

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

9:00AM – 12:30 PM

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening

5:00 PM Lower Church: English

Sunday

7:30 AM Lower Church: Creole

10:00 AM Upper Church: English

11:00 AM Lower Church: Spanish

1:00 PM Upper Church: Creole/French

Weekdays

7:30 AM Monday - Friday: English

9:00 AM Monday - Friday: Creole

8:00 AM Saturday: English

9:00 AM Saturday: Creole

BAPTISM

Baptism registration takes place Mondays to Fridays from during office hours.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Samedi, Sabado 4:00 PM- 4:45 PM in the Lower Church or by appointment.

MARRIAGE/ MATRIMONIO/ MARIAGE

Call 6 months in advance - Llame 6 meses antes de la fecha - Appelez 6 mois à l'avance.

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass with benediction at Noon.

PRAYER GROUPS

- **English:** Legion of Mary Saturday at 10:30AM in the Rectory
- **Haitian:** Charismatique chaque Mercredi a partir de 7:00 heures du soir au sous-sol de l'Eglise
- **Haitian:** Legion de Marie pour les Haitiens a 8:30 AM et 4:00 PM chaque Samedi dans la cafeteria.

ACTIVE GROUPS

- Troupe Éclat meets on Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Rectory
- Témoins du Christ meets on Sunday after the 1:00 PM Mass in the Rectory
- Les Jeunes disciples de Jesus meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the cafeteria after the 1:00 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2nd Sunday of the Month after the 1:00 PM Mass in the cafeteria
- Choeur d'Homme meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Rectory Basement
- Ushers meet on the 4th Sunday of every 2 months at 3:30pm in the convent.
- Grande Chorale choir meets on Saturdays from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the lower Church.

OTHER MINISTRIES

- RCIA English meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM online
- RCIA Spanish meets on Sundays after Mass
- RCIA pour les Haitiens vous pouvez contacter le Rectory 718-462-0223
- Altar Servers meet on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the Upper Church
- English Bible Group Contact 718-462-0223

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 2025

5:00 PM In loving memory of Dr. Dominique
St. Juste

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2025

7:30 AM **LOWER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'âme de Christiane Aristide

10:00 AM **UPPER CHURCH– ENGLISH MASS**
Birthday Blessings for Myriam Jerome

11:00 AM **LOWER CHURCH – MISA ESPANOL**
Accion de gracias por los 34 años de matrimonio
de Hector Diaz Y Nora Zambrano Pedia

1:00 PM **UPPER CHURCH – MESSE CRÉOLE**
For the people of the parish

MONDAY, MAY 5TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2025

7:30 PM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Gesner Pierre

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH 2025

7:30 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, 2025

8:00 AM No Mass Intentions

9:00 AM No Mass Intentions

VOCATION

“Feed My lambs, tend My sheep.” If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Therese Noisil



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Let's face the fact: God believes in second chances. Throughout history, the concept of a second chance has captivated hearts and minds, reminding us that redemption is always within reach. That is another “plus” for us who desire it as we live out our days on earth.

The bible tells of several “second chance people” whose lives took unexpected turns, often leading them down paths fraught with mistakes. Samson and David come to mind from the pages of the Old Testament. But for us today the spotlight falls on St. Peter, the man featured in two of our three Readings for today's Mass.

We read of Peter's denial transformed into steadfast leadership of the Church. As we delve deeper into his remarkable tale, I think we can take encouragement and enjoy the Holy Spirit's inspiration that lets us embrace our own imperfections and even seek new beginnings in our own lives. After all, Peter is a saint and our first pope!

We know that Peter was one of Our Lord's closest disciples. Yet he was also a person who experienced a major failure in loyalty to Christ. You remember Holy Thursday night in the High priest's courtyard. “I tell you I do not know the man!” Peter swore to the maid. As Bishop Sheen put it: “Judas got His lips, but Peter got His eyes.” With that, Peter wept bitterly. This is the same impetuous man who had confidently declared that he would never deny Jesus, even if it meant facing death. However, when the moment of testing came, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times as Jesus was arrested and taken to trial. That denial was not just a failure of courage, but a deep betrayal of the One he had vowed to follow. Awful! But that is truly you and me when we sin.

But what do we read or hear today? That after Jesus' resurrection, Peter's shame and regret were met grace! In one of the most moving scenes in the New Testament, Jesus asked Peter three times “Do you love Me? – mirroring the three times Peter had denied Him. With each response, Jesus restored Peter and gave him a new mission to “feed His sheep” and continue the work of spreading the Gospel, as he does courageously before the Sanhedrin in today's excerpt from Acts. “I shall obey God rather than men and continue to preach His name!”

