

April 30, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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.

**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  
information and form

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://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 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

*Sunday, April 30*

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

*Monday, May 1*

**Saint Joseph the Worker**

8 a.m. Avery Wood and family

12:05 p.m. Sharon and Marvin Spieler

*Tuesday, May 2*

**Saint Athanasius**

8 a.m. Merline Richards

12:05 p.m. Jerome LeVinh

*Wednesday, May 3*

**Saints Philip and James**

8 a.m. Lumen Farres

12:05 p.m. Father Dario Betancourt

*Thursday, May 4*

8 a.m. Linda Feliciano

12:05 p.m. Mary and Tony Riggio

*Friday, May 5*

8 a.m. Marie McAuliffe

12:05 p.m. Henri-Robert Lamarque

*Saturday, May 6*

8 a.m. Louis Raphael

12:05 p.m. Martha Escudero

5 p.m. Marcos Martinez, Sr.

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, April 30*

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

2:30 p.m. *rectory*: **Baptism Instruction**

*(Please note Baptisms next Sunday will be at 3 p.m.)*

*Monday, May 1*

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

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

*Tuesday, May 2*

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

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

*Wednesday, May 3*

**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, May 4*

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, May 5*

6:30–8:30 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall*: **MAYO Month**

**(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)**

*Saturday, May 6*



10 a.m. *church*: **First Holy Communion**

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

*Next Sunday, May 7*

**DURING MARY'S MONTH**

2 p.m. *church plaza*: **Living Rosary**

## 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, Domingo Galicia, 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, Victoria Ruiz, 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Remember Our Deceased

Nellia Acoba

Roger Adragna

Edward Barradas

Denise Deretz Bossaert

Leslie Constantine Burrell



Loretta Cancellara

Sean Doyle

Homer Duran

Joyce Marchica

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.**

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## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### St. Athanasius on the Incarnation

*"Christ was made man that we might be made God."  
(St. Athanasius, Feast Day, May 2)*

**REFLECT:** "The Word of God, incorporeal, incorruptible and immaterial, entered our world. Yet it was not as if he had been remote from it up to that time. For there is no part of the world that was ever without his presence; together with his Father, he continually filled all things and places.

"Out of his loving-kindness for us he came to us, and we see this in the way he revealed himself openly to us. Taking pity on mankind's weakness, and moved by the corruption, he could not stand aside and see death have the mastery over us; he did not want creation to perish and his Father's work in fashioning man to be in vain. He therefore took to himself a body, no different from our own, for he did not wish simply to be in a body or only to be seen....

"Within the Virgin he built himself a temple, that is, a body; he made it his own instrument in which to dwell and to reveal himself. In this way he received from mankind a body like our own, and since all were subject to the corruption of death, he delivered the body over to death for all, and with supreme love offered it to the Father....

"In this way the Word of God, who is above all, dedicated and offered his temple, the instrument that was his body, for us all, as he said, and so paid by his own death the debt that was owed. The immortal Son of God, united with all men by likeness of nature, thus fulfilled all justice in restoring mankind to immortality by the promise of the resurrection. The corruption of death no longer holds any power over mankind, thanks to the Word, who has come to dwell among them through his one body." (On the Incarnation of the Word)

**LEARN:** Read St Athanasius's *On the Incarnation of the Word*, at <https://bit.ly/3TRzUju>. Read Pope Benedict XVI's biography of St. Athanasius at <https://bit.ly/3JPKjrg>.

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/hys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/hys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## Come and join us in witnessing The Living Rosary. May 7 at 2 p.m. (in the church plaza)

May is the month of Mary. Our Marian celebration of a public rosary—the Living Rosary devotion—will be held after next Sunday's 1 p.m. Mass. Please gather with our priests and choir members in the church plaza on Ascan Avenue, and bring a friend. We require 60 people, with each person representing one bead and leading one prayer of the rosary.

