

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 13)

Blessed Palms at each Mass

Vigil Mass: 5 pm on Saturday, April 12

Masses at 9 am, 11:15 am (Choir), 1 pm

Solemn Procession with Blessed Palms at 11:15 am Mass

CONFESSION DAYS AND TIMES

Reconciliation Monday (April 14):

11:15 am, 3:30 pm, 7 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

(April 15 & 16): 11:15 am

Holy Thursday (April 17): No Confessions

Good Friday (April 18): after the 7:30 pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday (April 19): No Confessions

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 17)

No 8:05 am or 12:05 pm Masses; Church vestibule opens at noon

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

Mandatum (*Washing of the Feet*), Blessed Sacrament

Procession to Repository & Adoration until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 18)

Day of fasting & abstinence

No Masses; Church opens at noon

Stations of the Cross: 1 pm

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday:

3 pm (Choir) & 7:30 pm

Veneration of the Cross; Communion Service;

Confessions after the 7:30 pm service

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 19)

Easter Basket Blessing: 11 am

(in the church plaza; if rain, in the church vestibule)

No 12:05 pm or 5 pm Masses

Church opens at 6 pm

Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20)

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

9 am, 11:15 am (Choir), 1 pm



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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 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer

12:05 p.m. Joseph Trubia

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

Saint John Baptist de la Salle

8:05 a.m. Audrey Ballerini

12:05 p.m. Rachel Smiley

Tuesday, April 8

8:05 a.m. Walfrido Francia

12:05 p.m. M. Regina La Russo

Wednesday, April 9

8:05 a.m. Melba Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Marcelina Rodriguez

Thursday, April 10

8:05 a.m. Austine E. Olson

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Coughlin

Friday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus

8:05 a.m. Josephine Orlando

12:05 p.m. Raul Calleja

Saturday, April 12

12:05 p.m. Brian Cahill

5 p.m. Nina Chow

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 6

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. *church:* **Baptisms**

Monday, April 7

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

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, April 8

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

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

7-8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** (*see p. 5*)

Wednesday, April 9

Religious Education

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

7-8 p.m. *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO*

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, April 10

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 11

2 p.m. *church:* **WEDDING**

Jessica Probst/Christopher Voity

6-8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **MAYO Meeting**

(*Martyrs Active Youth Organization*)

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

followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, April 12

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

We are taking requests for Easter Memorials.

Use the form on p. 5. Requests must be received by

Wednesday, April 9 to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—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. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

The Wine and Hosts are offered

in loving memory of

Richard Sorrentino

—requested by *Gerry Napoli*

Remember Our Deceased

Myrnaflor Lazo Cruz

Vicky Jacinto

Anastasia Millan



Rev. Matteo J. Rizzo

Avelina Revierta Sibulo

Yvette Zampty

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee

Key Saints and Blesseds

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops proposes for our reflection the lives of various saints and blesseds. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we look to these Holy Men and Women as companions on our journey of faith.

St. Joseph the Worker (c. 1st century BC–1st century AD, feast days March 19 and May 1), husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus. Joseph was known to be a humble carpenter who provided for his family by the work of his hands. In 1955, Pope Pius XII declared May 1 as an additional feast day honoring St. Joseph, a date celebrated internationally as International Workers' Day.

St. Notburga (ca. 1264–ca. 1313, feast day September 13), patron saint of poor peasants and servants. Canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862, Notburga is known for her dedication to the poor. Poor herself, she became a servant for Count Henry of Rattenberg but was dismissed when she disobeyed orders and gave leftovers to the poor. Her life was marked by a spirit of humble service.

Blessed Fr. Anton Maria Schwartz (1852–1928, anniversary of death September 15), founder of the Congregation for the Devout Workers of St. Joseph Calasanz and the Catholic Apprentices' Association. Beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1998, Bl. Anton Schwartz dedicated his life and priesthood in Austria to the service of the poor and vulnerable, especially factory workers. His work preceded and embodied the message of *Rerum Novarum* (1891), the first social encyclical by Pope Leo XIII on the dignity of work.

Servant of God Dorothy Day (1897–1980), cofounder, Catholic Worker Movement. A convert to Catholicism upon the birth of her daughter Tamar, Dorothy Day dedicated her life to fighting for justice for those without housing in New York City. With Peter Maurin, she cofounded both a Catholic Worker newspaper and a community by the same name that became a movement founded on the tenets of radical hospitality, nonviolence, and return to the land. Her cause for canonization is currently underway.

St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ (1901–1952, feast day August 18), patron of laborers and founder of Hogar de Cristo. Beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1994 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005, Alberto Hurtado remains beloved for his work to establish the Trade Union Association of Chile as well as Hogar de Cristo, an organization for poor and abandoned youth.

César Chávez (1927–1993, commemorated on March 31 each year), founder, United Farm Workers Movement. Chávez organized the first successful union of farmworkers in US history. He was one of the great labor leaders of the twentieth century and a heroic example of Catholic moral leadership, striving throughout his life to secure just treatment for migrant workers.

