

April 7, 2024 - Octave of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

TRUSTEE
Veronica McCarthy
Roy Joseph

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lorna Stark

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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

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

GIVE NOW
Scan for online
parish giving



110 - 06 Queens Boulevard
Forest Hills, New York 11375
tel 718-268-6251; fax 718-793-2584
rectory@olqmchurch.org | ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org
OLQM Catholic Academy: tel 718-263-2622



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

Easter Saturday, April 6

8:05 a.m. Lawrence E. Marmion, Sr.
12:05 p.m. Anthony Messina
5 p.m. Jorge Bonilla

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

Annunciation of the Lord

8:05 a.m. Katie Watt Lavin
12:05 p.m. Walfrido Francia

Tuesday, April 9

8:05 a.m. Marcelino Rodriguez
12:05 p.m. Melba Muñoz

Wednesday, April 10

8:05 a.m. Austine E. Olson
12:05 p.m. Margaret Robinson

Thursday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus

8:05 a.m. Louis Punzalan
12:05 p.m. Carola Osorio

Friday, April 12

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Saturday, April 13

Saint Martin

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Maia and Mina Massoud
5 p.m. Nina Chow

Cover photo of the Easter altar by Robert Schnell

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Frances Cesarrano, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Domingo Galicia, Lionel Guello, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Carmen Tarab, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—**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 list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*
Sunday Morning Bible Study (*use glass door behind the Mary statue*)
2–3 p.m. *church:* **Holy Hour** followed by
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday, April 8

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. **Masses** *church:*
Miraculous Medal Novena
7 p.m. *Zoom:* “Through the Word” Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

11:30 a.m. *church:* **Confessions**
7:30 p.m. *church choir loft:* **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, April 10

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**

Thursday, April 11

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 12

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

Saturday, April 13

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered
in loving memory of
Agrippina Gould
—requested by *John Gould*

Remember Our Deceased

Jeanette Becker
Steven Becker
Donald Begota
Angie Castanza
Carmen DiPersia
Adeline Figueroa
Rev. John Garkowski



Rochelle Gorelick
Michael J. Kelly
Rodolfo Mondosa
Mary O'Driscoll
Michele Tuzzolino
Rev. John Wtulich

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 Teaching

Mercy

*"Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy."
(Hebrews 4: 16)*

REFLECT: "Jesus, I trust in you! This proclamation, this confession of trust in the all-powerful love of God, is especially needed in our own time, when mankind is experiencing bewilderment in the face of many manifestations of evil. The invocation of God's mercy needs to rise up from the depth of hearts filled with suffering, apprehension, and uncertainty, and at the same time yearning for an infallible source of hope...."

"With the eyes of our soul, we long to look into the eyes of the merciful Jesus, in order to find deep within his gaze the reflection of his inner life, as well as the light of grace which we have already received so often, and which God holds out to us anew each day and on the last day...."

"It is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and the Spirit of Truth, who guides us along the ways of Divine Mercy. By convincing the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement, he also makes known the fullness of salvation in Christ. This convincing concerning sin is doubly related to the Cross of Christ. On the one hand, the Holy Spirit enables us, through Christ's Cross, to acknowledge sin, every sin, in the full dimension of evil which it contains and inwardly conceals. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit permits us, again through the Christ's Cross, to see sin in the light of the merciful and forgiving love of God...."

"This convincing concerning sin also becomes a conviction that sin can be laid aside and that man can be restored to his dignity as a son beloved of God. Indeed, the Cross is the most profound condescension of God to man. The Cross is like a touch of eternal love upon the most painful wounds of man's earthly existence." (Pope St. John Paul II)

ACT: Pray to receive a plenary indulgence for yourself or a loved one through the devout observance of the Divine Mercy Sunday. Attend our Divine Mercy devotions today from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. See also "Indulgences Attached to Divine Mercy Devotions" (<https://tinyurl.com/u7vd72f4>).

