

April 25, 2021- Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



"I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord: I know my  
sheep, and mine know me."

(JN 10:14)

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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

#### CONFESSIONS (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

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

#### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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

#### GIVE NOW

Scan this QR Code with your phone for online parish giving



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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

## Masses for the Week

Saturday, April 24

**Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

8 a.m. Efren A. Fule

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Brian Cahill

Sunday, April 25

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, April 26

8 a.m. Marion Ezzo

12:05 p.m. Maria Alicia Valderruten

Tuesday, April 27

8 a.m. Ines Mojica

12:05 p.m. Leonora Peter

Wednesday, April 28

**Saint Peter Chanel**

**Saint Louis Grignion**

8 a.m. Bernarda Pinzon

12:05 p.m. Raphael Perez

Thursday, April 29

**Saint Catherine of Sienna**

8 a.m. Maria Luisa Orenca

12:05 p.m. Kelly Reinhardt-Haley

Friday, April 30

**Saint Pius V**

8 a.m. Carlos Roberto Mojica

12:05 p.m. Nancy and Ron Piotrowski

Saturday, May 1

**Saint Joseph the Worker**

8 a.m. Maria de Jesus Mojica

12:05 p.m. Amadeo Moreno

5 p.m. Marierose Allen

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Geraldine Casserly, Martha Catel, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, Mary Dillon, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Farnel F. Flores, Helen F. Flores, Christina T. Flores, Pat Gmerek, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ferbian T. Penafior, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Remember Our Deceased

Lou Brogno  
Geraldine Casserly  
Danton Charpentier  
Franyie Croslin  
Quenol DeFay



Lidia Flores  
Dr. Ajay Lodha  
Clara Mazzarino Berrocal  
Hilda Perez  
Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi

## 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, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 25

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

10 a.m. Zoom: Bible Study

2:30 p.m. rectory: Baptism Instruction

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

11:30 a.m. confession room next to the BVM altar: Confessions

Wednesday, April 28

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, April 27

11:30 a.m. confession room next to the BVM altar: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30 p.m. church: Benediction

Saturday, April 30

12:45 p.m. confession room next to the BVM altar: Confessions

Next Sunday, May 2

2 p.m. church plaza (in front of church, Ascan Ave.):  
Living Rosary

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed weekly at  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### Weekday Masses and Confessions

Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses. **Confessions will be heard in the confession room next to the Blessed Virgin Mary altar** (Tue and Thu at 11:30 a.m., Sat at 12:45 p.m.). Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

**WELCOME!** 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 Social Teaching

### The Church on Persons as Unique and Unrepeatable

*For God and before God, the human being is always unique and unrepeatable, somebody thought of and chosen from eternity, (Pope St John Paul II, December 25, 1978)*

**REFLECT:** “God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. . . .

“Man exists as a unique and unrepeatable being, he exists as an ‘I’ capable of self-understanding, self-possession and self-determination. The human person is an intelligent and conscious being, capable of reflecting on himself and therefore of being aware of himself and his actions. However, it is not intellect, consciousness and freedom that define the person, rather it is the person who is the basis of the acts of intellect, consciousness and freedom. These acts can even be absent, for even without them man does not cease to be a person.

“The human person must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness. In fact, man exists above all as a subjective entity, as a center of consciousness and freedom, whose unique life experiences, comparable to those of no one else, underlie the inadmissibility of any attempt to reduce his status by forcing him into preconceived categories or power systems, whether ideological or otherwise. This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person.” (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church)

**ACT:** Discern the unique and unrepeatable plan God has for your life and follow it.

**LEARN:** Watch the Duquesne University video titled Human Dignity in Catholic Tradition (at <https://bit.ly/3pkyQ6H>).

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## Order of Mass

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Cycle B*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #565—“The Strife Is O’er”*

**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

*Missal #463—“The King of Love”*

#### COMMUNION

*Missal #184—“Be Joyful, Mary” (solo)*

*Missal #606—“Like a Shepherd”*

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #172—“Alleluia! Alleluia”*

*Communion is distributed during exit*

#### Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. Livestream [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

#### Watch Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
[netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for grounds maintenance.
- » Sunday, May 2, the second collection will be for Parish Youth programs. There is also an envelope for Mother’s Day Mass Remembrances.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)) or at our 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.

