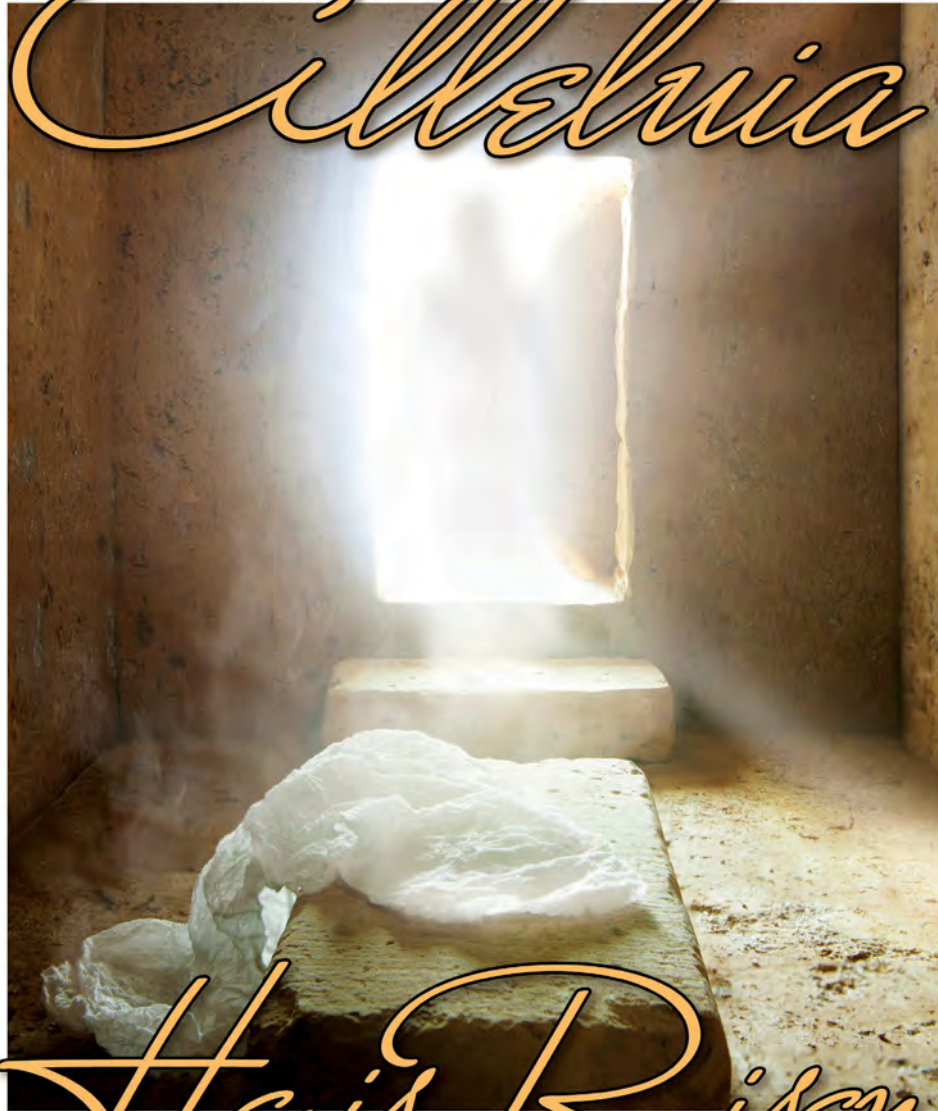


April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

## Alleluia



## He is Risen

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**  
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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## Masses for the Week

Holy Saturday, April 19

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

**7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday, April 20

**9 a.m. Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Easter Monday, April 21

**8:05 a.m.** Vincent Curcio

**12:05 p.m.** Kieran Desoyza

Easter Tuesday, April 22

**8:05 a.m.** John DeOcampo, Jr. [living]

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

Easter Wednesday, April 23

**8:05 a.m.** Kevin del Rosario and Rodolfo Bernabe

**12:05 p.m.** Jose Estevez

Easter Thursday, April 24

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

**12:05 p.m.** Wojciech Gnojek

Easter Friday, April 25

**8:05 a.m.** Nestor Ardeleano

**12:05 p.m.** Silvestro Spagnuolo

Easter Saturday, April 26

**12:05 p.m.** Joseph LaMarca

**5 p.m.** Robert Sorsaia

## 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 Guttierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Teruko Secor, 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

Easter Sunday, April 20

**CHRIST HAS RISEN!**



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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Easter Monday, April 21

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

*church: Miraculous Medal Novena*

**6:45 p.m. rectory basement meeting room:**

**Bereavement Support Group**

Easter Tuesday, April 22

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

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

**7–8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** (see p. 4)

Easter Wednesday, April 23

**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**

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Easter Thursday, April 24

**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**

Easter Saturday, April 26

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

**The Easter (Paschal) Candle**

is offered in loving memory of

**Celina Cavalier**

—requested by *Jusette Meany*

The **Wine and Hosts** are offered by

**Drew Goolcharran** [living]

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

is offered in loving memory of

**Claire Haggins**

—requested by *Patricia Malley*

## Remember Our Deceased

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



Sr. Virginia O'Brien  
Avelina Revierta Sibulo  
Vincio Stipanov  
Francisca Valdivia

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).

