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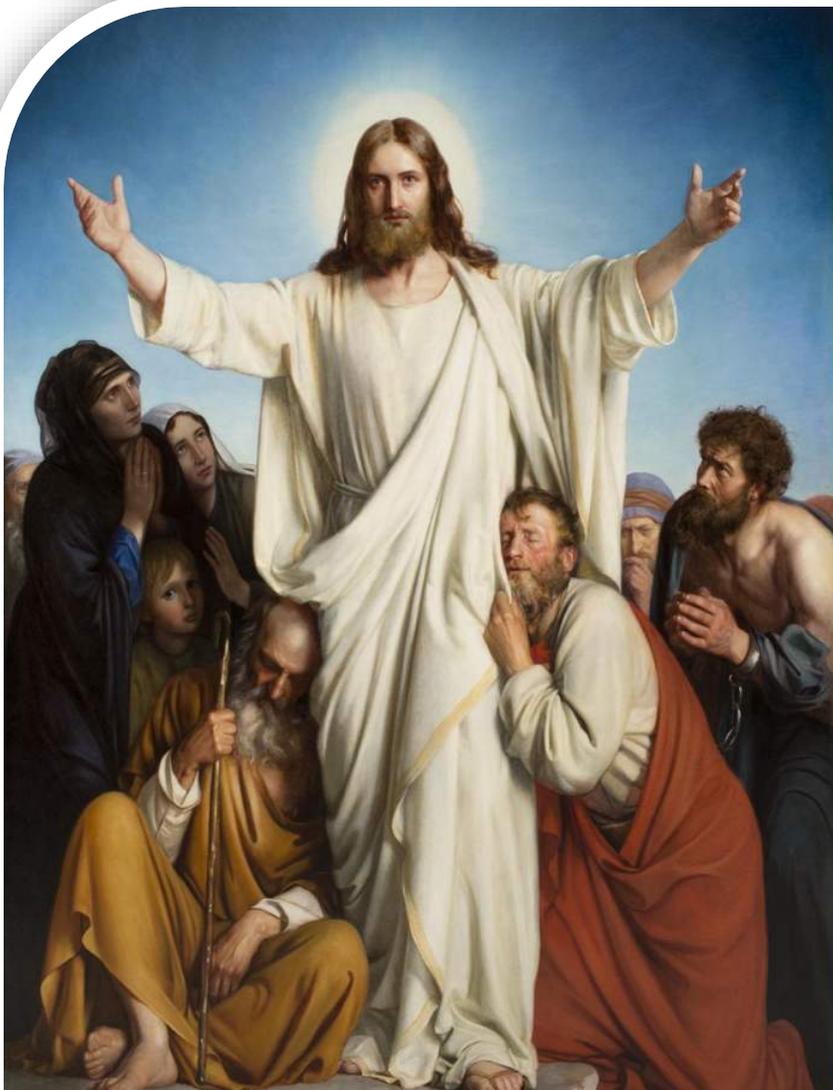
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



**I will not reject
anyone who
comes to me**

John 6:37

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'âme de tous les parents décédés de Germaine Bellamy
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
In loving memory of Joseph Farquhar
- 11:15 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:00 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Jeanne Baptista Lambert et Marie Elizabeth Lambert

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de St. Rose Elie et Clérosier

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grace a Dieu pour Nicole et Gabrielle Meyard nan okasyon anivèse nesans yo.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Wal Joseph

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Mona Joseph

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2025

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Edison Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS



We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions.

The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



"Let the Children come to me," says the Lord. Altar Servers are needed: Parents with children who have already received First Communion are invited to volunteer their children for the ministry of Altar Server. Training will be provided. If interested, call the rectory at 718-462-0223 and leave names and phone number.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Marie R. Toussaint and Guiteau Fleurival Jr.



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the small delights in life is to discover who the composer was for a quotation that you have liked for a long time. That happened for me as I sat down to write this reflection for this special day in the Church calendar, namely "All Souls Day."

The words I have in mind are these: "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." Beautiful thought, is it not?