# ALLELUIA!

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today! Alleluia! For all of the Easter Season, which lasts 50 days and ends on Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd this year) we will proclaim Alleluia repeatedly. The word comes from the Hebrew and means “God be praised.”*



## 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Brooklyn Queens Catholic Youth Day was a virtual event last year, but the goals of the **youth ministry program** in our diocese are always the same: to inspire faith and devotion to Jesus Christ. With the support of Annual Catholic Appeal donors like you, Catholic teens are able to join together, in person or online, in prayer, song, and reflection. They share their talent, experiences, and most of all their love for our Lord and each other. Because of the youth ministry in our own parish, there is no shortage of altar servers!

Our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal) has videos that explain in *40 seconds or less* the impact of the programs and services made possible because of financial donations to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. We pray that the 2021 ACA will be successful in allowing us to reach out in love to those in need and uniting us together in Christ as one Church. You can donate by going to [catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal) or texting ACA to 917-336-1255. Thank you.

### MAY 1 & 2 ACA Commitment Weekend

Next week we will ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a personal gift or pledge as we join together to support our Catholic Church in Brooklyn/Queens. We will have pledge cards in church or you can pledge online or using your phone. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocese.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2021**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN/QUEENS

I am **the**  
You are **the**  
We are **CHURCH**  
together

## Getting Back to Church!

by Bill McGeeveran

I think my wife Nancy and I can speak for many other OLQM parishioners when we say how grateful we've been for the coming of spring, Easter season, a waning of the pandemic (we hope), a slow return to normal life and society (so far)—and as a big part of it, the chance to get back to church in person with our parish family. For us, it has been more than a year away from church! We appreciated being able to tune into the weekly Masses online, celebrated by our own parish priests in our own church, but this obviously wasn't a full substitute, even if we did get a little dressed up for it. Attending Mass in person as part of a community, and receiving Communion, is our way of connecting with God. Given our ages (they're way up there!) we waited to first be vaccinated to come back, but others may have different comfort levels.

On our return to Sunday Mass, the week before Palm Sunday, we were greeted and seated by welcoming ushers, in socially distanced pews, in our spacious church, which is brighter and more beautiful than ever since renovations last year. From our place at left (near, if not quite in, our favorite pew), Nancy and I were amazed to see how clearly the reredos images at the Mary altar stood out! The choir may not return for a while, and I personally look forward greatly to rejoining that family and participating in the liturgy in that way, but we can still listen to David Close play beautifully from the organ in the choir loft and sing along prayerfully at the urgings of our talented leaders of song. Many thanks to all those who kept things going in these challenging times, starting with Bishop Sanchez, Fathers Passenant, Antonin, and Cunningham, and Deacon Greg. I hope we will all be together before long, with God's blessing, as we join in liturgy and Holy Communion and carry on as a strong and loving parish.



On Mother's Day weekend (May 8/9), all Masses will be for the special intentions of mothers, living and deceased, listed on the remembrance envelopes. Enroll your mother, grandmother, godmother, or the mother figure in your life as your gift for Mother's Day. Envelopes are in your packet or available in the church to leave in the collection basket.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: St. Francis Hospital and Heart Center** (100 Port Washington Blvd, Roslyn) has open positions in the nursing department for Patient Care Associates. PCAs provide comfort, compassionate communication, and emotional support to patients in addition to direct patient care (bathing, toileting, feeding, ambulating, turning, and positioning). High school diploma or equivalent required; job training will be provided. St. Francis provides health care benefits for you and your family as well as paid time off. If interested, please contact Jaime Slone at 516-562-6893 or visit [stfrancisheartcenter.chsli.org](http://stfrancisheartcenter.chsli.org) and click on Careers.

~Prayer to Our Heavenly Mother~

## Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

*Let us pray:* O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### HAIL MARY!

The month of May is dedicated to the  
Blessed Mother, Mary.  
Spend time with her in prayer.