## This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee **Pope Francis on the Gospel of Joy and Parish Community**

The US Bishops recommend Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," as a resource for our reflection during this 2025 Jubilee Year. We continue offering selections from that Exhortation in this and subsequent columns (numbers in parentheses refer to the paragraphs of the exhortation; the full text is available online at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)).

The word "evangelization" is meant to be understood as a way of living out our ordinary, daily Catholic lives in the light of the Gospel message. In that spirit, Pope Francis writes that "God's word is unpredictable in its power... The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our understanding and ways of thinking." (22)

The Holy Father goes on to reflect on the nature of the parish community as "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters ... an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the spiritual life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration." (28)

### ***Faith Working Through Love***

Pope Francis writes that "what counts above all else is 'faith working through love' (Galatians 5:6). Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit." The Holy Father then quotes St. Thomas Aquinas who writes: 'In itself mercy is the greatest of all virtues, since all the others revolve around it and, more than this, it makes up for their deficiencies. This is particular to the superior virtue, and as such it is proper to God to have mercy, through which his omnipotence is manifested to the greatest degree.'" (37)

### ***God's Saving Love***

In Pope Francis's continued reflection on the mission that God has entrusted to each one of us, he writes poignantly that "everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings." He goes on to say that our task of evangelization never closes itself off, never retreats into its own security, never opts for rigidity and defensiveness. It realizes that it has to grow in

its own understanding of the Gospel and in discerning the paths of the Spirit, and it always does what good it can, even if in the process, its shoes get soiled by the mud of the street." (44-45)



**Catholic Teaching Committee** will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. If you are interested in joining the committee, please try to attend.

## Order of Mass

### Easter Sunday

*Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #194—"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

#### MASS PARTS

Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

**FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

#### SEQUENCE

*Missal #177—"Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let the Holy Anthem Rise"

**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-9

#### HOMILY

#### SPRINKLING

*Missal #633—"Baptized in Water"*

"Sing Praise to Our Creator"—*Choir*

#### OFFERTORY

*Missal #587—"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

"Anthem for Spring" (*P. Mascagni*)—*Choir*

#### COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #184—"Ye Sons and Daughters"*

"Out of Darkness"—*Choir and Leader of Song*

"Aurora Coelum Purpurat" (*P. Yon*)—*Choir*

#### CLOSING HYMN

"Hallelujah Chorus"—*Choir Mass only*

*Missal #710—"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

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

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## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Easter music and liturgy. There is also an envelope for an Easter offering for support of senior priests.
- » April 27, the second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for Catholic Home Missions.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Jesus, I trust in you*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

**2 pm Exposition & Adoration | 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

# Easter Blessings from Our Pastor

**A** *lleluia, Alleluia. He has risen!* This is the refrain exclaimed over and over again on this Easter Sunday, during the Easter season, and throughout the year. Easter is not just today—it a 50-day event that culminates on Pentecost Sunday. After that, each Sunday is considered a little Easter, because we are called to rejoice and not to let up rejoicing, for the Resurrection of Jesus means he is alive today and every day.

We are loved by God, and the beautiful presence of the Risen Lord. The joy of today's Resurrection feast is far greater than any struggle, tragedy, or darkness that we may encounter.

May you experience the love and joy of the Risen Lord. May this Easter season bring hope, confidence, and peace into your hearts and the hearts of the whole world.

On behalf of Bishop Sanchez, Father Antonin, our seminarian, and the entire staff of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, a Happy and Blessed Easter!

—FATHER PASSEANT

## CHRIST HAS RISEN. INDEED, HE HAS RISEN.



### 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.

### —Weekly Collections—

Because of the bulletin's early close for Easter, the collection figures for April 13 were not available. They will be included in the next bulletin.

### 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. Find more information on leaving legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](https://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).*

### Bereavement Support Meets on Monday, April 21

The 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@olqchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqchurch.org).

