

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — PASTOR
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Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

CONFESSION DAYS AND TIMES

Reconciliation Monday (April 14):
11:15 am, 3:30 pm, 7 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week
(April 15 & 16): 11:15 am
Holy Thursday (April 17): No Confessions
Good Friday (April 18): after the 7:30 pm Liturgy
Holy Saturday (April 19): No Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 17)

No 8:05 am or 12:05 pm Masses
Church vestibule opens at noon
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm
Mandatum (*Washing of the Feet*);
Blessed Sacrament Procession to Repository
with Adoration until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 18)

Day of fasting & abstinence
No Masses. Church opens at noon
Stations of the Cross: 1 pm
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion:
3 pm (Choir) & 7:30 pm
Confessions after the 7:30 pm service

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 19)

Easter Basket Blessing: 11 am
(in the church plaza; if rain, in the church vestibule)
No 12:05 pm or 5 pm Masses. Church opens at 6 pm
Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20)

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
9 am, 11:15 am (Choir), 1 pm



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information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 12

12:05 p.m. Brian Cahill

5 p.m. Nina Chow

Sunday, April 13

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation Monday, April 14

8:05 a.m. Joseph Cardenas

12:05 p.m. Joseph Cardenas

Tuesday, April 15

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Gloria Rodriguez

Wednesday, April 16

8:05 a.m. Elaine Trubia

12:05 p.m. Ralph Haddad

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 17

No 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18

No Masses

1 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Veneration

3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion

7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion, followed by Individual Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 19

No 12:05 p.m. or 5 p.m. Masses. No Confessions

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir), and 1 p.m.

Remember Our Sick

Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Babu Easow, Ronda Esser, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update the prayers for the sick. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Palm Sunday, April 13



BLESSED PALMS AT ALL MASSES

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Reconciliation Monday, April 14

Confessions at 11:15 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, April 15

11:15 a.m. church: Confessions

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

7–8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship (see p. 6)

Wednesday, April 16

11:15 a.m. church: Confessions

Religious Education - Spring Break

Wednesday classes resume on April 23

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Holy Thursday, April 17

Church vestibule opens at noon

No Confessions

Good Friday, April 18

Rectory closed. Church opens at noon.

1 p.m. church: Stations of the Cross

Confessions after 7:30 p.m. Liturgy

Saturday, April 19

No Confessions

11 a.m. church plaza: Easter Basket Blessing

The Wine and Hosts are offered

in loving memory of

Nandranie Gulcharran

—requested by Drew Goolcharan

Remember Our Deceased

Julius Arthur Cole
Rev. Theophane (John) Cooney
Myrnaflor Lazo Cruz
Vicky Jacinto
Bridget E. Martinovich
Rev. Charles J. Matoni
Anastasia Millan



Sr. Virginia O'Brien
Rev. Matteo J. Rizzo
Avelina Revierta Sibulo
Vincenzo Stipanov
Francisca Valdivia
Yvette Zampty

WELCOME! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee

Pope Francis on the Joy of the Gospel

One of the resources that the United States Bishops recommends for our reflection during this 2025 Jubilee Year is the apostolic exhortation written by Pope Francis on evangelization and discipleship entitled "The Joy of the Gospel." The full text is available online at the Vatican website (Vatican.va). Among the insights that Pope Francis offers us in that resource are the following. (The numbers in parentheses refer to the paragraphs of the exhortation.)

"Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow within us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others.... If we wish to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, we have to reach out to others and seek their good..." (9)

A Profound Law of Reality

Pope Francis quotes a 2007 document written by the Latin American and Caribbean Bishops that says, "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.... Here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others." (10)

Pope Francis speaks of our mission in life not as "a heroic individual undertaking" but "first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything that we can see or understand.... Nor should we see the newness of this mission as entailing a kind of displacement or forgetfulness of the living history which surrounds us and carries us forward. Memory is a dimension of our faith.... The joy of evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance: it is a grace which we constantly need to implore.... The believer is essentially one who remembers." (13)

Patient Expectation

"An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on 'the smell of the sheep' and the sheep are willing to

hear their voice.... An evangelizing community ... is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time." (24)

Order of Mass Palm Sunday

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #146—"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
"Palm Sunday Processional"—*Choir Mass*

MASS PARTS: *Vermulst*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL

Luke 22:14–23:56

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"The Palms" (*J. Fauré*)—*Choir*
Missal #716—"At the Name of Jesus"

COMMUNION

"Ride On! Ride On!" (*J. P. Scott*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #159—"O Sacred Head, Surrounded"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #705—"Lift High the Cross"

POSTLUDE

"O Sacred Head"—*Organ*

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

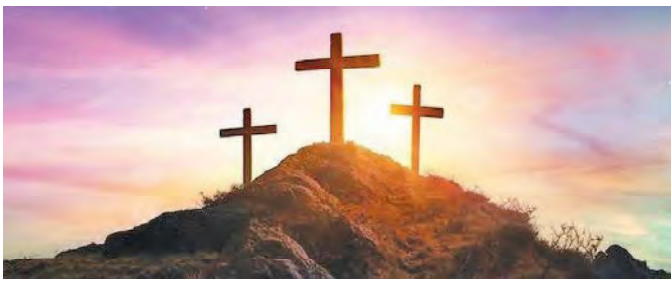
Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is our Easter gift to the church.
- » April 20, the second collection is for our Easter support of senior priests. There is also an envelope for the Easter music and liturgy.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Catholic Teaching Committee

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. If you are interested in joining this parish committee, please try to attend.





