



Welcome to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: a journey of faith, unity, and purpose. This year, we are *Called to Communion, Participation, and Mission* – a powerful theme that encapsulates the essence of our shared commitment to make a meaningful impact. We thank you for your continued support and generosity during the 2024 Appeal. The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: *Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.* All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Through your prayerful consideration and reflection, you are invited to respond in faith, hope and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. *The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.*



St. Mary Magdalene parish welcomes Kevin Zhagui-Agudo and Antoine Mclean Jr., who were fully initiated into the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil, to our parish family. Blessings and Congratulations! Please keep them in your prayers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**St. Mary Magdalene and Brother Raymond Blixt Scholarship** application for academic year is available. Application deadline: May 3, 2024. Please contact Dr. Marva Chevalier at the parish office for more information and questions.

THE LAST JUDGMENT MINISTRY is sponsoring a CLOTHING DRIVE on Sunday, April 28th. The St. Vincent de Paul van will be in the Rectory parking lot from 8:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Kindly donate your gently used clothing for this project. PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE BAGS INTO THE CHURCH.



Rev. Father Maurice Nutt, Postulator for the cause of canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman will be conducting A RESURRECTION REVIVAL titled “Won’t He Do It” at St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict The Moor Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM nightly. All are welcome!



*Sunday Blessings: I am the resurrection and the life.*

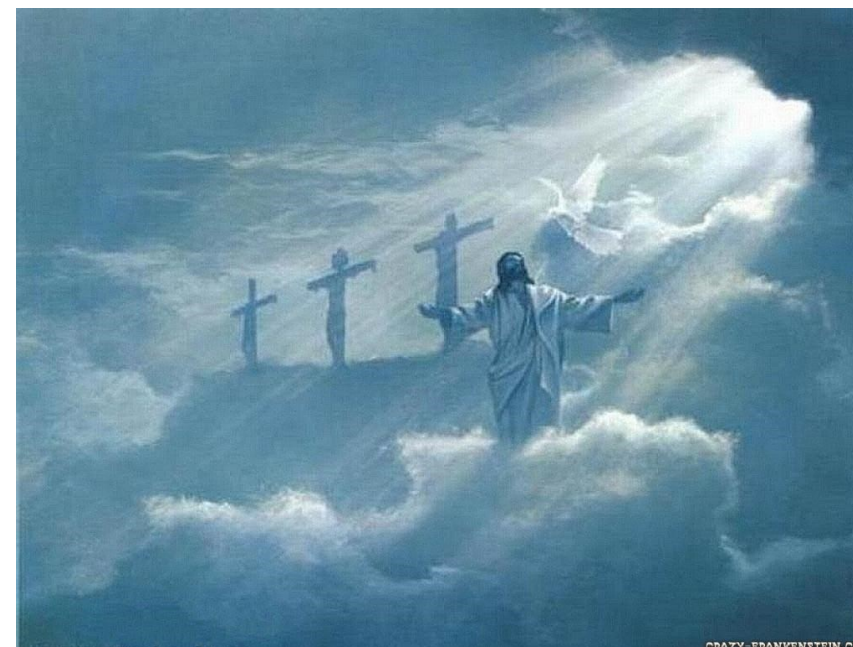
*He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. John 11:25*

# St. Mary Magdalene R. C. Church

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*Jesus is alive, death could not hold Him!*



**MISSION STATEMENT:** St. Mary Magdalene Parish is a welcoming Faith Community of followers of Jesus Christ bonded by the Eucharist. We go forth from this table into the larger community sharing our gifts and talents in order to bring about God’s reign through works of justice and responsible stewardship.



March 31, 2024



#### Masses

Sunday 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM  
Weekday 8:30 AM  
Saturday 9:00 AM

#### Parish Clergy

Rev. Fr. Gordon P. Kusi – Administrator  
Rev. Fr. Cosmas C. Nzeabalu –Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fr. Mark Cregan – Sunday Assistant

Deacon Lee Williams  
Deacon Ernie Hart

#### Parish Staff

Mary Harris – Pastoral Associate  
Aminta Maynard – Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Marva Chevalier — Director of Religious Education