So, today's main takeaway is this: Our failures do not define us! Jesus offers forgiveness, restoration and purpose even after our worst moments of betrayal. This is the Gospel. And today He comes to us in Holy Communion. Does God believe in second chances? Count your own number and answer the question, if you will. God love you and give you His peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
5:00 PM VIGIL MASS	35
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	286
10:00 AM ENGLISH MASS	174
11:00 AM SPANISH MASS	105
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	210

Monthly Intentions for 2025

May: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Readings for the Week – May 4th, 2025

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69
Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025

We invite all who have been baptized and received their First Holy Communion, but have not yet been confirmed, to take part in this year's Confirmation preparation. Please contact the parish office at **718-462-0223** to register. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Pentecost, June 8th**.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. All Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. 1st communion will be celebrated in 2nd grade after the child receives 2 years of formation. The sacrament of Confirmation receives in 8th grade. Please contact Mrs. Rosey, the **Faith Formation Director** at **718-462-0223** or at faithformation@stjeromercchurch.org You can also register online at: www.givecentral.org/stjb-ff

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

We invite all young members of the parish to join the St. Jerome Youth Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with peers who are eager to deepen their faith, engage in church activities, participate in community outreach, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage parents to inspire their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to get involved. We look forward to seeing them take active roles in our church community. For more information or to register, please contact Ms. Woodlyn Sance, the youth minister, at 718-462-0223.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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Tuesday,
May 20, 2025
10:30 AM -
1:30 PM

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2900 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226



Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year, **St. Jerome R.C. Church** partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential Catholic programs across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative profoundly impacts countless individuals and families in our communities while benefiting our parish. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we support vital programs that no single parish could sustain on its own.

Why is your participation important?

As disciples of Jesus at **St. Jerome R.C. Church**, we recognize that our commitment to our parish extends to the diocese, which unites us with the broader Catholic community as one body in Christ.

When one part of the body is absent, the whole body feels the impact, making it harder to thrive. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—beyond your regular Sunday offering—directly affects **St. Jerome R.C. Church's** ability to carry out Christ's mission while ensuring we receive the essential support that connects us to the larger Catholic Church.

We invite you to stand with us as a Church united in communion and charity across Brooklyn and Queens by making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.

The Annual Catholic Appeal aims to raise a minimum of \$8 million to fund essential programs and ministries across the Diocese while supporting the local initiatives of parishes like ours.

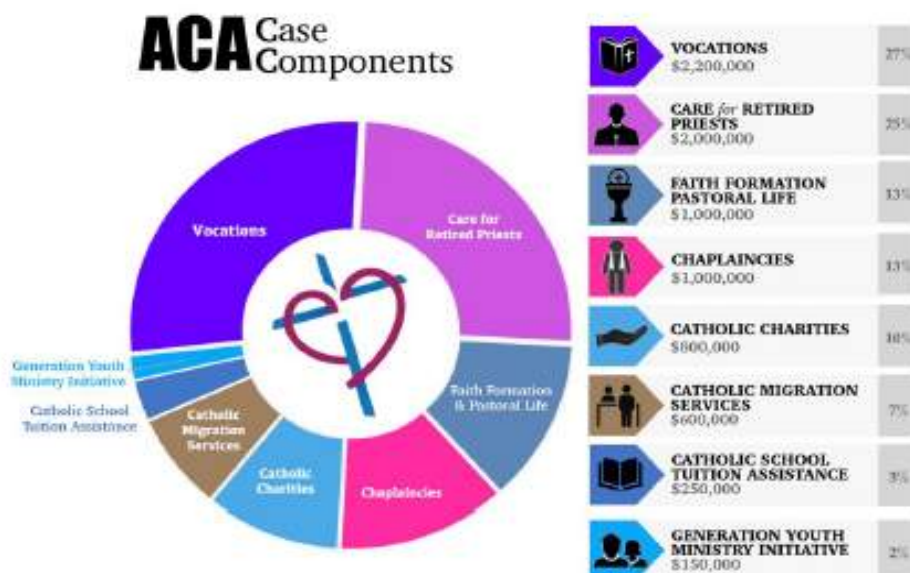
At **St. Jerome R.C. Church**, our goal is 48,400.

Once we surpass this goal, 100% of the additional funds raised will be returned directly to our parish.

If you have any questions about the Annual Catholic Appeal or would like to schedule an appointment to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at (718) 462-0223.

**Jubilee of Hope,
Renewal of Faith
and Charity**

What does the Annual Catholic Appeal Support?



Do You Love Me?

Simon, son of John, do you love me?



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.

Lord, You know I love You!



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?" what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are you ready to show your love for Jesus?

