

April 23, 2023 - Third Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

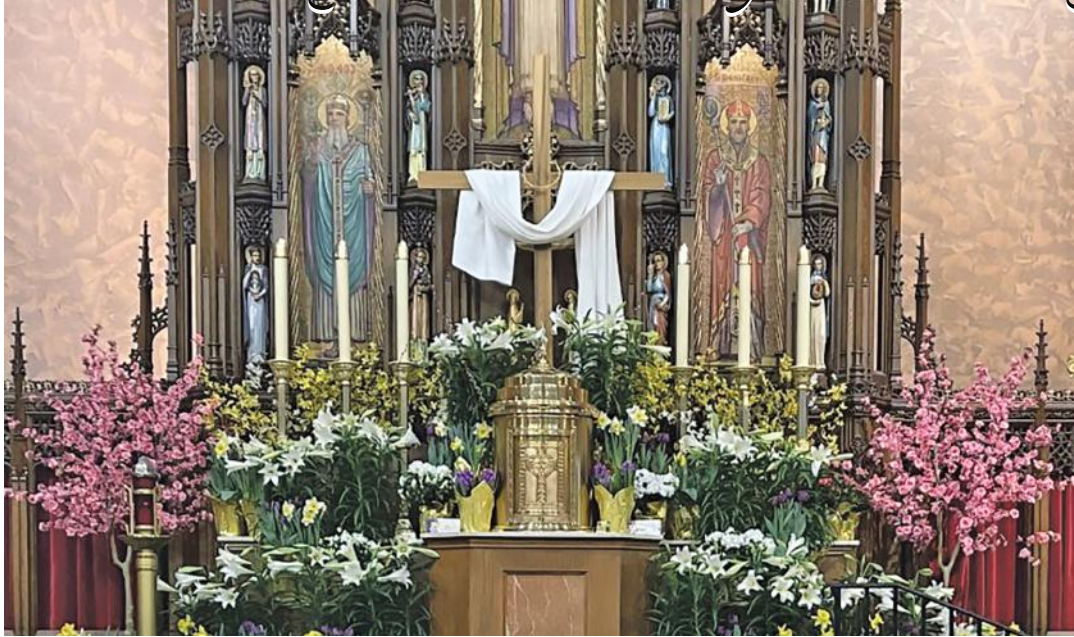


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Rev. Antonin Kocurek — PAROCHIAL VICAR
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

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Deacon Greg Kandra

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

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

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

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

 **JOIN THE PARISH**
Scan for parish registration
information and form

TRUSTEES
Roger Aguinaldo
Veronica McCarthy

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lorna Stark

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

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

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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 22

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Andrea (Andy) Ceriello
5 p.m. Richard A. Mohr

Sunday, April 23

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

Monday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen
8 a.m. Betty Bouse
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, April 25

Saint Mark
8 a.m. Marion Ezzo
12:05 p.m. Cocazon Fule

Wednesday, April 26

8 a.m. Adoracion C. Millares
12:05 p.m. Efren Fule

Thursday, April 27

8 a.m. John Eric C. Ilawan [living]
12:05 p.m. Humerto Duque

Friday, April 28

Saint Peter Clanel
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort
8 a.m. Maria Luisa Orenca
12:05 p.m. Maria Alicia Vallderuten

Saturday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena
8 a.m. Maria Luisa Orenca
12:05 p.m. Laura Tuscani Scudellari
5 p.m. Martin Leonard and Frances Lastella

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 23

10 a.m. Zoom: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, April 24

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

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

Tuesday, April 25

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

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

Wednesday, April 26

Religious Education

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

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

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

Thursday, April 27

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 28

6:30–8:30 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **MAYO Meeting**
(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, April 29

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

The cover photo of the Easter altar was submitted by Belinda Kotin. More memories of Easter 2023, in pictures, are posted on our website in the photo gallery section.

Remember Our Sick

Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Annette Fridas, Jacqueline Gagliano, Liza Gjinaj, Kathy Halston, Mary Hughes, Terrence Jackson, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Jean Leonard, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansaithong, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Robert Sorsaia, Sam Stafford, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after four (4) months, unless our office is notified.