I found those words years ago on the reverse side of a memorial card for someone. But that placement did not acknowledge the author. Nevertheless, I have often used them on the occasion of a funeral. Only recently was the mystery solved, when Archbishop Wenski of Miami quoted them and cited the author. They are the thoughts of no less a person than the great fourth century bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose.

St. Ambrose, as a Doctor of the Church, fought tirelessly against the Arian heresy prevalent in his time. He also was the bishop who baptized his prized pupil, St. Augustine, after having instructed his famous convert in the Faith.

I also prefer to think of St. Ambrose as the presider at many a funeral in his diocese of Milan, where he led the prayers for his people, the survivors.

Not only did Ambrose hold dear the Church's teaching about life after death, but he was also a sensitive soul attuned to the situation. His words come down to us as consolation for mourners at a funeral at any time and place. They also provide motivation for such people going forward with their lives. Remembrance of their lost loved one in such a way keeps them alive in their hearts.

Ambrose' own priestly heart was grounded in a faith perspective of the world around him. His vigor in defending the authentic Church teaching against the prevalent heresy was also part of him as a leader. The words he wrote on the occasion of a funeral had to spring from his personal prayer life. Combined with his diligent studies and his role as a teacher, they come down to us as a practical part of his heritage.

No doubt Bishop Ambrose struggled, as we all do, to maintain our faith and equilibrium in the face of a loved one's "passing." He also knew the need to call on that faith when our hearts are broken. That is precisely because "we have loved them in life."

Allow me to close these thoughts of mine with an invitation to think along with St. Ambrose and apply his words to all the faithful departed, known and unknown: "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

God love you and give you, His peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2025

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	275
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	175
11:15 AM SPANISH MASS	86
1:00 PM CREOLE MASS	198

Catholic Appeal 2025

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2025. **Our parish goal is \$48,400. As of now, we have a total pledge of \$56,136.50 we have received \$31,965.25 so far, with a remaining balance of \$24,171.75.**

We encourage everyone to consider making a pledge or a one-time donation. Once we reach our goal, any funds collected beyond \$48,400 will directly benefit our parish..

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Parish School of Religion is now in session, beginning with the 9:45 AM Mass and ending at 12:30 PM. All children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public school must be registered. Parents who have not yet registered their children are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, as we are still accepting registrations. Youth and adults needing Baptism, Communion, or Confirmation are invited to join our OCIC or OCIA programs. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223

Monthly Intentions for 2025



November: *For the prevention of suicide*

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Readings for the Week – November 2, 2025

Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44 **Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Lk 19:45-48
Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 Lk 20:27-40 **Sunday** 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

VOCATION

“All who humble themselves will be exalted.” Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES

All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. If you are not registered, we cannot issue testimonial letters in connection with sponsorship for the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation.

We can give character references for positions, schools etc. only to those who have been registered for at least 3 months. Please register at the rectory office if you are new to the parish.

Please also inform us of any change of address. Also, if you are a registered parishioners and NOT receiving the envelopes, PLEASE call the Parish Offices. If you do receive the envelopes, PLEASE USE THEM.

It is important

-  Your Gift to Your God
-  For proving that you attend church
-  For support of your church
-  For tax purposes
-  To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation



Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

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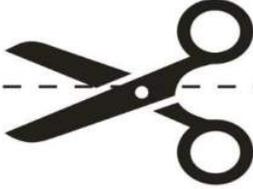


HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED! As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, we invite you to help us share our blessings with those in need this Thanksgiving.

If you are able, please consider donating non-expired dry foods, canned goods, and other items, or making a monetary or voucher donation to the parish Thanksgiving drive. If you know of a family that could benefit from this support, we encourage you to reach out. You can call the office or write their information on the cut-out box and bring it to the office.

We will distribute the collected food on **Saturday, November 22nd**

Thank you for your generosity!



NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THE HOUSEHOLD? _____

Food distribution will take place on Saturday, November 22nd.

PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Jerome R.C. Church complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please contact Mrs. Rosey Gilbert or online at www.virtusonline.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 27th**. We invite you to join us for a **Trilingual Mass at 9:00AM in the Upper Church**. Please note that this will be the only Mass held that day.

