#### First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14

The Law of the Lord brings joy.

#### **Second Reading**

James 5:1-6

James chastises the rich.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

### **Bible Verse for the Week**

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones" PROVERBS 3:6–8

#### **Pro Sanctity**

You are invited to join Pro Sanctity

When: Monday nights for the Rosary and today's Gospel reflection

Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections and periodic special programs

Why: To pray, learn and share

How: Call (339) 207-8069 on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00PM ALL ARE WELCOME! Please note: Our meetings have been suspended for the rest of the summer. We will resume on Monday, September 9th at 7:00PM.

# **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, deaconate and religious life.

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

Infant Baptisms will take place on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12PM

# Summer Schedule

# 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.) 12:45 PM (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) I<sup>st</sup> Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024

#### Saturday September 28

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr Andre Bain by His Mom5:30 PM All The Souls In Purgatory by Ann & Family5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Chantal M. Alexis by Augustin Alexis

#### **Sunday September 29**

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Liberata & Maria Bajada by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Marie Therese McSween by Ann & Family

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Mirdell Boliscar by Her Parents

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for His Blessings by Naika Joseph

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for Marriange Renoverne by Naika Joseph

**10:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Marie Yolene Zamor, Owen Zamor, & Joshua Leroy Zamor by The Zamor Family

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Sister Juvenia Joseph,

Roselyn St Vil, Parnel & Any Boucher, & Josette Edouard by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Kitzner Vassor by Emile

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving for Joseph Odima by Martine

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Martine

**12:30 PM** Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving to God for Marie Maignant by Her Children

**12:30 PM** In Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for Ronald Edouard & Family by Ronald Edouard

**12:30 PM** Birthday Blessings for Josette Edouard by Josette Edouard

#### **Monday September 30**

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Anthony Menelas by Fresnel Augustin

#### **Tuesday October 1**

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

#### Wednesday October 2

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

#### Thursday October 3

**8:30** AM Birthday In Heaven for Lordy Thomas by Theresa Baptiste

#### Friday October 4

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

#### Saturday October 5

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for his blessings by Naika Joseph

5:30 PM No Mass Intentions

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# Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Dorthea C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rosemarie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Edward Kessler, Noel Toussaint, Anthony Cavaliere, Joseph Virgile

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.

### Our Parish needs your Weekly Support TIME

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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	58
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	102
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	80
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	220

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is
This Weeks Total was
Previous Week
Your generosity is greatly appreciated

**Second Collection** 

# Coming Up This Week <



**Monday: September 30** 

**8:30 AM Mass** 

**Tuesday: October 1** 

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: October 2

**8:30 AM Mass** 

Thursday: October 3

8:30 AM Mass Friday: October 4 8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: October 5

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: October 6

8:30 AM English Mass 10:30 AM English Mass 12:30 PM

**Haitian Mass** 

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM, Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-5PM, Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory office is now open from Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 29th 2024 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both of them are manifestations of the fact that God has no favorite (Act 10, 34). He chooses and uses those that please him for his mission. It also proves that the Spirit of God is the one that empowers to do good. In both readings, we see men outside the "camp and the group of disciples" prophesying and preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit; and also casting out devils in the name of Jesus respectively. We also see the zealous and envious disciples getting afraid and worried. Being afraid for their own positions and the authority of their masters, they made efforts to stop them from participating in the ministry and mission of God.

In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it is in line with the will of God that all men should receive the spirit of God and be motivated to do good works. This good work includes, prophesying and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. This was why Moses responded: "...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all." And Jesus told his disciples: "You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me..." So for both Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply show that they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also shows how modest and meek their hearts are.

Today, James warns us against oppression, suppressions and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our, group, fold or class. Rather than oppress and suppress them, we should build and, help them to grow up physically and spiritually. We should not strangle the true spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Doing this means being unjust like the oppressive rich that James condemned in today's second reading. Rather, we should be messengers of justice, peace, progress, charity, mercy and compassion. This is what the Holy Father Pope Francis is calling all Christians and Catholics at all levels of faith to do.

Rather than oppress and suppress others and their gifts, we should do everything possible to uplift their human dignity. To do this we must be open and docile to the spirit of God. Like the disciples of both Moses and Jesus in our readings today, while being zealous in God's work, we must avoid the fear of losing our positions or authority. We must also avoid envy which moves us to try to suppress God's gift to others. Instead, we should read the signs of the times and allow God to be God in his people

Finally, another important lesson we must learn today is that God works in mysterious ways and does not reason like us humans. Hence, he tells us through the prophet Isaiah: "My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts. Just as the heavens are higher than the sky so are my thoughts and my ways higher than yours" (Ish 55, 8-9). This is simply to say that by allowing his spirit to operate in those outside the camp of Moses and the disciples of Jesus, God sees much better than us humans. He chooses whoever he wants and empowers him or her for his mission. Also, it is his desire that all of us his children be filled with his spirit in order to work for the establishment of His Kingdom in all hearts.

# Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 30 Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50(455) Tuesday October 1

Jb 3:1-3; 11-17; 20-23 Lk 9:51-56(456)

Wednesday October 2

Jb 9:1-12; 14-16(457) Mt 18:1-5; 10(650)

**Thursday October 3** Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12(458)

Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12(45 **Friday October 4** 

Jb 38:1; 12-21; 40:3-5 Lk 10:13-16(459) **Saturday October 5** 

Jb 49:1-3; 5-6; 12-17 Lk 10:17-24(460)

# 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(2023) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

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

### **Etincelles D' Amour Group Tentative Event Schedule for 2024-2025**

Every last Saturday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass 1000 Hail Mary's will be done by the Etincelles D' Amour Group

December Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on the first Saturday of December

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage scheduled for Saturday, April 6th 2025 which is the first Saturday of the month

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage in New Jersey with the Haitian Apostolate July 17th 2025

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel from July 7th to July 15th followed by a Feast Day celebration on July 16th

Novena to St Michael from September 20th to September 28th with the Feast Day Celebration on September 29th 2025

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29TH 2024

### **Office Of Faith Formation News**

Welcome to the Religious Education year 2024-2025 classes begin on September 8th. From 2024 onwards classes begin at 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM. All children and their parents are required to attend the 10:30 AM Mass.

All Parents and Guardians of children continuing with religious education in 2025 have a mandatory meeting on September 22nd at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center

To register for Religious Education classes you can take and fill out forms in the back of the church and put these forms back into the basket in the back of the church.

Anyone including adults who want to register for any religious education should contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006 or 646-348-0343 on the following office hours and days Starting from September 1st and on the office days and hours will be on Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Infant Baptisms will take place on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12PM

## **Our office Days and Hours**

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM Saturday 9:30AM-4:00 PM Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

Alleluia A Grace to Hold Life's Interruptions A New Book by Sister Ave Clark, O.P.

Order from Amazon, or directly from: Sister Ave Clark, 718-428-2471

Heart to Heart Ministry 151-58 17th Road, Whitestone, NY 11357

Cost per book \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping Please make check payable to Sisters of St. Dominic

For more information Visit Heart to Heart Ministry Website at www.h2h.nyc

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# **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 2024 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 2024 Goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

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

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