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Remember Our Deceased

Denise Deretz Bossaert
Honora Browne
Leslie Constantine Burrell
Anthony DeVincenzo
Betty Ann Doyle



Katherine Kuzma
Joyce Marchica
Coila Sturdevant
Angelo Rifino
Rev. Msgr. Martin T. Geraghty

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.**

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching Pope Benedict on Emmaus

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

REFLECT: "At first, Jesus' death on the Cross had simply been an inexplicable fact that placed his entire message and his whole figure in question. The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus presents this journeying, talking and searching together as the process by which the soul's darkness is gradually illumined by walking with Jesus... In the light of the Resurrection, in the light of this new gift of journeying alongside the Lord, Christ's followers had to learn to read the Old Testament afresh: No one had reckoned with the possibility of the Messiah dying on the Cross...."

"What the risen Lord taught the disciples on the road to Emmaus now becomes the basic method for understanding the figure of Jesus: everything that happened to him is fulfillment of the Scriptures. Only on the basis of the Scriptures can he be understood at all.... This means that his death is no coincidence. It belongs in the context of God's ongoing relationship with his people...."

"The Lord appears as a man like other men: he walks alongside the Emmaus disciples.... And yet these narratives do not present him simply as a man who has come back from death in the same condition as before. One thing that strikes us straightaway is that the disciples do not recognize him at first.... [The Emmaus story] ends with Jesus sitting down to table with the disciples, taking the bread, giving thanks and praise, breaking the bread, and giving it to the two of them. At this moment their eyes are opened.... Then he vanishes from their outward view, and through this vanishing their inner vision is opened up... In the breaking of the bread, he manifests himself, yet only in vanishing does he become truly recognizable." (Jesus of Nazareth: Ignatius Press)

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI's trilogy, Jesus of Nazareth. Read the encyclical letter, Redemptor Hominis, the Redeemer of Man, by Pope St John Paul II, at <https://bit.ly/3JmxKEV>.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #574—“Festival Cantic: Worthy Is Christ”

MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*“Gloria Festiva” (E. Crocker)—Choir
Missal #583—“Worthy Is the Lamb”*

COMMUNION

*“In the Breaking of the Bread” (M. Ward)—Choir
“Regina Caeli, Jubila” (Constanz)—Soloist
Missal #340—“Behold the Lamb”*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #177—“Jesus Is Risen”

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

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.
- » April 30 the second collection is for 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or sign up for online Parish Giving.
- » For online [Parish Giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-giving) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mass Request Forms

Forms are now available in church. Take one home with you. Filled-out forms must be mailed back, with payment, or can be dropped off at the rectory during business hours beginning Wednesday, April 26. We will schedule your Mass intentions on the date requested or your alternative day and time (as indicated on your form). The 2024 Mass Book will officially open at a date to be announced soon.

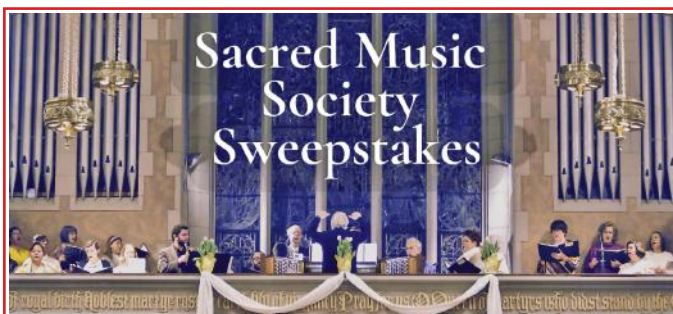
Bereavement Support Is Available

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 once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. The next meetings are on **May 15** and **June 26**. All meetings start at **7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the bereavement group facilitator, Mike Acquilano, at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. 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.



The Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes is a twice-a-year fundraising activity that helps us to continue providing the gift of music to our parish! Choir members will be selling sweepstakes tickets after Sunday Masses on the weekends of **May 13/14, 20/21, 27/28**; the drawing will be held on Sunday, May 28 after 1 p.m. Mass.

Tickets are \$50 each. By purchasing a ticket, not only will you be supporting our cause of presenting spiritually uplifting music at Masses and liturgies, but you also get a chance to win \$1,000. Only 100 tickets are being sold, so your odds of winning are quite good! Many thanks for your support.—The Sacred Music Society of OLQM

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS
HOME ACADEMY ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS

ROARING 20'S IN 2023

OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY *SPRING BASH*

Saturday, May 13 from 6:30-11 p.m. in McLaughlin Hall

Parents, alumni, and friends of OLQMCA are invited to a Roaring 20s style dinner-dance.
Tickets: \$80/person; \$750 for a table of 10. Includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, coffee. BYOB.
Silent and Live Auctions! Reservations required. Request your tickets by April 28.

