

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Bishop Paul R. Sanchez will remain pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs as Pope Francis accepts his resignation as Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn

On reaching age 75 last November, Bishop Sanchez submitted his resignation as mandated by Church Law and it was accepted by Pope Francis last week. Thank you, Bishop Sanchez, for your continued service to our parish. May God continue to bless your priestly ministry.

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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

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

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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

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



JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration form and instructions

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
www.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 2

Saint Francis of Paola

8 a.m. Martha Escudero

12:05 p.m. Gustavo Sabogal

5 p.m. John S. DeBiase

Sunday, April 3

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, April 4

Saint Isidore

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Sequeira family

12:05 p.m. Robert DeBlasio

Tuesday, April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer

8 a.m. Carlos Mario Zapata

12:05 p.m. Joseph Trubia

Wednesday, April 6

8 a.m. Ann and Vincent Tyrsklewicz

12:05 p.m. Miguel Ortiz

Thursday, April 7

Saint John Baptist de la Salle

8 a.m. Manuel S. Concepcion

12:05 p.m. Antonio Ricardo Pedroza

Friday, April 8

8 a.m. Walfrido Francia

12:05 p.m. America Lozada

Saturday, April 9

8 a.m. Thomas MacBride

12:05 p.m. Maria Pugliano [anniversary]

5 p.m. Kathy Kitchen

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 3

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, April 4

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, April 5

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, April 6

Religious Education

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

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

Thursday, April 7

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 8

7:30 p.m. church: Stations of the Cross

followed by **Benediction**

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

Saturday, April 9

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

4:45 p.m. **Procession with Blessed Palms followed by
5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday**

REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF OLQM PARISH

Stop at the table in the Church vestibule after Mass today to register with our parish. Parish Stewardship Committee members will answer your questions. Welcome!

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Nistor Ardeleanu, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Joseph Buatta, Rosalie Buatta, Vivian Camporeale, Marc Calef, Susan Campbell, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Celine Colon, Baby Matthew Cristian and Maria Lujan Cristian, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Dauilo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Frank Dioguardi, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Clare Fabre, Paul Fabre, Domingo Galicia, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Maureen Heyer, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Ginger Inabinet, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Frank Soriente, Robert Sorsaia, Sharon Speer, Remington Stafford, Daniella Tavarez, Jorge Vasilescu, Wai-Suet Wong, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Denise Perrotta Benford

Mary T. Cully

Nelia Encarnacion

Deacon James J. Lacy



Monica Mitran

Mary Jean Nicosia

Thomas Siggia

Vinh Thi Tran

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, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching
Purity of Heart

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5: 8)

REFLECT: “Pure in heart refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God’s holiness, chiefly in three areas: charity; chastity or sexual rectitude; love of truth and orthodoxy of faith. There is a connection between purity of heart, of body, and of faith: The faithful must believe the articles of the Creed so that by believing they may obey God, by obeying may live well, by living well may purify their hearts, and with pure hearts may understand what they believe.

“The pure in heart are promised that they will see God face to face and be like him. Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God. Even now it enables us to see according to God, to accept others as ‘neighbors’; it lets us perceive the human body...as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty....

“Purity requires modesty, an integral part of temperance. Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It is ordered to chastity to whose sensitivity it bears witness. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity.

“Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love. It encourages patience and moderation in loving relationships; it requires that the conditions for the definitive giving and commitment of man and woman to one another be fulfilled. Modesty is decency. It inspires one’s choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet.... Everywhere modesty exists as an intuition of the spiritual dignity proper to man. It is born with the awakening consciousness of being a subject.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

LEARN: Read what the Catechism has to say about purification of heart, starting with paragraph 2517 (see <https://bit.ly/3GqXIYj>). Read Pope Francis’s general audience on purity of heart at <https://bit.ly/3gmRsAR>.

To learn more about 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 NY State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Order of Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #123—“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

MASS PARTS: People’s Mass (*Vermulst*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Turn Thy Face from My Sins” (*A. Sullivan*)—*Choir*
Missal #481—“What Wondrous Love Is This”

COMMUNION

“Hear Me When I Call” (*K. Hall*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #478—“Endless Is Your Love”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #715—“Lift High the Cross”

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

www.netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Easter flowers.
- » Sunday, April 10’s second collection is our Easter gift to the church.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu at our Parish Giving portal online. For [Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in church

Watch Online

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/way-of-the-cross

Bishop Paul R. Sanchez, D.D., Remains Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Retires from Duties as Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted the resignation of Diocese of Brooklyn's Auxiliary Bishop Paul R. Sanchez. The resignation was publicized in Washington on March 30, 2022, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

As required by Canon (Church) law, at the age of 75, all bishops must submit a letter of resignation from the ecclesiastical office that they hold. It is then a determination of the Holy See as to when to accept the resignation.

"Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Paul Sanchez has faithfully served God and his people throughout his ministry. The Catholic community of Brooklyn and Queens is better because of Bishop Sanchez's commitment to teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for his guidance, and very much appreciate his will to remain as a spiritual leader here in our Diocese," said the Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn.

"I give thanks to Almighty God for his abundant grace and mercy throughout my almost ten years as an auxiliary bishop and my 50 years as a priest. I am grateful to Popes Benedict and Francis, and to Bishops DiMarzio and Brennan for their prayers and support. Countless priests, religious men and women, faithful parishioners and my beloved family have inspired and accompanied me in my journey of faith. For all that has been, I say, thank you God. For all that will be, may God's will be done," stated Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Paul R. Sanchez.

