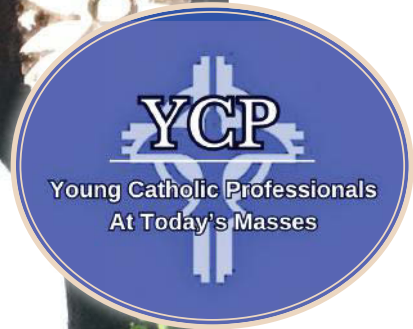


April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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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

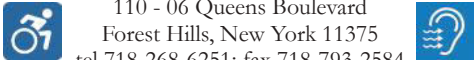
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

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 20

8:05 a.m. Ellen Lowry
12:05 p.m. Ralph Haddad
5 p.m. Richard Allen Mohr

Sunday, April 21

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

Monday, April 22

8:05 a.m. Joseph Ginley
12:05 p.m. Kieran Shayfritz Dezoyza

Tuesday, April 23

Saint George
Saint Adalbert

8:05 a.m. Kevin Del Rosario
12:05 p.m. Fr. Robert R. Vignola, C. M.

Wednesday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:05 a.m. Andre Kabore
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Thursday, April 25

Saint Mark

8:05 a.m. Andre Kabore
12:05 p.m. Corazon Fule

Friday, April 26

8:05 a.m. Carlos Maury
12:05 p.m. Efren Fule

Saturday, April 27

8:05 a.m. Maria Alicia Valderruten
12:05 p.m. Silvia Gloria Castillo
5 p.m. Maria Cortes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 21

Welcome, Father Torres!
Introducing Young Catholic Professionals



10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: Sunday Morning Bible Study
(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

Monday, April 22

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

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

Tuesday, April 23

11:30 a.m. *church*: Confessions
7:30 p.m. *church choir loft*: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24

Religious Education Spring Recess
Classes resume May 1

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

Thursday, April 25

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**

Saturday, April 27

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

"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

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, Simon Ho, 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
Michael Dolan
Gilberto Dorta
Josephine Patti Gildea
Sr. Mary St. Henry Haiss



Vicky Milian
Joseph Nugent
Teresa Ramos-Aponte
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.qlqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Teaching The Gift of Guilt in Maintaining a Good Conscience

"I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me." (Hosea 5: 15)

REFLECT: "Conscience signifies the perceptible and demanding presence of the voice of truth in the subject himself," writes Cardinal Ratzinger. Ignoring this truth in favor of a comfortable, superficial conscience is an intentional blindness, which leaves the conscience flawed. This flawed conscience then serves as a "protective shell into which man can escape and there hide from reality." The gift of guilt can correct this.

"Feelings of guilt", writes Ratzinger, "the capacity to recognize guilt, belongs essentially to the spiritual make-up of man. This feeling of guilt disturbs the false calm of conscience and could be called conscience's complaint against my self-satisfied existence. It is as necessary for man as the physical pain which signifies disturbances of normal bodily functioning. Whoever is no longer capable of perceiving guilt is spiritually ill... Monsters, among other brutes, are the ones without guilt feelings... He who no longer notices that killing is a sin has fallen farther than the one who still recognizes the shamefulness of his actions..."

"If the tax collector with all his undisputed sins stands more justified before God than the Pharisee with all his undeniably good works, this is not because the sins of the tax collector were not sins or the good deeds of the Pharisee not good deeds... The reason for this paradoxical judgment of God is [this]. The Pharisee no longer knows that he too has guilt. He has a completely clear conscience. But this silence of conscience makes him impenetrable to God... The cry of conscience which plagues the tax collector makes him capable of truth and love. Jesus can move sinners." But Jesus is "ineffective with the righteous because they are not aware of any need for forgiveness and conversion. Their consciences no longer accuse them."

ACT: If you experience guilt over real wrongdoing, thank God and go to confession.

LEARN: Read Cardinal Ratzinger's (Pope Benedict XVI) essay, Conscience and Truth, at <https://tinyurl.com/azu89s2z>. Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz's presentation on Shame and Guilt, at <https://tinyurl.com/5dyectpp>.

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

Order of Mass Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #163—"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

MASS PARTS: Haugen and Schiavone

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*"God So Loved the World" (J. Stainer)—Choir
Missal #470—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

COMMUNION

*"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (J. H. Rogers)—Choir
Missal #164—"Be Joyful, Mary"—Leader of Song
Missal #367—"Shepherd of Souls"*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #175—"Alleluia! Alleluia"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is to help offset the cost of fuel.
- » April 28, the second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for our parish youth programs.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. And please keep our parish priests in your prayers!