PRINT NAME(S) & PHONE # _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE: _____ TICKET(S) FOR \$80 PER PERSON

_____ TABLE FOR 10 PEOPLE FOR \$750

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH: _____

Your tickets will be held at the door. Return this form with your check payable to OLQMCA by April 28th. Mail to: OLQMCA - Spring Bash 72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375

For more information, contact the school: info@olqmca.org or call the office at: (718) 263-2622



Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic: St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The Monday evening group is engaged in a year-long study of the Sunday Reading Reflections. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. The charismatic group holds weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).

All these groups welcome new members!

About Today's Special Collection for the Catholic Home Missions

Your generous donations will help to strengthen the Church here at home by funding grants that the Catholic bishops award to dozens of resource-poor dioceses across the United States and in its territories and former territories. Thank you for giving to the extent possible.

—Weekly Collections—

	April 16
Candle Offerings	\$1,458.00
1st Collection	8,686.16
2nd Collection (<i>fuel costs</i>)	2,407.16
Add'l Collection (<i>school bldg maintenance</i>)	1,028.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>13,579.32</u>
Mail In	1,300.00
Parish Giving Online	4,870.03
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>19,749.35</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,400.65)

* 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 Passenat at 718-268-6251. Additional information on leaving a legacy gift is available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Thank You for Your Generosity and Faithfulness at Easter!

Your 2023 Easter Gift to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church totaled \$21,615. We extend our thanks to all who shared in our Easter Joy with an extra gift at Easter. We have acknowledged, personally, by letter, all gifts of \$200 or greater.

It is still Easter, of course. Eastertide, the ongoing liturgical celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection, which began with the Easter Vigil, lasts 50 days. **Ascension Thursday, May 18**, marks 40 days of Easter and the celebration of Jesus' ascent into Heaven after His resurrection. Easter season officially ends on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28** this year, which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples. It is considered the birthday of the Church.



K-8 Tuition Assistance Applications Are Due April 30: Don't miss the deadline. Financial aid is available for eligible students enrolled in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. For the eligibility requirements and the online application, go to www.FuturesinEducation.org or call 718-965-7340.

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www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:15AM & available in its entirety on demand. Use "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

Spring Calendar at OLQM

Saturday, May 6: **First Holy Communion**, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 7: **Living Rosary**, after 1 p.m. Mass in the church plaza

Monday, May 8: **May Crowning** with 8th graders, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 13: **OLQMCA Spring Bash**, 6:30–11 p.m., McLaughlin Hall

Weekend, May 13/14: **Mother's Day blessing** at all Masses

Weekends, May 13/14, 20/21, 27/28: **Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes**, tickets on sale after Sunday Masses; drawing on 5/28 after 1 p.m. Mass

Thursday, May 18: **Ascension of the Lord**, Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. (5/17); holy day Masses at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Sunday, May 28: **Pentecost**, 4 p.m. Confirmation Mass

Monday, June 5 to Tuesday, June 13: **St. Anthony of Padua Novena** prayed Mon-Sat at the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass and Sunday 6/11 after 11:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, June 11: **Corpus Christi**, procession after 1 p.m. Mass

Friday, June 16: **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

Community News

FREE Hearing Screenings Available. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call **St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Tpk, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a screening with a hearing professional. This free service will be offered from May 31 to July 27. Free hearing aid help will also be available.

Car-Free Austin Street? Community Board 6 has requested that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study "a possible redesign of Austin Street as a first step for higher pedestrian safety and lower car congestion." Depending on what the study recommends, Austin Street could become less accessible to people coming to our academy or our Church and parking may be eliminated. If you wish to express your opinion on this issue to the DOT and Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia, contact them online (use this bitly link: <https://on.nyc.gov/3Taj9iT>). You might also want to read and sign the petition from the Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce, which you can find at <https://bit.ly/42ejzsS>. (We have this information with links to the petition on our parish website, in the News section.)



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

"We must show charity toward the sick, who are in greater need of help. Let us take them some small gift, if they are poor, or at least, let us go and wait on them and comfort them."—St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori (patron saint of lay people and of moral theologians)

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the **Annual Catholic Appeal** and the good work being done by the ministries operated by the Diocese. If you received an ACA envelope at home, please use it. Or take an envelope from the church. You may also make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.org (be sure to select OLQM as your parish) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255. Thank you.

GOD KNOWS

when to send you exactly what you need.