SOURCE: USCCB "Pilgrims on the Way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of Workers."

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #132—"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 #422—"What Wondrous Love Is This"

COMMUNION

"Hear Me When I Call" (*K. Hall*)—Choir
Organ Meditation

Missal #432—"Endless Is Your Love"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #705—"Lift High the Cross"

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

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Easter Flowers.
- » April 13, the second collection is our Easter gift to the church.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Holy Week begins April 13



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Procession with Blessed Palms at
next Sunday's 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

Good Friday, April 18 at 1 p.m.

"GOD IS MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR EASTER

News and event announcements for the April 20 Easter Sunday bulletin must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9. Please email submissions to olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org. All announcements are subject to approval.



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

Have you pledged yet? The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. For 2025, our parish goal is to raise \$110,076. Please prayerfully consider a gift! Use the envelopes in church or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

FREE Large-Print Bibles & Missalettes

Xavier Society for the Blind serves individuals with vision loss from macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, diabetes, or other conditions. If you or someone you know could benefit from their free large-print materials, call 212-473-7800 (toll-free 800-637-9193) or email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org. You can also inquire about audio and Braille options.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



The Christian faithful are obliged to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and works of piety and charity. Those age 14 and older must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Good Friday (April 18) is a day of abstinence and fast, meaning only one full meal may be taken. All Fridays of the year are penitential days in remembrance of Christ's Passion. The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty to receive Communion at least once a year extends to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15).

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 30
Candle Offerings	\$1,861.00
1st Collection	8,453.00
2nd Collection (<i>grounds maintenance</i>)	2,384.00
Catholic Relief Services**	1,659.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>14,357.00</u>
Online Giving	4,180.36
Mail In	5,000.00
TOTAL	23,537.36
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(962.64)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

** Special collection that benefits the designated cause; does 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 Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Contact Us

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



EASTER Memorials 2025

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the church for Easter. The 1 p.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday will be offered for the memorials donated.

DESCRIPTION OF MEMORIALS	OFFERING
(2) Tall Cherry OR (2) Yellow Forsythia Trees	\$200/each tree
(2) Magnolia Blossom Trees	\$150/each tree
(2) Large Forsythia Vases	\$100/each
(6) Forsythia Vases across High Altar	\$ 50/each
Triple Stem Easter Lily Plant	\$100/each
Group of Five Tulip Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 60/each
Group of Two Azalea Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Group of Three Hyacinth Plants (assorted colors)	\$ 50/each
Easter Lily Plant	\$ 35/each
(New for 2025) Group of Two Kalanchoe Plants	\$ 30/each

ITEMS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Celebrate the EASTER SEASON with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Please return this form (with payment) to the rectory.

Gift from/in Memory of: _____

(Please PRINT)

Requested by: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from items and prices above):

Pax Christi Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18 | 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This annual tradition (in its 43rd year) connects Jesus' journey to the cross with today's call for peace and justice. This year's theme asks, **In a time of polarization and conflict, how do we follow the path of Jesus?** The walk begins at 8:30 a.m. at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (East 47th St. and 1st Ave.) and continues along 42nd St., ending between 8th and 9th Avenues. Please wear or carry a cross as a sign of a shared commitment to Christ's way of nonviolence. All are welcome to take part in this prayerful witness.



Faith Sharing at OLOM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue).

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather weekly with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 to request meeting location.

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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

For Parents with Little Children

We cherish having young children at Mass, even when they cry at inopportune times. We also recognize the need to maintain a peaceful atmosphere for everyone during worship. Sometimes children are persistently fussy, and we will not be upset if parents feel they need to make their child comfortable. If your child is restless, you are welcome to use the vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a comforting area. These spaces are equipped with speakers, so you can still hear and follow along with Mass while attending to your child.

The Word Made Flesh: Lenten Mission

7 p.m. on April 7, 8, and 9

Sacred Heart Church, 83-17 78th Ave., Glendale

You are invited to deepen your own Lenten journey at this three-night mission led by Father Richard Veras, director of pastoral formation and professor of homiletics at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. The mission theme is "The Word Made Flesh: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever." All are welcome—attend yourself or bring family and friends for this opportunity to grow in faith this Lent!

CONFESSION TIMES | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: APRIL 14
11:15 AM, 3:30 PM, 7 PM

RECONCILIATION
MONDAY



HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING of EASTER BASKETS

April 19 at 11 a.m.

The blessing of Easter baskets containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a tradition among Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian Eastern Europeans. On Holy Saturday morning, bring your Easter baskets to church to be blessed during a short service on the church steps (in the event of rain, the blessing will move inside to the church vestibule).



Catholic Teaching Committee

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. If you are interested in joining the parish committee, please try to attend.

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet next on **Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. Qs? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.