## Order of Mass

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #167—"The Day of Resurrection"*

#### MASS PARTS

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

**FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:20b-25

**GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"God So Loved the World" (*J. Stainer*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #468—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

#### COMMUNION

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (*J. H. Rogers*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #182—"Be Joyful, Mary"—Leader of Song*  
*Missal #362—"Shepherd of Souls"*

#### CLOSING HYMN

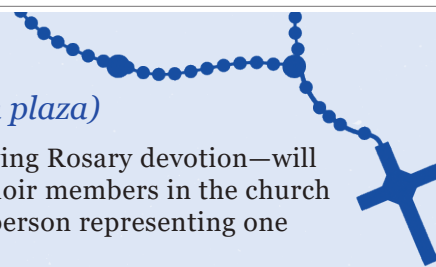
*Missal #171—"Alleluia! Alleluia"*

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

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

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for parish youth programs.
- » May 7 the second collection is for our CCD and Religious Ed program. There are also envelopes for Mother's Day Mass Remembrances.
- » 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or sign up for online Parish Giving.
- » For online [Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).



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 fantastic! Many thanks for your support.—The Sacred Music Society of OLQM

## MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

Mother's Day weekend is May 13/14. Please use one of the special envelopes for remembering your loved ones. Masses on Mother's Day will be for the intentions of all those special women (living or deceased) listed on the remembrance envelopes placed on the altar. Enroll your mother or grandmother, godmother, stepmom, favorite auntie, or other motherly figure when we honor those who care for and nurture our young. We will also have a special blessing for all mothers and mothers-to-be in attendance at the Sunday Masses that weekend.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS  
HOME ACADEMY ASSOCIATION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

## ROARING 20'S IN 2023

### OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY SPRING BASH

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

Parents, alumni, and friends of OLQM Catholic Academy 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. To inquire if tickets are still available and to purchase, email [fundraising@olqmca.org](mailto:fundraising@olqmca.org) or call the school office (718-263-2622).



We are treating our altar servers to a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in May. It's great fun for them, and it's our way of thanking them for their year-long dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a contribution toward their spring trip, there are **OLQM Altar Server Sponsorship** envelopes near the church doors that you can use. Our altar servers are counting on your support! Thank you.

## 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 the 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. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR MAY:** The Sunday bulletins for May 7 to May 28 will be on an earlier-than-usual production schedule. If your church group wants to request a bulletin announcement, please submit it at least 10 days before the Sunday you want it to appear (e.g., May 4 is the deadline for the May 14 Sunday bulletin). Thank you.

### —Weekly Collections—

	<b>April 23</b>
Candle Offerings	1,547.00
1st Collection	7,140.23
2nd Collection (grounds maintenance)	2,014.23
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>10,701.46</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,877.28
Mail In	1,597.00
TOTAL	17,175.74
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,974.26)

\* 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 \$1,103.00

\* 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).



## Prayer Focus

*For parents & their children preparing for First Holy Communion*

Loving God, the source of all of our blessings. We thank and praise you. Thank you for the gift of our children. May they come to know you and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

*God bless all the students from OLQM Catholic Academy, Religious Education, and local public schools receiving First Holy Communion in May!*

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

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter:  
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YouTube (Sunday livestream):  
[www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship](http://www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

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



## 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](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

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

### Novena and Healing Mass

**Novena to St. Peregrine, Patron of Those Afflicted with Cancer. Mon–Wed, May 1–3 @ Sacred Heart of Jesus Church** (215-35 38th Ave., Bayside). All begin at **7:30 p.m.** May 1 and 2: Exposition, rosary, sermon from a guest homilist, prayers to St. Peregrine, veneration of his relic. On May 3: Mass with Bishop Robert Brennan; those in attendance can receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If you, a family member, friend, coworker, or neighbor has cancer, please come and pray with us.

### Car-Free Austin Street?

Community Board 6 has asked for a study on a possible redesign of Austin Street for higher pedestrian safety and lower car congestion. Depending on the recommendations, 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 an opinion, contact the Dept. of Transportation (<https://on.nyc.gov/3Taj9iT>). You may also want to read and sign the Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce petition (<https://bit.ly/42ejzsS>).



## 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](http://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 many 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](http://annualcatholicappeal.org) (be sure to select OLQM as your parish) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255. Thank you.

### **Four-Week Summer Program for Young Men: July 5 to 28 at Cathedral Prep**

The **Father Edward Troike Leadership Program** at Cathedral Prep (56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst) is for 6th and 7th graders who wish to sharpen their academic skills and develop leadership potential. Academic study in the mornings, including TACHs prep for those entering the 8th grade in September. Afternoons dedicated to athletics and recreation. The cost of the program is \$500. To register, contact Fr. Kuroly at 718-592-6800 or [cpadmissions@cathedralprep.org](mailto:cpadmissions@cathedralprep.org).