Archdiocese for the Military Services Collection
November 9, 2025

The Archdiocese for the Military Services provides spiritual and pastoral services for United States Military members and their families. The Archdiocese receives no funding from the United States government and must rely solely on private donations. So, please be generous in next weekend's collection.



Troup Eclat is excited to invite you to celebrate an incredible milestone—their 30th Anniversary Gala! Join them on Friday, November 21st, at the beautiful Leonard Palazzo for an unforgettable evening of music, memories, and joy. Tickets are available at \$150 per person, and spaces are limited, so make sure to reserve your spot soon. To secure your tickets, simply reach out to any member of the Troup Eclat Choir.

Praying for the Holy Souls

All Souls' Day is a special day when we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Do you know what Purgatory is?

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.



When people die, their souls go either to Heaven or Hell- if they loved God they will go to Heaven, and if they chose not to love God then they will go to Hell. But some people love God and still do sins. Their souls are dirty with the stain of sin, but they did not choose to reject God altogether. Those souls need to be cleaned before they can go into Heaven.

Purgatory is the place where the souls go who are not clean enough to go straight to Heaven. They have to wait until they have suffered enough to make up for their sins.



Probably most people we know who have died are in Purgatory. We should pray for them whenever we think of them- if we see a picture of them, or hear someone talking about them, or if we hear of someone who just died.

God will hear our prayers and accept the sacrifices we make for the holy souls so that they can go to Heaven sooner. Do you think they will pray for us when they get there?



Answer to front page puzzle: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! Answer to the Word-Find: PURGATORY

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The Kids' Bulletin

All Souls' Day
November 2, 2025

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What can we do for the souls suffering in Purgatory?

Use every other letter to fill in the blanks and you will have a little prayer you can say for them every day!

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Saint Martin De Porres November 3

MARTIN DE PORRES WAS BORN IN LIMA, PERU IN 1579. A LOT OF PEOPLE MADE FUN OF HIS DARK SKIN. HIS FATHER ABANDONED HIM AND HIS MOTHER.

Poor boy... his father is gone and the other children won't play with him.

BECAUSE THEY WERE SO POOR MARTIN WENT TO WORK FOR A DOCTOR-BARBER WHEN HE WAS 10.

Scissors, please.

HE BECAME A DOMINICAN LAY BROTHER AT AGE 15.

How are you feeling?

MARTIN WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF LOOKING AFTER THE SICK IN THE MONASTERY.

MIRACLES STARTED HAPPENING. PEOPLE EVEN SAW HIM GO INTO LOCKED ROOMS TO HELP THE SICK.

How did he get in there?

MARTIN BEGGED FOR MONEY TO HELP THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE, AND FED OVER A HUNDRED EVERY DAY.

Good morning, Brother Martin!

ST. MARTIN DID PENANCE EVERY DAY FOR HIS SINS AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS. HE NEVER ATE MEAT, AND HE PRAYED FOR HOURS EVERY NIGHT.

SAINT MARTIN DIED WHEN HE WAS 60. HE HAD BEEN KIND AND LOVING TO EVERYONE EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN BULLIED AS A CHILD. BY THE TIME HE DIED EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS A SAINT. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TREATED BADLY? SHOULD THAT STOP YOU FROM BEING A LOVING PERSON TO OTHERS?

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Word-Find

Wisdom 3:1-6

Find the words from today's first reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

Today's feast day is a special day of prayer for the souls in

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T D O R F U R N A C E Y

The souls of the JUST are in the hand of God, and no TORTURE shall TOUCH them. They seemed, in the VIEW of the FOOLISH, to be DEAD; and their PASSING AWAY was thought an AFFLICTION and their GOING forth from us, utter DESTRUCTION. But they are in PEACE. For if before MEN, indeed, they be PUNISHED, yet is their HOPE full of IMMORTALITY; CHASTISED a little, they shall be greatly BLESSED, because God TRIED them and found them WORTHY of himself. As GOLD in the FURNACE, he proved them, and as sacrificial OFFERINGS he TOOK them to himself.

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