### LIVING ROSARY

Sunday May 2, immediately following 1PM Mass  
(church plaza on Ascan Avenue)

### Weekly Collections

	Apr 18
Candle Offerings	724.00
1st Collection	5,727.00
2nd Collection ( <i>heating fuel</i> )	1,736.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal (743 attending)</i>	<u>8,187.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	1,501.54
Catch-up Envelope	4,325.00
Parish Giving Online	4,795.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>18,809.46</u></b>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,440.54)

\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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 \$1,262.00

\*\* Special collections do not accrue to the parish.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church  
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning.  
Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

## Spring Calendar at OLQM

**May 1/2:** *Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend, at all Masses*

**May 2:** Living Rosary, *after 1 p.m. Mass*

**May 8:** First Holy Communion, *10 a.m. & 2 p.m.*

**May 8/9:** Mother's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

**May 13:** Ascension Thursday. Holy Day of Obligation. *Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. May 12; Holy Day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

**May 23:** Pentecost Sunday

**May 27:** May Crowning. *School Mass with eight graders*

**June 5–13:** St. Anthony of Padua Novena

**June 6:** Corpus Christi Procession, *after 1 p.m. Mass*

**June 6:** Confirmation, *2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.*

**June 11:** Feast of the Sacred Heart

**June 19/20:** Father's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

*Because activities may be subject to late changes, always check our website and the bulletin weekly for possible updates to our calendar of events.*

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we thank all consecrated men and women who faithfully serve the Church and pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes.

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**ONLINE**  
Website:  
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook and Instagram:  
@OLQMChurch

OLQM Catholic Academy:  
www.olqmca.org

## Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?  
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11 a.m.** Discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

**Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8 p.m.** Catholic bible study that draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrca@gmail.com OR call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

## Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of grieving and point toward healing. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month and are being held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Meetings are scheduled for **May 3 & 17**. All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

## K-8 Tuition Assistance Deadline: April 30

Financial aid is available for eligible students who are registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school in kindergarten through grade 8. You must be able to demonstrate financial need (submitting proof of income; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarships are awarded on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. To apply, go to [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org). There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

**Deadline: April 30** for new families  
Call 718-965-7340 or email  
scholarships@futuresineducation.org.

OLQM Catholic Academy has rolling enrollment as space allows for nursery and K-8. Visit the academy online at [olqmca.org/admissions](http://olqmca.org/admissions).



## Deanery Corner

*A place to share news and events at nearby parishes*

**Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry** (70-01 Kessel St.) is open Saturdays, 10–11 a.m. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. OLM always needs food to restock its shelves. If you would like to lend support, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or [ddobbins@diobrook.org](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org).

## Summer Theology Courses

Expand your understanding of the Catholic faith this summer with thought-provoking lectures offered in a prayerful, collegial setting. Join a class in person or Zoom in from any location. **Graduate theology classes taught June 1 to July 14** are 50% off tuition for new students. For more information, visit Saint Joseph's Seminary online at [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

## Catholic Charities NY Project Hope

Need to talk? If you are experiencing **uncertainty and anxiety about COVID**, call 929-268-3321 or call the Catholic Charities Call Center at 718-722-6001, Mon–Fri, 9AM–5PM. It's a free, anonymous, and confidential phone help and information line.

## COVID-19 Burial Assistance

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will reimburse **eligible funeral expenses for deaths related to COVID-19 that occurred after January 20, 2020**. This program launched on April 12. To apply, call toll-free 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585, Mon–Fri, 9AM–9PM. The website for more information: [www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance).

## COVID Vaccination Appointment Help

Councilmember Karen Koslowitz's office is **helping seniors schedule appointments** and providing resources to safely transport seniors to an available vaccination site and back home again. Contact her office at 718-544-8800. Please encourage seniors you know to take advantage of this service.

## Free Speech & Hearing Screenings

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center, located at 152-11 Union Turnpike (Flushing), is offering screenings AND hearing aid help, free of charge, **through May 4**. Call 718-990-6480 to make an appointment.