

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 9TH 2021

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4*

A song of praise for God's salvation

## Second Reading

*1 John 4:7-10*

God is love.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this

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. 86<sup>th</sup> 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** \$2,700.00

**Previous Week** \$3,700.00

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated**

**Second Collection**

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: May 10**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: May 11**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: May 12**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: May 13**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: May 14**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: May 15**

8:30 AM Mass

11:00AM First Holy Communion

**Sunday: May 16**

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 May 8

8:30 AM For an Increase to the Priesthood

5:30 PM In Memory of all deceased OLM parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Death Anniversary of Clemencia Garrote by The Arcaya Family

### Sunday May 9

8:30 AM Happy Mother's Day In Heaven for Esperanza & Belin Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Maisie Raymond by Ann Jacobs

8:30 AM For Abandon Souls & Souls in Purgatory by Michemel

8:30 AM In Memory of Michelia Eloi by Cleane Silien

10:30 AM Happy Mother's Day In Heaven for Concetta Petrizzo by Michael, MaryAnne, & Steve

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

10:30 AM In Memory of Marguerite Leger by Evanson Jean Laurent

10:30 AM In Memory of Leon Dorsainvil by Evanson Jean Laurent

10:30 AM In Memory of Jocelyne Grandoit by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM In Memory of Graveus Remilien by Lisa Remilien

12:30 PM In Memory of Luckner Jean Baptiste by Soeurette Fougere

### Monday May 10

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for all that God has done for me by Kerline Desir

### Tuesday May 11

8:30 AM In Memory of Anita Dorival by Kerline Desir

### Wednesday May 12

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for the Desir & Jean Germain Family by Kerline Desir

### Thursday May 13

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ by Letecia Casipe

### Friday May 14

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

### Saturday May 15

8:30 AM For an Increase to the Priesthood

5:30 PM In Memory of all deceased OLM parishioners by OLM

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**Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday May 9th 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Today, by meditating on these words of Jesus, we perceive with the sense of faith that **we are the People of God in communion with the Father and with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The Church finds the inexhaustible source of her very mission, which is achieved through love, in this mystery of communion.** Jesus says in today's Gospel: **"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him"** (v. 21). So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this "Advocate" that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. Love for God and neighbor is the greatest commandment of the Gospel. **The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love, placing God at the centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation.**

If ever there is an attitude that is never easy, even for a Christian community, it is precisely how to love oneself, to love after the Lord's example and with his grace. Sometimes disagreements, pride, envy, divisions, leave their mark even on the beautiful face of the Church. **A community of Christians should live in the charity of Christ**, and instead, it is precisely there that the evil one "sets his foot in" and sometimes we allow ourselves to be deceived. And those who pay the price are those who are spiritually weaker. How many of them — and you know some of them — how many of them have distanced themselves because they did not feel welcomed, did not feel understood, did not feel loved. **How many people have distanced themselves, for example, from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there.** Even for a Christian, **knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin anew every day. We must practice it so that our love** for the brothers and sisters we encounter **may become mature and purified from those limitations or sins that render it incomplete, egotistical, sterile, and unfaithful.** We have to learn the art of loving every day. Listen to this: every day we must learn the art of loving; every day we must patiently follow the school of Christ. **Every day we must forgive and look to Jesus, and do this with the help of this "Advocate", of this Counselor whom Jesus has sent to us that is the Holy Spirit.**

May the Virgin Mary, the perfect disciple of her Son and Lord, help us to be more and more docile to the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, to learn every day how to love each other as Jesus loved us.



## *Scriptures For The Week*

**Monday May 10**

*Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a(291)*

**Tuesday May 11**

*Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11(292)*

**Wednesday May 12**

*Acts 17:15,22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15(293)*

**Thursday May 13 The Ascension of the lord**

*Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23*

**Friday May 14**

*Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17(564)*

**Saturday May 15**

*Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28(296)*

## **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&6          | Tue @7PM            |
| 5            | Sun @1PM            |
| 7            | Sun @12PM           |
| 8            | Sun @11AM           |
| RCIA         | Wed @7PM            |

## Please Save these dates

May 1st 2021 @8:30AM Reconciliation for 1st H.C.

May 4th 2021 @4PM Rehearsals for confession and confirmation group

May 7th 2021 @4PM Confession for confirmation

May 8th 2021 @11AM-1PM 1st Holy Communion

May 15th 2021 @11AM Confirmation

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 this number **718-649-1006**  
Or by email at [dre101163@diobrook.org](mailto:dre101163@diobrook.org)

## Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-4:30 PM

## OLM Spiritual Journey Program (OSJP)

Olm Spiritual Insights based on the word of God takes place every Saturday at 7:30 PM 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