

April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

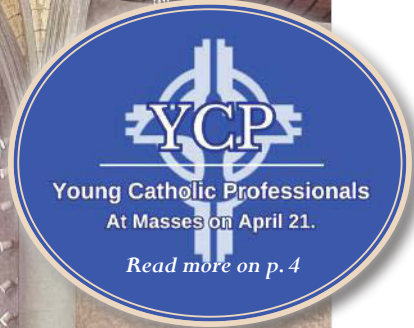


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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
(Monday–Saturday)  
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

**ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
Monday–Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**  
Arrangements should be made at least  
**six months** in advance, **prior** to the  
proposed wedding date



**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**  
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.  
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

 **JOIN THE PARISH**  
Scan for parish registration  
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 13

**Saint Martin**

**8:05 a.m.** All Souls in Purgatory

**12:05 p.m.** Maia and Mina Massoud [living]

**5 p.m.** Nina Chow

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

**8:05 a.m.** Jose Estevez

**12:05 p.m.** Gloria Rodriguez

Tuesday, April 16

**8:05 a.m.** Reuben A. Villanueva

**12:05 p.m.** Deceased members of the Le, Kane & McCarthy families

Wednesday, April 17

**8:05 a.m.** Lily Eng

**12:05 p.m.** Raul Calleja

Thursday, April 18

**8:05 a.m.** Elaine Trubia

**12:05 p.m.** Deceased members of the Rozario family

Friday, April 19

**8:05 a.m.** Patrick Farrell

**12:05 p.m.** Josephine Orlando

Saturday, April 20

**8:05 a.m.** Ellen Lowry

**12:05 p.m.** Ralph Haddad

**5 p.m.** Richard Allen Mohr

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 14

**10 a.m.** *rectory basement meeting room:*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** (*use glass door behind the Mary statue*)

Monday, April 15

**After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses** *church:*  
**Miraculous Medal Novena**

**7 p.m. Zoom:** "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, April 16

**11:30 a.m. church:** Confessions

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

Wednesday, April 17

**Religious Education**

**3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class**

**7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO**

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

Thursday, April 18

**11:30 a.m. church:** Confessions

**After 12:05 p.m. Mass**

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:30 p.m. church:** Benediction

Friday, April 19

**6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall:** MAYO Meeting  
(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, April 20

**12:45 p.m. church:** Confessions

**1 p.m. rectory meeting room:** Single Adults Group Game Day

**3 p.m. church:** WEDDING

**April A. Aningalan/Mickael O. Silangil**

**The Wine and Hosts**

are offered in loving memory of

**Jose Estevez**

—requested by daughter Yaneris Blanco

## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Frances Cesarrano, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Domingo Galicia, Lionel Guello, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Carmen Tarab, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—**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 list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

## Remember Our Deceased

Audrey Ballerini

Donald Begota

Angie Castanza

Carmen DiPersia

Michael Dolan

Adeline Figueroa

Rev. John Garkowski

Josephine Patti Gildea

Rochelle Gorelick

Sr. Mary St. Henry Haiss

Michael J. Kelly

Mary O'Driscoll

Teresa Ramos-Aponte

Rev. John Wtulich

Rev. Richard Zuk

## We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad

Eric Böhm, Sergio Borrero, Thaddeus Buenaventura, Ricardo Cantillo, Bobby DiTroia, Armando Fellin, Andrew Gonzalez, A. Jay James, William (Will) Klos, Michael Le Floch, Louis Mannino, Gabriella Mattson, Justin Pabse, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

**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, at [disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Teaching The Obligation of Forming a Good Conscience

*"The aim of this instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5)*

**REFLECT:** "Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere 'feeling' about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil...."

"The formation of conscience includes several elements. First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics, this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices. Prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God" (USCCB).

The Catechism notes: "A human being must always obey the certain judgment of his conscience. If he were deliberately to act against it, he would condemn himself. Yet it can happen that moral conscience remains in ignorance and makes erroneous judgments about acts to be performed or already committed." So, the Church encourages us to develop the virtue of prudence. "Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it... It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation. [It is called] the charioteer of the virtues; it guides the other virtues by setting rule and measure. It is prudence that immediately guides the judgment of conscience [and helps us] overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid."

**LEARN:** Read what the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catechism say on forming a Catholic conscience (see, respectively, <https://tinyurl.com/ytz8n2pw> and <https://tinyurl.com/98uer5d6>).

**BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN:** To learn more about legislative issues that affect us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we encourage you to sign up for "Action Alerts" from the NY State Catholic Conference. [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## Order of Mass Third Sunday of Easter

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

### ENTRANCE

Missal #572—"Festival Cantic: Worthy Is Christ"

**MASS PARTS:** Haugen and Schiavone

### FIRST READING

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, let your face shine on us.*

### SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5a

### GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

"Gloria Festiva" (E. Crocker)—Choir

Missal #581—"Worthy Is the Lamb"

### COMMUNION

"In the Breaking of the Bread" (M. Ward)—Choir

"Regina Caeli, Jubila"—Solo (Leader of Song)

Missal #341—"Behold the Lamb"

### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #185—"Jesus Is Risen"

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Catholic Home Missions. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the school building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » April 21, the second collection is help offset the cost of fuel.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » For Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**~ SUPPORT OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY ~**  
**Last Chance to Get Tickets for the**  
**OLQMCA Spring Bash on April 27.**  
**Information on p. 6.**

# OLQM Spring

*Save these dates. Watch for updates on these and other events in future bulletins.*

**May 4 (Sat)**

**First Holy Communion** 10 a.m.

**May 5 (Sun)**

**Living Rosary** after 1 p.m. Mass in church plaza, in observance of Mary's month

**May 7 (Tue)**

**May Crowning** 9:15 a.m. hosted by OLQMCA 8th graders.

**May 9 (Thu)**

**The Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)** Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. on 5/8; holy day Masses 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

**May 11/12 (Weekend)**

**Mother's Day** blessing at all Sunday Masses

**May 19 (Sun)**

**Pentecost** Confirmation Mass 4 p.m.

**June 2 (Sun)**

**Corpus Christi Procession** after 1 p.m. Mass.

**June 5–13 (Wed–Thu)**

**St. Anthony of Padua Novena** at 12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon–Sat) & after 11:15 a.m. Mass on 6/9. Distribution of St. Anthony bread at the novena close on 6/13

**June 7 (Fri)**

**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

**June 15 (Sat)**

**OLQMCA 8th Grade Graduation** 10 a.m.

**June 15/16 (Weekend)**

**Father's Day** blessing at all Sunday Masses.

**June 23 (Sun)**

**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday only. Truck will be parked in front of church to accept gently used and new clothing



## We Rejoice with Our Newest Members

The Elect in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program were joyfully welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30. Bishop Sanchez presided over the profound celebration, which conferred the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist).

We rejoice with **Daniella Ventura, Kenneth Powers, Nicole Maloy, and Michelle Falcon.**

The RCIA team, together with Bishop, Father Passenant, and Father Antonin, have been honored to accompany them on their faith journey and welcome them to our parish community.

## Single Adults Group Meeting & Game Day

We will be welcoming spring by gathering for another popular Game Day after our regular meeting, beginning at **1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Feel free to bring board and/or card games; we will also have group trivia games with our master of ceremonies. You may bring snacks and beverages to share as well. If you have any questions, contact [dmtdemaria@hotmail.com](mailto:dmtdemaria@hotmail.com).

Next Sunday, April 21

## Calling Young Catholic Professionals!

At next week's Masses, Father Henry Torres, a young-adult ministry leader in our Diocese, will be here to introduce us to Young Catholic Professionals (YCP). Whether you're in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, single or married, this organization aims to help young professionals connect with one another and maintain their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. They arrange workshops, mentoring, social, and other events. We hope to garner interest from many of you and potentially establish a group in our diocese to enrich our Catholic community. If you might be interested, bring your questions to ask Father Torres after Mass next week.

## Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet monthly, on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Future meetings are April 22, May 20, and June 17. For questions or additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).



## Annual Catholic Appeal Update

**“Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Matthew 6:21).**

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for this year’s diocesan appeal. To date, we have received pledges of \$51,490 from 108 donors. Let’s keep the momentum going! We are asking each family to prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible gift. It is important that our parish make its goal and fulfill our mission of helping to provide for all who depend on the generosity and goodwill of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Pledge cards are near the church doors, or scan this code with your phone to donate online now at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org).



God bless you for your generous giving to the AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

**“Peace be with you. Why are you troubled?  
And why do questions arise in your hearts?  
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.”  
(Luke 24:36, 38-39)**

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### —Weekly Collections—

	April 7
Candle Offerings	\$1,800.00
1st Collection	9,445.07
2nd Collection ( <i>Pastoral Care</i> )	3,148.07
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>14,393.14</u>
Online Parish Giving	9,433.47
Mail In	2,262.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,088.61</b>
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,588.61

\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, 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 Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).



## Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** Meets in rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact instructor Dr. Joseph Terry ([josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian).

**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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

## Contact Us

### MAIN PHONE AND EMAIL

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[olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org](mailto:olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org)

Disabilities Advocate:  
[disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com)

MAYO (Youth Organization):  
[youth@olqmchurch.org](mailto:youth@olqmchurch.org)

Pastoral Care Office:  
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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

### LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the “past livestreams” link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

Last Chance to Get Tickets

### OLQMCA Spring Bash 2024

Saturday, April 27

6:30–11 p.m.

McLaughlin Hall

Reservations are necessary.

April 16 is the deadline.



Treat yourself and your friends to this night of dining, dancing, and raffle prizes in a beautifully transformed McLaughlin Hall—all to benefit OLQM Catholic Academy. Tickets \$80 per person; \$750 to reserve a table for 10 people. Price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, coffee. (Bring your own wine. 1970s disco attire encouraged but not required.)

Purchase tickets online or sign up to participate in the auction in support of OLQM Catholic Academy:

<https://OLQMCASB2024.givesmart.com/>

If you prefer, send check payable to OLQMCA. Mail to: OLQMCA – Spring Bash 72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375. Questions? Email [info@olqmca.org](mailto:info@olqmca.org).

### Youth Jubilee of the Holy Year 2025

July 27–August 4, 2025: 9-Day Pilgrimage to Rome.

Bishop Robert Brennan invites the youth of the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese to join him on this pilgrimage, which begins in Assisi, where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare and pray near the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. In Rome, attend the Holy Father’s general audience and Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica and walk through the Holy Doors to receive a plenary indulgence. Email: [Peter@petersway.com](mailto:Peter@petersway.com) for all-inclusive package pricing. Enrollment deadline (with \$250 deposit) is June 1, 2024.

### Student Honors

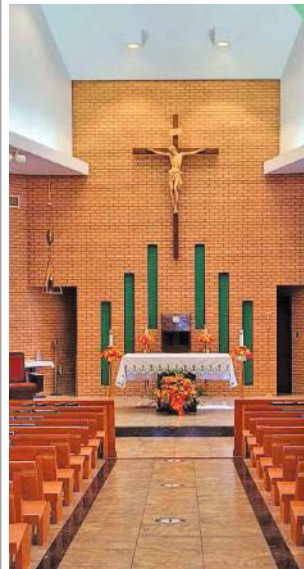
Congratulations to these students from our parish for their academic achievements and honors earned!

#### THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY

Principal’s List: **Amber Ali, Karina Bianchini, Leia Cassie, Amrit Chopra, Emilia Ho, Alyssa Iadicicco, Cybella Kosinov, Maribel Martinez, Claudia Wysocky**

First Honors: **Emilia Aguinardo**

Second Honors: **Angelina Perez, Lillah Weitman**



### Special Needs Mass for Young People

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024  
12:30PM

This mass is a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs youth and their families the opportunity to attend mass together without concern.

HOLY TRINITY R.C. CHURCH  
14-51 143RD ST.  
WHITESTONE, NY 11357



### Finish Your Bachelor’s Degree Online

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#### Need healing from an abortion?

Nesecita sanacion de un aborto?  
Call Hope & Healing Mission:  
866-575-0075  
[HopeAfterAbortion.com](http://HopeAfterAbortion.com)

#### Miscarriage/Pregnancy Loss/ Counseling:

Aborto expontaneo, Perdida de un Bebe/concejeria.  
[MiscarriageHurts.com](http://MiscarriageHurts.com)

#### Suffering infertility?

Padece de Infertilidad?  
The Gianna Center  
Call: 631-376-3232  
[NationalGiannaCenter.org](http://NationalGiannaCenter.org)

#### Unplanned pregnancy?

No planificaron un Embarazo?  
Call: 516-798-9100  
Call: 877-777-1277  
Text: 212-20-8716

#### Adverse prenatal diagnosis?

Complicaciones en su diagnostic prenatal?  
Call: 877-777-1277  
Call: 516-798-9100  
[VisitationCenterUS.org](http://VisitationCenterUS.org)  
[PrenatalPartnersForLife.org](http://PrenatalPartnersForLife.org)



### Local pregnancy resources for moms in need