#### Liturgical Ministries & Coordinators

Altar Servers:	Lorna McKenzie, Miriam Bettis
Baptism Preparation:	Doris & Price Olivier
Choir Director:	Marc Phillip
Consolation Ministry:	Mikki Maynard
Last Judgment	
Ministry/Social Justice:	Miriam Bettis
Liturgical Dance:	Stephanie Simeon
Men’s Ministry:	Ken Harrison
Musician:	Gary Fisher
Pastoral Care/	
Homebound:	Fr. Cosmas
Prayer:	Velma Samuels
O.C.I.A.:	Dr. Marva Chevalier
Social Media:	Taryn Bettis, Cara Elie
Women’s Ministry:	Stanlee Richards
Youth Ministry	
Coordinator:	Najimah McKenzie

## Happy Easter!





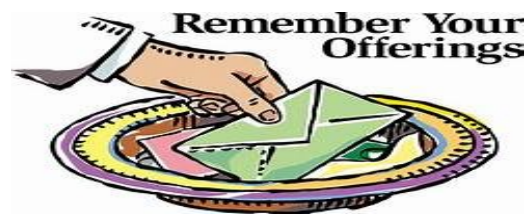
Sun. March 31, 2024

8:45 AM: People of the Parish (+)

11:00 AM: Sara & St. Clair Burnett (+)

Req. by: Burnett Family

Your intentions are being remembered at Mass and we are praying for everyone's health and well-being.



SUNDAY: MARCH 24, 2024 – REGULAR COLLECTION: \$3,717.00

EASTER GIFT \$1,360.00 EASTER FLOWERS \$220.00

Sunday collections totals do not include on-line giving, which is reported at the end of the month. Sunday offerings are critical to the ongoing vitality and sustainability of our parishes to carry out the Mission of Jesus Christ. We are always thankful for the continuing generosity of our parishioners, and during this difficult time we ask that you please continue to support your parish to the extent that you are able.



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Please remember your parish. Donations can be mailed to the rectory or you can use on-line giving at:

[www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).

**E-Giving info for online giving**

- Go to give central: [www.givecentral.org/dob](http://www.givecentral.org/dob).
- Follow instructions on page: In search bar type in St. Mary Magdalene, click on St. Mary Magdalene and complete form
- **Again, we thank everyone for their continued generosity** and ask if they could, to please consider increasing their weekly offering.

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B

March 31, 2024

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Reading II: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk24:35-48

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15



**PRAY FOR ...THE SICK, WHO ARE ILL IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT, ESPECIALLY:**

Janet Brown, Georgina Smith, Teneshia MaxDixon, Martha Benjamin, Pelham Jolly, Winnifred Smith, Ellington Jeffrey, Inga Watson, Cecile Augustin, Louise Roberts, Geraldine Kelley, Roy Henry, Lisa Moore, Thaddeus Scott, Jason Trotman, Lynette Bass, Cecile Rivers, Magalie Bloncourt, Louise Aguilera, Lonny Chattergoon, Dr. Phillip Clifton, Ashanti Rimes, Grace Mogul, Roberto Giscomb, Andre Chase, Aleem Shoucair, Alma Sweeney, Marjorie Moore

## Happy Resurrection Sunday!



For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

### SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION

#### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

**(Infants—3 years old):**

Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month (Exception: There are no Baptisms in December or March). Please register your child at least one month in advance by coming to the rectory. You must complete the registration form and submit the child's birth certificate. In addition, parents and Godparents MUST attend preparation class PRIOR to Baptism.

#### Religious Education -

**(Faith Formation for young people):**

Our classes have begun! **Classes begin at 9:30 AM.** This will allow our young people and Catechist to participate in our 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM Mass Celebration.

For registration and/or further information, please call the rectory or see Dr. Marva Chevalier after Mass.

#### Diocesan guideline:

**A two year sacramental preparation is required to receive Sacraments of Holy Eucharist/Communion and Confirmation.**

#### OCIA Invitation

##### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.):

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation for Adults  
We welcome Adult members into full communion through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We welcome all who worship with us who are not baptized or were baptized in a different Christian tradition to join us as full members of the Catholic Christian Community through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please speak with Dr. Marva Chevalier for more information. We also welcome baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed or received the Eucharist.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires a time of six months before the proposed date of the wedding for the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered participating Parish members should contact the parish office to begin the process.

**Funerals:** Please call the parish office when planning the Wake. All funeral arrangements are made through the Funeral Director who notifies the church.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Anointing of the Sick, at home.