**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2024**

8:00 PM   For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2024**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 For the People of the Parish

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 For the People of the Parish

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, APRIL 1ST 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND 2024**

7:30 AM   No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2024**

7:30 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Remerciement a Dieu anniversaire de naissance de

 Gesner Lacrète -par Marie Faucita Cineas

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024**

8:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**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 etc.

**Bread and Wine Offering**

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine for this week are being offered in thanksgiving to the Risen Lord by Michael Brennan and Family.

**Sanctuary Lamp Offering**

The Sanctuary Lamp, this week, is being offered for the repose of the souls of all departed members of St. Jerome parish.

**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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ*,

 Happy Easter!

 The Solemnity of Easter is the foundation stone of our Christian life and faith. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead and we too have been raised in Him to live a new life for God. Easter is the feast of life over death, love over hatred, holiness over sin. Indeed, Christ has defeated sin and death. The tomb could not hold Him down. The stone was rolled away. Fears, anxieties, troubles and concerns that we deal within our lives do not have to hold us down. Faith can help to roll them away.

 Indeed, without this day our Christian faith would have no meaning. As St. Paul teaches, ‘if Christ be not raised then we are still in our sins and we of all people are the most to be pitied.’ If Christ be not raised Good Friday, the life of Jesus, the suffering he suffered, the death he died, was a waste.

 St. Paul also writes about how Jesus emptied Himself of His Divinity and was obedient even to dying on the cross. He was also exalted and given a name above every name that can be named so that at the name of Jesus every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

 Let us pray for ourselves and for each other that we live our lives in such a way that they manifest the good news, the life-giving news Mary Magdalene brought to the Apostles – Christ is risen and lives in us, in the lives we live, the work we do, the service we give and the prayers we pray. Happy Easter!

**VOCATION**

“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

**APRIL: *For the role of women***

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

****Sunday, March 24th:**

The collection for March 24**th** will be reported in next week’s bulletin.

**Retired Priests Collection**

Aging priests need your help. Senior priests have offered their lives in service to others--educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retired Priests Collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously in today’s second collection.



***He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Fr. Yvon, Fr. François, and the Rectory staff would like to thank all who offered their time and talent during Holy Week to help make our parish atmosphere more prayerful and beautiful. We wish all of our parishioners a joyous and blessed Easter Season!***

**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.

Please be aware that the rectory office will be closed this coming **Monday, April 1st.**

**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)

**TROUPE ÉCLAT’S ANNUAL EASTER CONCERT**

Come and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with Troupe Éclat at its Annual Easter Concert on **Sunday, April 7th at 6:30pm** **at St. Jerome R.C. Church.** Donation is $25. For tickets, call

(347) 932-1165 or (347) 866-6425.

**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 the rectory office at 718-462-0223

**RCIA-Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults New RCIA**

classes for the preparation of adults to become members of the Catholic Church Family has begun. St Jerome's Church welcomes all non-Catholic adults who are currently attending church and are interested in becoming members of our family. Please call the rectory during business hours at 646-664-6738 to register.

 **What is Easter?**

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the Risen Christ, who is the true Light of the world. **The Paschal Candle** used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian:  Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) Usccb.org

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

In order to better serve you as a parishioner, we are asking you to register your family. Please do not assume because you attend Mass here you are registered in the Parish. To fulfill baptism requests, arrange a wedding Mass, or get a sacramental sponsor certificate, you must be registered as a parishioner in the parish. To register, you can stop by the rectory during business hours and fill out a registration form.

**Readings for the Week –March 31ST,2024**

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15
**Tuesday**Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18
**Wednesday**Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35
**Thursday**Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48
**Friday**Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14
**Saturday**Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15
**Sunday**Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31