

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18TH 2021

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

A prayer seeking God's favor

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best

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

BIBLE SHARING: PRO SANCTITY MOVEMENT MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE SIMONETTI CENTER: 741 E. 86TH ST STARTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 ALL ARE WELCOME. FOR INFO CALL 718-649-0324 or 917-873-1707

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

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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Weekend Masses in the Canarsie Cluster Parishes:

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 Kenai, Beryl Whyte

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

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support TIME People

Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$2,500.00

Previous Week \$3,065.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: April 19

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: April 20

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: April 21

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: April 22

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: April 23

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: April 24

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: April 25

8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass English

12:30 PM Mass French/Kreyol

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours

Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,

Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10AM-5PM,

Friday Closed, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

Saturday April 17

8:30 AM Anniversary in Heaven for Bill Mancuso by Nina Riti

5:30 PM In Memory of & 1st year anniversary in heaven for Adda Jean Baptiste by her husband Joseph Jean Baptiste

5:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs

5:30 PM In Memory of Ameila Chipps by Ann & Family

Sunday April 18

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Wilner Kenscoff by Marcelle

8:30 AM In Memory of Francois, Jean Michel, & Brunache by Michemel

10:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Jonathan Pierre by his Mother Rose

12:30 PM In Memory of Dalphonse Maddy by his Mother Yolande Coimin

12:30 PM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Louis Dabel & Freda Dabel by The Dabel Family

12:30 PM Messes pour le repos de l'ame du de funt Andre Petitme by Gabriel Milfort

12:30 PM 41 Year Anniversary for Mr & Mrs Walker Sylvain by Mr & Mrs Walker Sylvain

Monday April 19

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings & Healing for Melanie Petius by Marjorie McSween

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Catherine Samerson by Catherine Samerson

8:30 AM Happy 60th Birthday Blessings for Jean Vernet Darius by Family & Friends

Tuesday April 20

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Jeanie Fougere by Mother

Wednesday April 21

8:30 AM Messe de remerciement pour Drew Huggins by Gabriel Milfort

Thursday April 22

8:30 AM Blessings for all of my children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren by Catherine Samerson

Friday April 23

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marlyn Delva by Family

Saturday April 24

8:30 AM Messe de remerciement pour Ted Huggins by Gabriel Milfort

5:30 PM In Memory of Adda Jean Baptiste by Soeurette Fougere

5:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday April 18th 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

We need to find Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread. In the Gospel story for today, we learn that we find Christ is in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. When we approach the altar to receive the Sacrament, we see and receive Christ. In John 6, Jesus says, "Whoever eats My Body and drinks My Blood shall live with me eternally." The Eucharist is true "soul food," the Bread of life for eternity. It feeds us and fulfills our spiritual needs. It is a pity that often we don't realize what is happening during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the sacred banquet of all believers. In this meal, we are in communion, not only with Jesus, but also with our family and friends who have preceded us in death. The Eucharist is not simply Bread and Wine for today – it is a banquet for all eternity.

Our God is near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence, doing His will. The Emmaus incident is the story of a God who will not abandon us when we are hurt and disappointed. As Francis Thompson put it, He is *The Hound of Heaven* who relentlessly follows us when we try to escape from His love. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their risen Lord through prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible. The readings also remind us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter), together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wants Peter to act as spokesman for him and that the faithful who seek to follow Jesus should seek his company in the Eucharist, in prayer, and in the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors.

Do our hearts burn when we listen to the Risen Lord in tradition teaches us that the reading of the Scriptures, the study of the Scriptures and the proclamation of the message of the Scriptures are the primary ways in which we meet God. Vatican II (*Dei Verbum* 21) tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, memorize the Bible and meditate on the word of God. We know that Christ lives in the Bible, and so we need to spend time in the Bible to have a deep, intimate, loving, caring, long-term relationship with Jesus Christ. We know we are to brush our teeth every day. Likewise, we are to read the Bible every day, making it habitual, because people either read the Bible daily or almost never. When we read the Scriptures daily, we meet and converse with Jesus Christ! Abraham Lincoln, whom many consider the best President of the United States, said: "The greatest gift that God gave to human beings is the Bible." Another President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, said that it was a principle of his to read the Bible through each and every year. Yet another great President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, said, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education." Goethe, the great German philosopher, said that the beauty of the Bible grows as we grow in our understanding of it



Scriptures For The Week

Monday April 19

Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29(273)

Tuesday April 20

Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35(274)

Wednesday April 21

Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40(275)

Thursday April 22

Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51(276)

Friday April 23

Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59-15(277)

Saturday April 24

Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69(278)

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(2020) 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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Office Of Faith Formation News

Hybrid classes for Spring 2021 began on Jan 10th as follows. For All Faith Formation Classes formerly called CCD

See schedule below for Days and Times for each grade.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
1,2	Thur @7PM
3	Sat @ 10 AM
4	Tue @7PM
5	Sun @1PM
6	Sat @3PM
7	Sun @12PM
8	Sun @11AM
RCIA	Wed @7PM

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 confirmation candidates on their commissioning last Sunday. Please continue to pray for them as they continue with their classes. Commissioning of the First Holy Communion candidates will take place on March 21st during the 8:30AM Mass. All parents and candidates are required to keep time for the mass and commissioning.

RCIA is an ongoing formation program open to any adult who wishes to be prepared to receive the following sacraments Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone in need of receiving any or all of the sacraments please contact the Faith Formation Office

The days to call the Faith Formation Office is on Tuesday and Friday at the number below. Or by email at dre101163@diobrook.org

Our office hours and contact: 718-649-1006

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-3:00 PM

OLM Spiritual Journey Program (OSJP)

Olm Spiritual Insights based on the word of God takes place every Saturday at 7:30 PM during lent-Via Zoom. The Meeting id to join is 76155578592 and the passcode is s2h8kz

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 2021 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 2021 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.

You can donate to the parish by using our electronic giving page at <https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn> Or simply text the word SUDAY to 646-736-4700 or mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86TH St Brooklyn NY 11236