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

# 2025 EASTER MEMORIALS

*The 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 27, will be offered for the memorials donated.*

## **PINK CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES**

In memory of Giattino and Soja families—by Josephine and Richard Giattino

In memory of Miriam Soto-Miranda and Romanita Terrero—by Evan Katsefes

## **YELLOW FORSYTHIA BLOSSOM TREES**

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Charles Milord and Ms. Jane Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord, DDS

## **MAGNOLIA BLOSSOM TREES**

In memory of Rocco, Norma, and Diana Napoli—by Gerry Napoli

In memory of Yan and Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng

## **LARGE FORSYTHIA VASES**

In memory of Robert Peter Ballerini and Audrey Ballerini—by Robert D. Ballerini

## **FORSYTHIA BRANCHES VASES ACROSS THE HIGH ALTAR**

In memory of Richard Sorrento—by Gerry Napoli

In memory of Rina and Antonietta Sellner—by Robert Sellner, Sr., and son Robert, Jr.

In memory of Evadnise, Agenor FanFan, and Graig Caliute—by Marie and Jimmy FanFan

In memory of Anna and Saverio Cerminaro—by Rose Marie Cerminaro

In memory of Taylor Calder—by Mary Renna

## **TRIPLE STEM EASTER LILY PLANTS**

In memory of Edward T. Caswell, Jr.—by Dana L. McDougall

In memory of the deceased of the Wright, McGrath, and McCarthy families—by Veronica McCarthy

In memory of Robert Sorsaia—by Veronica McCarthy

In memory of Sebastian Bartolotto—by Maryann Bartolotto

In memory of Theresa Bartolotto—by Maryann Bartolotto

In memory of David E. and Anna C. Close—by David and LeeAnn Close

In memory of Wesley J. and Shirley K. Horbatuck—by David and LeeAnn Close

In memory of Robert G. Sorsaia—by David and LeeAnn Close

Gift of Santos and Yolanda Flores

Gift of Ester Riveros

## **GROUP OF TULIP PLANTS**

In memory of Anna and Louis Vasile—by Carol McNelis

In memory of the deceased of the Calleja and Warsaw families—by Regina Warshaw

In memory of Bonifacia P. Manalo and Baltazar Perez—by Eufrocina Perez

## **GROUP OF AZALEA PLANTS**

In memory of Rodolfo Atienza—by Ruby and Roger Aguinaldo

In memory the Bartolotto family—by Maryann Bartolotto

In memory the Pellettiere family—by Maryann Bartolotto

In memory of Dolores and Irving Kotin, Mary Kotin, and Lillian Neumann—by Belinda Kotin (3)

In memory of Le, Kane, Tran, Pham, and McCarthy families—by Kevin and Zung Kane

## **GROUP OF HYACINTH PLANTS**

In memory of Raphael F. Longobardi—by JoAnn M. Longobardi

In memory of Howard Siegel—by JoAnn M. Longobardi

In memory of Jeanette and Issac Faighes; Robert Sorsaia; and deceased priests of OLQM—by Regina Faighes

In memory of Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham—by Lois Caicedo

## **EASTER LILY PLANTS**

In memory of Ignatzia, Matteo, and Josephine Orlando—by Antoinette Orlando (3)

In memory of Sotiris and Eugenie Geordamus—by Elizabeth Efstathakis



## Students Journey Through Lent in Prayer and Song

by Amy Snorteland, Math Support Teacher

During the Lenten season, Bishop Sanchez guided the students from OLQM Catholic Academy, grades 2 through 8, in reciting the Stations of the Cross. Each week, students visited the church to learn and pray and reflect. Their experience was enhanced with the accompaniment of song by our seventh grader, Brooke-Lynn Weinberg.



### Student Honors

The following students from our parish are cited by **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY** for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Principal's List: **Cecelia Aguinaldo, Amber Ali, Karina Bianchini, Amrit Chopra, Emilia Ho, Claudia Wysocky**

First Honors: **Sophia Estevez, Miriya Healing, Alyssa Iadicicco, Leila Ibanez, Lillah Weitman**

Second Honors: **Emilia Aguinaldo, Emma Granadillo**

### Pilgrimage to Italy for Jubilee Year 2025

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### Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

**Isaac Alexander Balladares**

son of Melissa Manrique and Flavio Balladares

**Leo Anthony Meczowska Bracco**

son of Ewelina Meczowska and Anthony Bracco

**Ivey Cecilia Deveikis**

daughter of Madison Lawry and Ryan Deveikis

**Autry Herman Epting**

son of Olivia and Charles Epting

**Louise Julie Pliego**

daughter of Elena Safonova and Luis Pliego

**Mason A. J. Quinones**

son of Priscilla Alvarez and Juan Quinones III

**Molly Ellen-Ann Shannon**

daughter of Madeline and Brian Shannon

**Raymond Gabriel Soler**

son of Julie Coyoc and Jordan Soler

*Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!*

**HAVE YOU PLEDGED YET?** Our parish goal is to raise \$110,076 for this year's diocesan appeal. Prayerfully consider a gift! Use the envelopes in church or give online; use the link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/)