OLQM Spring

Save these dates. Watch for updates on these events and additional announcements 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

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

Bereavement Support Group Meets Monday Evening

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.

For Parents with Little Children

There is an old saying that “Your parish is dying if no baby is crying.” We cherish having young children at Mass, even when they cry at inopportune times. We also recognize the need to maintain a peaceful atmosphere during worship.

Sometimes children become persistently fussy, and we will not be upset if parents feel the need to make their child comfortable. If your child is restless, you can use the church vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a designated comforting area. The vestibule can accommodate parents and children while still allowing them to hear and participate in the Mass. Ushers are on hand, too, for direction and assistance.

Let's all approach this situation with charity and understanding so that everyone can fully focus on the Sunday Mass in God's presence.

RCIA at OLQM

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

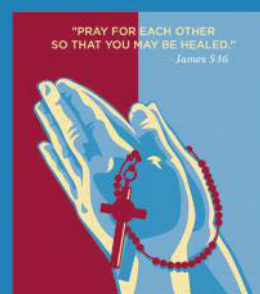


If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe

ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY

Sister Servants of the Lord, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted from 5:45AM until 10PM every day.



Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the 2024 diocesan appeal. To date, we have received pledges of \$58,163 from 129 donors. We are halfway there! If you have not yet contributed, prayerfully consider a gift. Pledge



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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cards are near the church doors. Please take one, or donate online at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org.

Be sure to select OLQM as your parish when giving online.

Welcome, Father Torres! Introducing Young Catholic Professionals

Navigating Faith and Career

Many Catholics in their peak earning years find themselves at a crossroads, unsure of how to reconcile their career aspirations with their faith. Father Henry Torres, a youth-ministry leader in our Diocese, is championing the introduction of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) to our community. This organization offers support and guidance for professionals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to help them thrive in both their faith and their careers.

There is a YCP chapter in Manhattan, and hopefully, with interest from you, we may soon be able to introduce a chapter in our Brooklyn/Queens Diocese as well to arrange workshops, mentoring sessions, social gatherings, and other activities for professionals.

Please welcome Father Torres today and explore with him how to navigate the complexities of modern life with grace and purpose, enriching our Catholic community along the way.

The challenges of harmonizing faith and professional life are real. If any of these sentiments resonate with you, YCP may be a group you would like to become involved in:

- Feeling isolated in your pursuit of both professional success and spiritual fulfillment
• Wrestling with the tension between ambition and faith, wondering if the two can coexist
• Seeking ways to embody your Catholic values in the workplace and in your personal relationships.



BIG CITY CATHOLICS PODCAST

Tune in every Friday for a new episode of Bishop Robert Brennan's 'Big City Catholics' podcast. Each week, he and his guests explore questions of faith that affect our everyday lives. You can subscribe on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or listen at podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.

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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

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Includes items like Candle Offerings, 1st Collection, 2nd Collection, Subtotal - In Church, Online Parish Giving, Mail In, TOTAL, Weekly Income Needed, and Surplus/(Deficit).

* 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.

Special Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$1,564.14

Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

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.



First Holy Communion Retreat

On April 13, second-grade students of religious education and their parents continued their journey toward the sacrament of First Holy Communion with a special and meaningful retreat day. “Come to the Table” was the theme. Deacon Thomas Jorge welcomed and led the families in prayer. Breakout groups engaged the children in activities designed to help them understand the profound significance of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which Jesus gave us at the Last Supper. The children also had the opportunity to practice receiving the host. The final activity of the day was a family craft session where they tapped into their creativity to make the Communion banners. Before concluding, everyone joined in singing “Table of Plenty.” We thank the parents and our religious education instructors for their dedicated leadership in guiding these youngsters. May God continue to watch over them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion on May 4.

**Spend some quiet time with the Lord. Exposition and Adoration. Thursdays after 12:05pm
Mass and all afternoon. Benediction at 7:30pm.**

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Several of our parishioners volunteer at two local food pantries. One pantry operates weekly on Saturday mornings out of **Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Church** on Kessel Street. If interested in helping there, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or email ddobbins@diobrook.org. The other pantry operates out of **Queens Community House (QCH)** at 108-25 62nd Drive on Wednesdays. The volunteer shift is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; the pantry opens its doors at 5 p.m. to start handing out food to those in need. If you're interested in volunteering at QCH's pantry, please leave your name, phone number, and email and our parish coordinator will provide you with more information. You can use this tear-out form and drop it in the collection basket, or call our rectory during the week to leave your information. Thank you for your help.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____



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.

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) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at 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).