

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19TH 2020

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

God's love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without see-

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Pro Sanctity

7:15 PM Pro-sanctity Bible sharing in the Fr. Simonetti Parish Center every Thursday

Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire

young men and women to seriously consider vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed

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Our Lady of Miracles

(E. 86th St. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Eng.)

12:30 PM (French/Creole)

Holy Family

(Rockaway Pkwy. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:00 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:00 AM (Eng.)

9:15 AM (Creole)

11:15 AM (Eng.)

St. Jude

(Seaview Ave. & Canarsie Rd.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Family)

12:30 PM (Bi-Lingual)

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Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Jadranka Knezevic, Frantz Darius, Marie Yvonne Darius, Melanie Peter, Donna Ann Burris, Angelia Agbi, Maureen Ming, Libera Kenia, Beryl Whyte

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory

To watch our facebook live stream masses visit our facebook page at facebook.com/olmrchurch

Sunday 10:00 AM facebook Live Stream

Coming Up This Week 

Sunday April 19th 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter Live Stream Mass in English on Facebook.com To watch Our Lady of Miracles RC Church visit our facebook page at facebook.com/olmrchurch

Your generosity and support is what allows us to sustain our parish during this time.

Please consider using our convenient electronic giving method.

You can access our Electronic Giving page at

<https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn>

Or simply text the word SUNDAY to 646-736-4700

Our Lady of Miracles RC Church will be doing Live Masses on Facebook every Sunday at 10AM

To watch the Live Stream Mass please visit Our Lady of Miracles Facebook at <https://facebook.com/olmrchurch>

Please visit our website at <https://ourladyofmiracles-brooklyn.org/> for information about Our lady of Miracles RC Church and to also donate to our church.

Our Lady of Miracles will be taking Prayer Requests on the Our Lady of Miracles website if you would like to have a Prayer Request please visit our website at <https://ourladyofmiracles-brooklyn.org/mass-intentions-and-prayer-requests/> Or call the rectory at 718-257-2400

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Pope Francis' Easter Urbi et Orbi Message 2020

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen."

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, is risen!"

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!" This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.

Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable, such as persons who work in nursing homes, or live in barracks and prisons. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties. This disease has not only deprived us of human closeness, but also of the possibility of receiving in person the consolation that flows from the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In many countries, it has not been possible to approach them, but the Lord has not left us alone! United in our prayer, we are convinced that he has laid his hand upon us, firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, "I have risen and I am with you still!"



Scriptures For The Week

Monday April 20th

Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8(267)

Tuesday April 21st

Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15(268)

Wednesday April 22nd

Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21(269)

Thursday April 23rd

Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36(270)

Friday April 24th

Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15(271)

Saturday April 25th

1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20(555)

Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

up coming events

Open House for Pre-3, Pre-K4 & Pre K
9:00 to 11 AM

For more information call 718-241-6633

Record of PARISH contributions

If you use our church envelopes and need to have a record of your contributions to Our Lady of Miracles Church for the past year (2019) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.

Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed

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Faith Formation Office announcements

Peace of the risen Lord to you all. Owing to Corona Virus pandemic that shook us to our core, I want to thank parents for the 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for their cooperation. With no clarity on what tomorrow holds with regards to Religious Education in the fall, I request all parents and students be prepared to embrace the new changes that may come our way.

1st Holy Communion and Confirmation will continue remotely till mid-June to catch up with the time lost.

For the ongoing students, I will soon contact you and your parents on the way forward.

No one has any definite answer on when administration of these sacraments will take place, but as always, let us be optimistic. The future may hold a good promise.

Our office hours continue remotely. Please use the personal number I have given you below for any questions.

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM
Friday: 10:00AM-4:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00AM-1PM
Tel: 718-649-1006
Personal # 347-592-6145

Members of the English Prayer and Bible study meet remotely via zoom for daily recitation of the rosary and other spiritual exercises. Should you want to join them, please contact me via the **personal number** and I will connect you.

Pentecost is almost here. Let us get ready for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Do not hesitate to call me via 347-592-6145 on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday between 9 am to 4 pm. I will be available for you, God willing.

**Sister Francesca Mumbua Simon, SSJ:
Director of faith formation (OLM).**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, from 9:30 AM till 12:00 Noon, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. We are looking for people to sit in church while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. Please come to the rectory to put your name down for an hour or two.

The only time we will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is if we have a funeral

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are ever grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$33,494

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.