The Most Reverend Paul Sanchez was born in Brooklyn on November 26, 1946. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from St. Bonaventure's University, a Master of Arts from the University of Notre Dame, and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1971 at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Throughout his ministry, he was assigned to a number of parishes throughout the Diocese in both Brooklyn and Queens including Our Lady

of Mercy in Forest Hills, St. Michael's in Flushing and St. Sebastian's in Woodside. Then-Father Sanchez also served as pastor at St. Agatha's in Brooklyn and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Astoria, while also serving as administrator of St. Margaret Mary's in Long Island City.

Then-Father Sanchez was named Vicariate Coordinator for the diocesan Liturgical Commission in January 1975. He also served as a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn's Presbyteral Council and was a member of the diocesan team for ministry to priests. In addition, he served as a subcommittee member of the

International Committee on English in the Liturgy.

In 1997, then-Father Sanchez was named a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) by Saint John Paul II. On July 11, 2012, then-Monsignor Sanchez was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He previously served as an adjunct professor at St. John's University and at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Sanchez will remain Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Forest Hills, where he has served since 2012, and serve as an Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

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Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

APRIL 9-10

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday is the start of Holy Week.

Blessing and Procession with palms begins at 4:45 p.m., followed by 5 p.m. Mass on April 9.

On Palm Sunday, April 10, Masses celebrated at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Blessed Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

Our Holy Week and Easter Schedule can be found on our website and will appear on the cover of next week's bulletin.

It's not too late to participate in the Synod!
Add your voice to the dialogue on the future of the Church.
www.DiocesefofBrooklyn.org/synodsurvey

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please 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. An inquiry form is available at our website at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

May our Lord continue to shower his graces upon our RCIA elect, candidates, and their sponsors this Lenten pilgrimage

TODAY at Church-in-the-Gardens Community House | New York Stands with Ukraine Fundraiser April 3 @ 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (15 Borage Place)

This Forest Hills event is presented by the Church-in-the-Gardens and Keuka Kafe. \$95/person includes food, beverage, and music—with all proceeds going to Razom for Ukraine charity, which provides medical equipment and other essentials to help the many displaced men, women and children. Please stop by if you are able. And please offer your continued prayers for Ukraine.



Thank you for prayerfully considering a pledge of any amount to the Annual Catholic Appeal. There is a flyer in church that answers your Frequently Asked Questions about the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please take one home. If you choose to make your pledge or a financial gift by going online to www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255, please be sure to select Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (ID #4172) as your parish. All pledges are payable through December 31. God bless you for your generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we recommend the bereavement group at Sacred Heart Parish in Glendale. They meet once a month. Call Nancy Baer at Sacred Heart parish ministries, 718-821-3285, for information about the meeting dates, times, and location.

VENDORS WANTED! SPRING FAIR AT AMERICAN MARTYRS BAYSIDE. Sunday April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To rent a table, email Jovie at jovie212@yahoo.com or call Theresa: 718-428-5308.

LIVESTREAM AT OLQM 9AM & 11:15AM every Sunday. If you miss a livestream, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the "past livestreams" link at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections	Mar 27
Candle Offerings	\$1,324.00
1st Collection	8,131.00
2nd Collection <i>(fuel)</i>	2,206.00
<u><i>In-Church Subtotal (1149 attending)</i></u>	<u>11,661.00</u>
Mail In	2,401.54
Parish Giving Online	4,981.61
<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>19,044.15</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,205.85)
Special Collection	
Catholic Relief Services <i>(does not accrue to parish)</i>	\$2,071.00

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. We have information on leaving a legacy gift at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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Become a registered parishioner of OLQM

Everyone who regularly participates in the liturgy here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is asked to register in the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you and your household registered members of our parish family.

You may REGISTER IN PERSON TODAY, with a member of the parish Stewardship Committee in the Church vestibule at Mass.

You may also REGISTER ONLINE using our short form at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration. To find the registration page with your smartphone, use the QR code on the front of the bulletin. The same QR code is displayed on the glass windows in the Church vestibule and on the piano (front of church) and at the last row of pews (back of church). Thank you for registering, and welcome to our parish!

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

with Bishop Paul Sanchez, Chaplain

November 7 - 17, 2022

11 Days Visiting

Belfast * Derry * Knock * Galway
Connemara * Killarney * Ring of Kerry
* Blarney * Dublin

\$2979 per person from New York
(includes air/land tour price plus
government taxes/airline surcharges).

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BISHOP SANCHEZ
CHAPLAIN

2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with Deacon Greg Kandra and Fr. Antonin Kocurek

March 7-18, 2023. More information at SelectInternationalTours.com.
Call 800-842-4842 or email: rebecca@select-intl.com.

Lenten

NIGHTS OF PRAYER

THURSDAYS
Adoration and Benediction
12:40-7:30PM

FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross
7:30PM

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Faith Sharing on Zoom

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m. The group is discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you would like to join them, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7-8 p.m. Our *Through the Word* study program explores the Gospels to discover afresh the deeply beautiful and perennial teachings of our Lord! By using both the catechism and Scripture, we discover how the words of Christ lead us to the fullness of life. The current topic is Christ the Teacher. All are welcomed! To join the study on Zoom, email Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

Friday OLQM Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:45-9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings, with bible study the 3rd Friday of the month. Pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).