**Parish Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024**

5:00 PM   For the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2024**

7:30 AM     LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’âme de Mme. Therese Pierre née

 Dorélus- par ses enfants, petits-enfants et

 arrière petits-enfants

10:00 AM   UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS

 In loving memory of Bishop Vincent Darius

 -by Rosey Gilbert and family

11:00 AM   LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL

     For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM      UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE

 Repos de l’ame de Cyril Rigaud

 -par ses enfants

**MONDAY, APRIL 22ND 2024**

7:30 AM    For the repose of the soul of Erica Lively

 -by Nadege Lively

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 2024**

7:30 AM     For the repose of the soul of Erica Lively

 -by Nadege Lively

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    For the repose of the soul of Erica Lively

 -by Nadege Lively

9:00 AM  No Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2024**

7:30 AM    For the repose of the soul of Erica Lively

 -by Nadege Lively

9:00 AM  Action de grace a L’Enfant Jesus Christ de Prague

 -par Chantal Doreus

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2024**

7:30 AM     For the repose of the soul of Erica Lively

 -by Nadege Lively

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024**

8:00 AM  For the repose of the soul of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre

 A. Lively and Marie I. Lively -by Nadege Lively

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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY**

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

FOURTH sunday of easter

*My Brothers and Sisters in Christ*,

Pope Francis preached that in the Good Shepherd’s heart, “the father’s love shines forth…There I know I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved” (June 3, 2016). I am comforted that as God’s child I can know the certainty of God’s love. It is bringing my sin and limitations to that loving heart that challenges me. The challenge is trusting that Jesus seeks to deepen my union with God just as I am, freeing me from shame.

I can only be that honest and find healing like the crippled beggar in our first reading if I admit that my sin and limitations do cripple me. Then the stone rejected becomes my cornerstone, and builds me up even where I have rejected God, or God’s ways. How freeing this awareness can be! I need not be perfect to belong to the Good Shepherd’s flock as a child of God. I do not need to ask him to help me up again and return to his fold. I need to speak heart to heart with the Good Shepherd. He invites me to change what I can and accept what I cannot in truth before him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Let his heart speak to your heart. Speak from yours to him. He pastures us, through us, his other sheep. Alleluia!

Merciful God, you also know us completely, through and through. Free me to trust in your love without taking it for granted. Empower me to speak the truth of my life to your heart to experience healing. Empower me to shepherd your flock today. I ask this through the name given to the human race by which we are saved, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**VOCATION**

“There is no salvation through anyone else.” Does a life of Joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? 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.

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

Sunday, April 14th:

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 **Regular Contribution $5,512**

**Online Offerings 499**

 **Weekly budget** -10,525

 **Difference -4,514**

Catholic Home **$676**

Missions Appeal

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

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

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

**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 April 28th.

**THREE KINGS BETHLEHEM VISIT**

Three Kings Bethlehem would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles and souvenirs made by Christian artisans from Bethlehem and Jerusalem who will visit St. Jerome Church on the weekend of **Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st, 2024** after each mass, so please bring money! The proceeds from the sale will help to support our Christians Brothers in the Holy Land.

**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)

**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.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

To better serve you as a parishioner, we kindly request that you register your family. Please do not assume that attending Mass here automatically registers you in the Parish. To facilitate baptism requests, arrange a wedding Mass, and other services, registration in the parish is necessary. To register, kindly visit the rectory during business hours and complete a registration form.

**UPCOMING SACRAMENTS**

The parish will be celebrating the Sacraments of …

* The Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday May 5th during the 10:00 AM Mass
* The Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 15th at 5:00 PM

We humbly ask the entire congregation to keep these young candidates in their prayers as they ready themselves for these Sacraments. All are warmly welcomed to join us in celebrating these joyous occasions

**CONDOLENCES TO FR. RIGAUD FAMILY??**

I, along with Fr. Jean Augustin François, the Parish staff, and the Parishioners of St. Jerome, extend our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Cyril Rigaud. **A memorial Mass will be held on Saturday,** **April 27th at 11am** **at Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church,** located at 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All are welcome to offer their condolences and stand in solidarity with Fr. Rigaud during this period of mourning.

**Thomas Berry Place - April Evening for Prayer**

Thomas Berry Place (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) will be hosting an *Evening for Prayer* on April 30th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Father James O’Shea CP will be speaking about *Passionist Spirituality and Prayer*. This gathering presents an opportunity to meet people, share experiences & pray together. Light refreshments will be available and the cost per person is $20. Reservations are required. Please call **929-357-6700**to reserve a spot.

**Saint of the Day**

***April 21: Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church — Optional Memorial***

**Prayer:**Saint Anselm, you had a profound, intimate, and personal love of God that arose from your fervent life of prayer. From that prayer, faith was enkindled within you. From that faith, understanding poured forth from your intellect to inspire others and teach them the way to God. Please pray for us, that we may always turn to God through prayer so that our interior life of prayer will be the foundation of all we do and all we are. Saint Anselm, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in You

**Readings for the Week –April 21St,2024**

**Monday**Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
**Tuesday**Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
**Wednesday**Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
**Thursday**1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
**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 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8