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's August 17, 2002, homily, at <https://tinyurl.com/56jee5se>.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: 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

Divine Mercy

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #178—"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"

MASS PARTS: Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" (G. Young)—Choir
Missal #515—"We Walk by Faith"*

COMMUNION

*"Aurora Coelum Purpurat" (P. Yon)—Choir
Missal #186—"Regina Caeli"—Leader of Song
Missal #176—"Ye Sons and Daughters"*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #172—"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EXPOSITION (*after 1 p.m. Mass*)

*Missal #180—"Alleluia! Alleluia"
Missal #667—"O Salutaris Hostia" (Werner)*

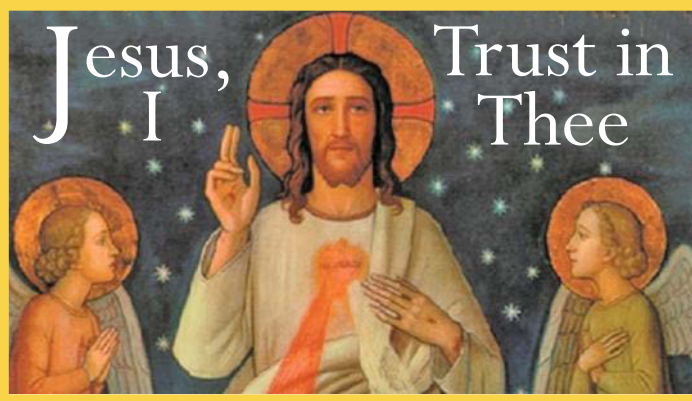
11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care..
- » April 14, the second collection is for Catholic Home Missions. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the school building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2025 Mass Book Opens Soon

Mass Request forms are on the piano. Completed forms can be dropped off at the rectory beginning Tuesday, April 9. We will schedule your Mass intentions on the date requested or your alternative day and time. The 2025 Mass Book will officially open soon after; date to be announced.



FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

2 p.m. Holy Hour
Exposition & Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Religious Education News

Confirmation Retreat

Sister Ave Clark and Dr. Joseph Terry were the presenters on Saturday, March 23, during this day of prayer and discussion. Afterward, we all attended Palm Sunday Mass together. Our 51 confirmandi will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.



OLQM Calendar for May

May 4 (Sat) **First Holy Communion** 10 a.m.

May 5 (Sun) **Living Rosary** after 1 p.m. Mass in church plaza

May 9 (Thu) **The Ascension** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. on 5/8; holy day Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

May 19 (Sun) **Pentecost**, Confirmation Mass 4 p.m.

Easter Basket Blessing

Thank you to all the families that gathered on Holy Saturday morning for our parish's first-ever Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets. We joyously blessed over 50 baskets! May God continue to nourish us and strengthen us with faith and love. Photo courtesy Denise DeMaria. More photos from Holy Week and Easter will be posted to our website.



Easter Memorials

Today's 1pm Mass
will be for the Easter
memorials donated



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568; to date, \$46,048 has been pledged by 92 donors. We are off to a good start! Please prayerfully consider a gift to the ACA. Pledge cards are near the church doors, or donate online at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org.

Last Chance to Register

Adult Confirmation Class Starts April 9



If you have been baptized and received First Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Register before classes begin on Tuesday, April 9. Conferral of Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Email Veronica McCarthy at olqmrcia@gmail.com or complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation information form on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia (from the main menu, under Religious Education, select RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Calling Young Catholic Professionals!

At the Sunday Masses on April 21, Father Henry Torres will be here to introduce us to Young Catholic Professionals (YCP). Whether you're in your 20s, 30s, or 40s, this organization aims to help young professionals connect with one another and maintain their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. We hope to garner interest from many of you and potentially establish a group in our diocese to enrich our Catholic community.