Feed My sheep.



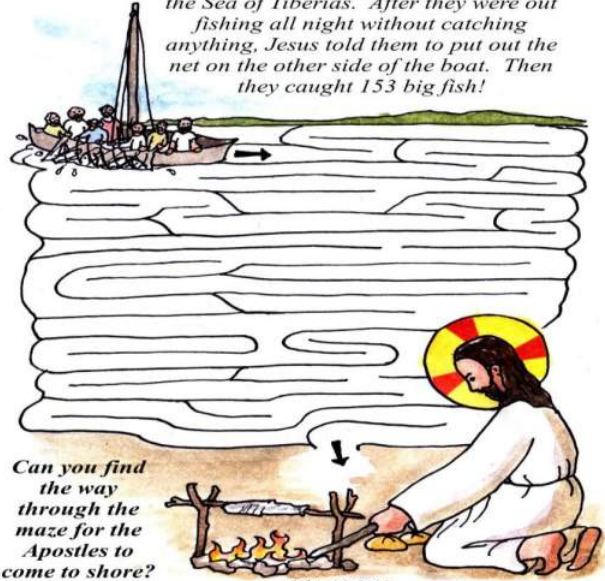
Answers to Cross-Word puzzle: Across: 2. weeping 6. rejoicing 8. in 9. helper 11. give 14. dawn 17. moment 21. over Down: 1. mourning 3. praise 4. God 5. forever 7. let 9. holy 10. Lord 12. into 13. anger 15. at 16. on 17. my 18. me 19. to 20. be

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4th, 2025

The third time that the Apostles saw Jesus after He rose from the dead was at the Sea of Tiberias. After they were out fishing all night without catching anything, Jesus told them to put out the net on the other side of the boat. Then they caught 153 big fish!



Can you find the way through the maze for the Apostles to come to shore?

John 21:1-19

Saint Damien of Molokai May 10

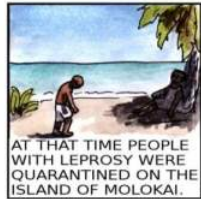
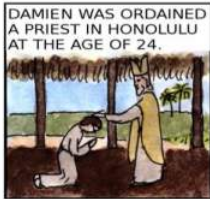
ST. DAMIEN WAS BORN IN BELGIUM IN 1840. HE HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL AT 13 TO WORK ON THE FARM. EVERY DAY HE PRAYED IN FRONT OF A PICTURE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PATRON OF MISSIONARIES.



HE JOINED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT SICK, HE TOOK HIS PLACE ON A MISSION TO HAWAII.



DAMIEN WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST IN HONOLULU AT THE AGE OF 24.



AT THAT TIME PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY WERE QUARANTINED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

DAMIEN VOLUNTEERED TO GO THERE, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE MIGHT CATCH THE DISEASE.



HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE AND BUILT CHURCHES AND HOSPITALS. HE MADE LIFE MUCH BETTER FOR THEM.



FATHER DAMIEN GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND.

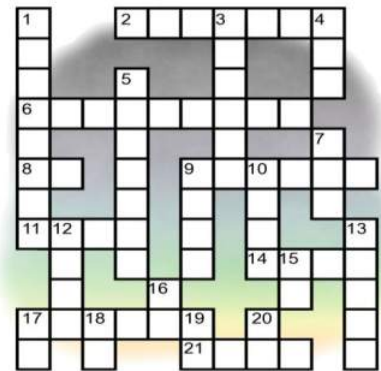
ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?

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Psalm 30 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the Psalm and the puzzle.

ANGER
HELPER
WEeping
REJOICING
OVER
PRAISE
HOLY
FOREVER
MOMENT
GIVE
MOURNING
INTO



I will extol you, _____, 10D for you drew me clear and did not _____ 7D _____ 17D enemies rejoice _____ 21A me. O Lord, you brought _____ 18D up from the netherworld; You preserved me from among those going down _____ 12D the pit.

Sing _____ 3D to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and _____ 11A thanks _____ 19D his _____ 9D name. For his _____ 13D lasts but a _____; 17A A lifetime, his good will.

_____ 15D nightfall _____ 2A enters _____, 8A But with the _____, 14A _____, 6A

Hear, O Lord, and have pity _____ 16D me; O Lord, _____ 20D my _____, 9A You changed my _____ 1D into dancing; O Lord my _____, 4D _____ 5D I will give you thanks.



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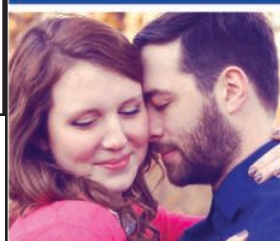
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