**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2024**

5:00 PM   For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2024**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

1. Repos de l’ame de Christiane Aristide -par sa fille
2. Remerciement a Dieu anniversaire de naissance de Soleil Lumina Momplaisir -par famille Momplaisir

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 For the repose of the soul of Cyril Rigaud

 – by the administration and staff of St. Jerome

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

     For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM      UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Remerciment a Dieu pour Serge Lexius

 - par l'administration et les Employés

 de Saint-Jérôme

**MONDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l'âme de Cyril Rigaud – par

 L 'administration et les Employés de Saint-Jérôme

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2024**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l'âme de Cyril Rigaud – par

 L 'administration et les Employés de Saint-Jérôme

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l'âme de Cyril Rigaud – par

 L 'administration et les Employés de Saint-Jérôme

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  Repos de l'âme de Cyril Rigaud – par

 L 'administration et les Employés de Saint-Jérôme

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'âme de Cyril Rigaud – par

 L 'administration et les Employés de Saint-Jérôme

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024**

8:00 AM  For the repose of the soul of Cyril Rigaud

 – by the administration and staff of St. Jerome

9:00 AM  Remerciemnt, anniversaire de naissance de Espa

 Elysee -par sa fille, Sophia Gina Elysee

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

**MARCH: *For the new martyrs***

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As we approach the half-way mark in our Lenten season it is a time to review flapping resolutions and to ask if our lives are joyful responses to God’s love. In his love finding expression in the way we live? What are we doing to bring the love of God into the lives of our friends? Lent is a call to step out of the way of darkness into the light of Christ.

The letter to the Ephesians calls from darkness to light: “Live like those who are at home in the daylight.” Jesus touches the blind man’s eyes, and he sees. The “light of the world” changes things. He did for me. I hope that he has done so for you. Yet some may prefer the darkness, Jesus says. Nobody enjoys being directionless, so other directions are marketed to “save us,” to lift us from darkness to light–from football to coffee, yoga, and massage therapy. But can any “thing” truly replace Jesus as Savior, the true light of the world?

At the end of today’s Gospel, Jesus says he came so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind. The blind man received healing because he knew he could not see (i.e., was a sinner), and knowing it left him open to spiritual healing. The physical sighted leaders, who do see, paradoxically do not see their sinfulness. Their “sight” is illusory; they are just as “spiritually blind” as the blind man, but they don’t know it. Jesus forces a choice on them. Will they recognize that they do not see, or will their hardheartedness lead them to reject the light of the world (John 1:9) and thus become truly blind?

Jesus, light of the world, thank you for leading us through dark valley and out of despair. Like young David, anoint us to follow you wholeheartedly wherever you direct. We want to sprout. We want to grow. We want to bear fruit will nourish others. Help us to grow always toward your light.

**VOCATION**

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

****Sunday, March 3rd:**

 **\* Regular Contributions** $5.090

 \*\***Online Offerings**  ---

**Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -5,435**

**\*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**

**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?

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. The goal for this year will be announced soon. 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 21st and 28th.

**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.

**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 2023 is **$250** or more to request a donation statement. We are thankful to you for all that you do.

**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)

**Bus Trip to Atlantic City**

Please join us on April 6th, 2024 to our annual bus trip to Atlantic City. The bus will be leaving at 8:30 am. Bally’s Casino & Atlantic City Outlets. $60.00 - per person, Casino - Refund $15.00. Must be over 21 years with photo I.D to gamble. For tickets and more information, contact Arlene at 917-647-0355

**TRILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please join your parish family on Friday, February 16th, and on every Friday of Lent:

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: LOWER CHURCH:**

**7 PM (TRILINGUAL)**

Please note that due to refurbishment of the pews in the upper church, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday in the lower church until further notice.

**LENTEN RETREAT SCHEDULES**

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| **English - Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 am -2:00pm** **-Rev. Alonzo Cox****Spanish - Sunday, March 17th right after the 11:00am** **-Rev. Alexis Rodriguez Vargas****Haitian Creole - Monday, March 18th and Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00pm -Rev. Onac Axenat*****Please note all retreats will take place in the Lower Church*** |

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**Lenten prayer**

God of all compassion,

You call us to love one another as you have loved us.

In this time of Lent, help us to see our sisters and brothers as truly beloved children of God.

Help us to fast from incivility and feast on your love for each one of us.

Help us to fast from discord and feast on the knowledge that you have created each person in your own image.

Help us to fast from fear of those with whom we disagree and feast on the joy community brings us.

Help us to fast from timidity when we hear hurtful language and feast on sharing the good news of our God-given dignity.

Help us to fast from the desire to win arguments and feast on compassion shared in understanding.

Help us to fast from assumptions and feast on listening deeply to the stories of our community.

Lord, our God, be with us in this time of fasting and repentance, in this time of quiet and simplicity.

Let us turn to you as the source of our joyfulness and our first giver of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Readings for the Week –March 10TH,2024**

**Monday**Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 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**Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33