The Easter Triduum

Three days (*triduum* in Latin) represent the most sacred time in the Church year and recall events that changed the course of human history. The Holy Triduum is celebrated as one entire liturgy.

Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. The rite of foot-washing is performed to recall Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and calling them to follow his example. We pray at the repository all through the night as Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

Good Friday remembers the Lord's Passion, crucifixion, and death. It is the one day of the year when the Church does not celebrate Mass. We observe fasting and abstinence and meditate on the last hours before Christ's death.

Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil. On this night, we reenact the passage from death to life: lighting the Easter (Paschal) candle, recounting the story of our salvation, renewing our baptismal vows. It is also the day when those entering the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments for the first time.

Pax Christi Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This annual tradition (in its 43rd year) connects Jesus' journey to the cross with today's call for peace and justice. This year's theme asks, **In a time of polarization and conflict, how do we follow the path of Jesus?** The walk begins at 8:30 a.m. at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (East 47th St. and 1st Ave.) and continues along 42nd St., ending between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or carry a cross as a sign of a shared commitment to Christ's way of nonviolence. All are welcome to take part in this prayerful witness.

Join Our Parish!

We welcome everyone who is joining us at Mass this Palm Sunday and will attending our Holy Week services. If you are new to Forest Hills or attend Mass regularly at OLQM church yet have never registered, we encourage you to become a registered parishioner. Adults can register themselves and family members at our website:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration

Registration is the primary means of certifying someone as a member of our parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters, getting married or baptized in the Church, and receiving Catholic funeral rites. If you are already registered, remember to notify the rectory if you are changing address or phone number so we can update our records.

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LIVESTREAM MASS
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Apr 6
Candle Offerings	\$1,737.00
1st Collection	8,400.00
2nd Collection (<i>Pastoral Care</i>)	2,725.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,862.00</u>
Online Giving	5,580.80
Mail In	1,844.00
TOTAL	20,286.80
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,213.20)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Consider a Legacy Gift

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.



HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING of EASTER BASKETS

April 19 at 11 a.m.

The blessing of Easter baskets containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a tradition among Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian Eastern Europeans. On Holy Saturday morning, bring your Easter baskets to church to be blessed during a short service on the church steps (in the event of rain, the blessing will move inside to the church vestibule).

Supporting Christians in the Holy Land This Good Friday

Every Good Friday, the Pope asks Catholics worldwide to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** to help Christians in the Holy Land—where they now make up less than 2% of the population. These funds are distributed to the Franciscans working in the Holy Land for educational and humanitarian projects. We will also take up a **second collection** on Good Friday asking for any extra loose change or bills—especially from those who may not use envelopes—so that our parish can make a gift to support churches, ministries, schools, and families in the land where Jesus lived, died, and rose again. Please be generous.

CONFESSION TIMES ON RECONCILIATION MONDAY

As a good start to Holy Week, we encourage everyone to make an Easter confession. On Monday (April 14), we will have extended hours for confessions: **in the morning** at 11:15 a.m., **afternoon** at 3:30 p.m., and **evening** at 7 p.m. Every church in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens will have extended hours for confessions on Monday. If you are unable to attend here at OLQM, consider visiting a church near where you are working or traveling that day. At OLQM, we will have additional opportunities for confession during Holy Week on Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:15 a.m., and on Good Friday following the 7:30 p.m. Liturgy.



EASTER Memorials 2025

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the church for Easter. The 1 p.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday will be offered for all the memorials donated.

REMAINING MEMORIALS	OFFERING
Triple Stem Easter Lily Plant	\$100/each
Group of Five Tulip Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 60/each
Group of Two Azalea Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Group of Three Hyacinth Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Easter Lily Plant	\$ 35/each
(New for 2025) Group of Two Kalanchoe Plants	\$ 30/each

Celebrate the EASTER SEASON with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.
Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Please return this form (with payment) to the rectory.

Gift from/in Memory of: _____

(Please PRINT)

Requested by: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Offering Amount (circle items and prices above): _____

A Shared Commitment to Faith and Formation

Supporters of priestly vocations gathered on April 3 for the Annual Saint Joseph's Seminary and College Gala—an evening dedicated to advancing the mission of forming future Catholic priests and sharing a commitment to the future of the Catholic Church. The gala room drew hundreds of generous guests united in purpose, including these familiar faces.

Pictured (left to right)—*Father Joseph Holcomb, director of seminarians for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens; Ruby and Roger Aguinaldo, parishioners and members of the Knights of Malta; Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop Robert Brennan; and our own beloved clergy, Father Francis Passenant and Bishop Paul Sanchez.*



HOSANNA!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. (MARK 11:9)

The Blessed Palms that you receive today are meant to be placed in a significant place in your home as a sign of our faith in Jesus' triumph over sin, suffering, and death. Please do not leave palms in the pews. If you are unable to take them home, please return them to the table in the church.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue).

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather weekly with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 to request meeting location.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

HAVE YOU PLEDGED YET? The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. For 2025, our parish goal is to raise \$110,076. Please prayerfully consider a gift! Use the envelopes in church or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our church website:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet next on **Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. Qs? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.