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact instructor Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 24	Mar 31
Candle Offerings	2,226.00	2,158.00
1st Collection	11,160.29	16,481.00
2nd Collection (<i>Easter music/lit.</i>)	–	4,122.00
Easter Gift to Church	11,404.00	–
Holy Thursday (3/28)	–	3,357.00
Good Friday Stations (3/29)	–	2,638.00
Subtotal: In Church	24,790.29	22,761.00
Online Parish Giving	4,511.51	4,523.53
Mail In	1,810.00	2,155.00
Mail In Easter Gift	5,300.00	4,385.00
Easter Flowers (<i>additional</i>)	–	585.00
TOTAL	36,411.80	40,404.53
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,911.80	15,904.53

*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does 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 Collections

Good Friday Holy Land (3/29)	\$4,184.00
Easter Support for Senior Priests (3/31)	4,498.00

Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish and are not included in the weekly collection total.

Contact Us

MAIN PHONE AND EMAIL

Rectory Office:
718-268-6251
rectory@olqmchurch.org

Emergency (last rites):
718-810-9788 (after office hours)

Fr. Passenant (Pastor):
adm.olqm@yahoo.com

Bishop Sanchez (Pastor Emeritus):
rectory@olqmchurch.org

OLQM Catholic Academy:
718-263-2622
info@olqmca.org

Religious Education Office:
718-263-0907
olqmreled@gmail.com

RCIA Office:
718-268-6251, ext. *827
olqmrcia@gmail.com

OLQM Charity Outreach:
718-268-6251, ext. *843

ADDITIONAL EMAILS

Baptisms:
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

Bereavement Support:
bereave@olqmchurch.org

Bulletin Subjects:
olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org

Disabilities Advocate:
disabilities.olqm@gmail.com

MAYO (Youth Organization):
youth@olqmchurch.org

Pastoral Care Office:
dfport@gmail.com

FIND US ONLINE
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Instagram, X/
Twitter:
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

YouTube:
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

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

St. Joseph's Seminary Gala

Fr. Passenant, Bishop Sanchez, Fr. Antonin, and lay ministry members of our parish attended the gala on March 21 at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle. The event was elevated by the presence of Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, and Bishop Robert Brennan of our Brooklyn/Queens Diocese. Many other bishops, clergy, donors, faculty members, and naturally, the seminarians were in attendance. The gala evening raised \$750,000 for the seminary. Please keep all the seminarians in your prayers so they may persevere in their studies and, God willing, one day serve local parishes such as ours.



Team OLQM with gala dignitaries (left to right)—*Emilio Ozaeta, Veronica McCarthy, Father Antonin, Father Passenant, Cardinal Dolan, Father Joseph Holcomb, Margarita Forero, Bishop Sanchez, Bishop Brennan, and Kevin Kane.*

Attention Parents and Students! Spring Open House at Molloy University, Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. For prospective students, families, and guests. Advance registration is required at www.molloy.edu/openhouse24. Molloy University is located in Rockville Centre at 100 Hempstead Avenue. Questions? Call Molly's office of admissions at 516-323-4000 or email admissions@molloy.edu.

Get Tickets by April 16 for the Academy's Spring Bash

Saturday, April 27 | 6:30–11 p.m.
McLaughlin Hall

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Home Academy Association presents this evening of dining, dancing, and great raffle prizes! Gather your friends for a spectacular evening in a beautifully transformed McLaughlin Hall! All proceeds benefit Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy.

Tickets \$80 per person or \$750 to reserve a table for 10 people. Price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, and coffee. Bring your own wine. 1970s disco attire is encouraged but not required. Reservations are necessary.

Checks are payable to OLQMCA by April 16th. Mail to: OLQMCA – Spring Bash 72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375.

Questions? Contact the school at info@olqmca.org.



"WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"

Alverlis

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

Saturday, April 20, 2024
Louis Armstrong Stadium
in USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

Sponsored by:

- Praise and worship
- Eucharistic Liturgy and Procession
- Inspiring Speakers

Sign up now at your local Parish.

SAVE THE DATE: Our parish will receive 50 complimentary tickets for the Eucharistic Revival on April 20. Limit 2 per person; 4 per family. If interested, call the rectory to reserve.