spirit, he spoke with a calm and gentle strength that revealed an inner authority. Maybe he was the prophet about whom Moses spoke, for God would raise up this prophet from among their own kin. We have the benefit of hindsight. Those with whom Jesus resonated Jesus responded with open, not hardened, hearts. Those who did not agree with his words or deeds tested him and hardened their hearts. The gentle strength that Jesus’ authority manifested invited peace, even in the midst of turmoil. People came to know God in new ways and to live their faith in ways that once seemed foreign.

 Paul’s words to the Corinthians could constitute a variation of the popular “Keep Calm” signs: “Keep Calm and Be Who You Are.” Today’s readings could be the source for a new line of signs that contain words of spiritual wisdom: “Keep Calm and Turn to Jesus.” “Keep Calm and Make Christ your Center.” “Keep Calm and Live with Gentle Strength.” “Keep Calm and Harden Not Your Hearts.” “Keep Calm and Let God Surprise You.” If today you hear God’s voice, you too will speak with an authority that comes from God alone.

 Father, in your Son, Jesus, you became one with us and raised up from among us someone who shows us your face. Help me make Jesus the center of my life. Open me to the familiar and surprising ways that he heals and empowers me each day.

**VOCATION**

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

****Sunday, January 21st:**

 **\* Regular Contributions** $5,715

 **Online Offerings**  362

**Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -4,448**

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

**Collection for Churches In Need**

This weekend, 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.

**PALMS ARE NEEDED**

Please remember to bring your palms from last year to the Lower Church during the weekend Masses by Sunday, February 11th, 2024.

**CONDOLENCES TO BISHOP ROBERT BRENNAN FAMILY**

I, along with Fr. Jean Augustin François, the Parish staff, and the Parishioners of St. Jerome would like to express our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Patricia M. Brennan. May she enjoy the fullness of heaven with the angels and saints and may the family and her loved ones continue to find solace in our Blessed Lord during this time of duress. Know that we are praying for all of you.

Yours in Christ!

*Fr. Yvon*

**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)

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**



*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

 Simeon and Anna are the first-century equivalent of those saints whom you and I have met. These two pray. They pray a lot. Simeon is described as “upright” and devout.” When he sees the child, he believes. He believes! An eighty-day-old baby is being presented to the Lord. And Simeon sees in that child the Savior of the world. How does that work? Something must have moved within him.

 Faith is an inner assurance that rises within us to convince us that God is at work. That belief, at that moment, is a gift.

 Anna has prayed night and day in the temple for years and years and years. Many of us have tasted the seasoning of the Spirit. But there are saints who have tasted the seasoning of the Spirit, as though it were something they drank straight. Anna seems to be one of those people, those who live on the borderline between God and the world.

 You might just be one of those people. If you are, thank you for your life of holiness. If you are not, then like me, let’s keep working to drink deeply of God’s Spirit, day after day. God is real, at work at all times. Faith is a gift, an inner assurance that this so.

On this day of presentation, God of glory, we present ourselves to you. Purify us to become more holy. We see in others what beauty a lifetime of grace can create. We want to be like that. Lead us in your everlasting way.

**Readings for the Week –January 28TH,2024**

**Monday, January 29, 2024** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7   Mk 5:1-20
**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**  2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6   Mk 5:21-43
**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**   2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7   Mk 6:1-6
**Thursday, February 1, 2024**   1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13
**Friday, February 2, 2024**  Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
**Saturday, February 3, 2024**   1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14   Mk 6:30-34
**Sunday, February 4, 2024**   Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39