

April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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## Watch Mass on Our Website

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

We have recorded videos of the daily and Sunday Mass on our website as a way to remain united around the celebration of the Mass



**WELCOME!**

Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information.

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Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online parish giving. Thank you.



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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
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

Private Masses will be offered by our parish priests for the intentions listed.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, April 13

Virginia Rogers

Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Tuesday, April 14

Ann and Vincent Tyrsklenicz

John Massimiano

Wednesday, April 15

Rose Mary Kimani

Michael F. Mancino

Thursday, April 16

Mangano family

In Thanksgiving for St. Expedito

Friday, April 17

William T. Malley

Monica Mitran

Saturday, April 18

Elaine Trubia

Brian Cahill

Joseph and Cory Tan

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, MaryAnn Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Danielle D'Agostino, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Phillip and Claire Fazio, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Anthony Frankel, Alice Fromer, Ogan Gates, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Msgr. Richard Guastella, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Sean Harrison, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Migdalia Leon, Maria Leon Santiago, James Lung, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Grace Plank, Bonnie Post, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Main Events of the Week

Easter Sunday, April 12

**\*\* Church is closed until further notice \*\***

The Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens is asking churches and church offices to remain closed for the safety and well-being of everyone during the COVID-19 emergency. While there is no public celebration of the Mass for the time being, our priests are celebrating Mass each day privately for the scheduled intentions. You can watch our recorded Masses from your home or phone at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org), at [www.facebook.com/olqmchurch](https://www.facebook.com/olqmchurch), and the [parish YouTube channel](#).

Tuesday, April 14

**Confessions at 11:30 a.m. inside rectory door\***

Thursday, April 16

**Confessions at 11:30 a.m. inside rectory door\***

Saturday, April 18

**Confessions at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door\***

\*Note: For parishioners wishing to make a confession, please enter the rectory one at a time and please practice responsible social distancing.

**\*\* CANCELLATIONS THIS WEEK \*\***

**At this time there are No Public Devotions.  
Parish Group Activities/Meetings are suspended.  
Nursing Home Masses are suspended.**

***"The Lord is risen, it is true!"***

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office: email [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or phone 718-827-2454.

## Remember Our Deceased

Marisa Camaj

Liliana Ortiz

Joseph William Guastella, Sr.

Stephanie Peterson

Rosemarie Nicolols

Father Jorge Ortiz-Garay

**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.**

**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

Pope Saint John Paul II on Easter

*From the OLMQ Social Action Committee*

Faith is our source of joy. We believe in a God who created us so that we might enjoy human happiness—in some measure on earth, in its fullness in heaven. We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done. We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. Therefore, we discover joy when we discover truth—the truth about God our Father, the truth about Jesus our Savior, the truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.

We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery—the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! (Angelus, November 30, 1986)

*If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them care of [rectoryolqm@aol.com](mailto:rectoryolqm@aol.com). You are welcome to join us in the rectory at our next meeting. Future dates and times will be announced here and from the pulpit. Links to important documents and useful videos are available at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee).*

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for “action alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference at [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).



### A Blessed Easter to You and Yours

Please feel free to take home a free copy of the small white Easter prayer books that are available in the vestibule of the Church.

## Readings and Mass Options Easter Sunday

**FIRST READING**—Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**SECOND READING:**—Colossians 3:1-4

**SEQUENCE** —“Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise”

**GOSPEL**—John 20:1-9

**Video recordings of the Mass each day with our parish priests are being posted on our church website**

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

### SUNDAY MASS ON NET TV

Spectrum Channel 97

FIOS by Verizon Channel 48

Tune in online at [netny.tv](http://netny.tv)

### Saturday at 6 p.m.

Vigil prerecorded from Immaculate Conception  
in Jamaica (English)

### Sunday at 11 a.m.

Live from St. James Cathedral  
in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

### Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Prerecorded from Co-Cathedral  
of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for support of senior priests. There is also an envelope for the Easter music and liturgy.
- » Sunday, April 19, the second collection will be for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the OLMQ Catholic Academy building.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).

**Your Easter Gift to the church will be greatly appreciated.** Please make a contribution through the [online Parish Giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/online-parish-giving) service on our website.



## Adult Confirmation and RCIA

We want all who want to form a connection with our Church to feel welcome, even during this very difficult time. If you have questions about classes for Adult Confirmation, please contact RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) by email ([olqmrkia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrkia@gmail.com)) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message; your call will be returned.



Catholic Charities Call Center is 718-722-6001, Monday through Friday from 9AM to 6PM. If you have need at this time, they can help you with information about food pantries—which are essential services—and mental health counseling over the phone.

## Additional Masses Online During the Coronavirus Crisis

Masses at OLQM are being video-recorded daily and posted on our website and Facebook page. We are grateful for your virtual attendance and positive feedback! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recommends these additional resources:

- Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Morning Masses (search YouTube)
- Catholic TV Mass ([www.watchthemass.com](http://www.watchthemass.com))
- EWTN Daily Mass ([www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live))
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ([www.nationalshrine.org/mass/](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/))
- Catholic Faith Network Masses ([www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses](http://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses))
- Relevant Radio Daily Live Mass ([relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video](http://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video))

## Rx for Body and Spirit

### For Your Body

- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid close contact with other people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

### For Your Spirit

- Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
- Pray the Rosary.
- Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.
- Take time for family prayer.
- Practice Lectio Divina.
- Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



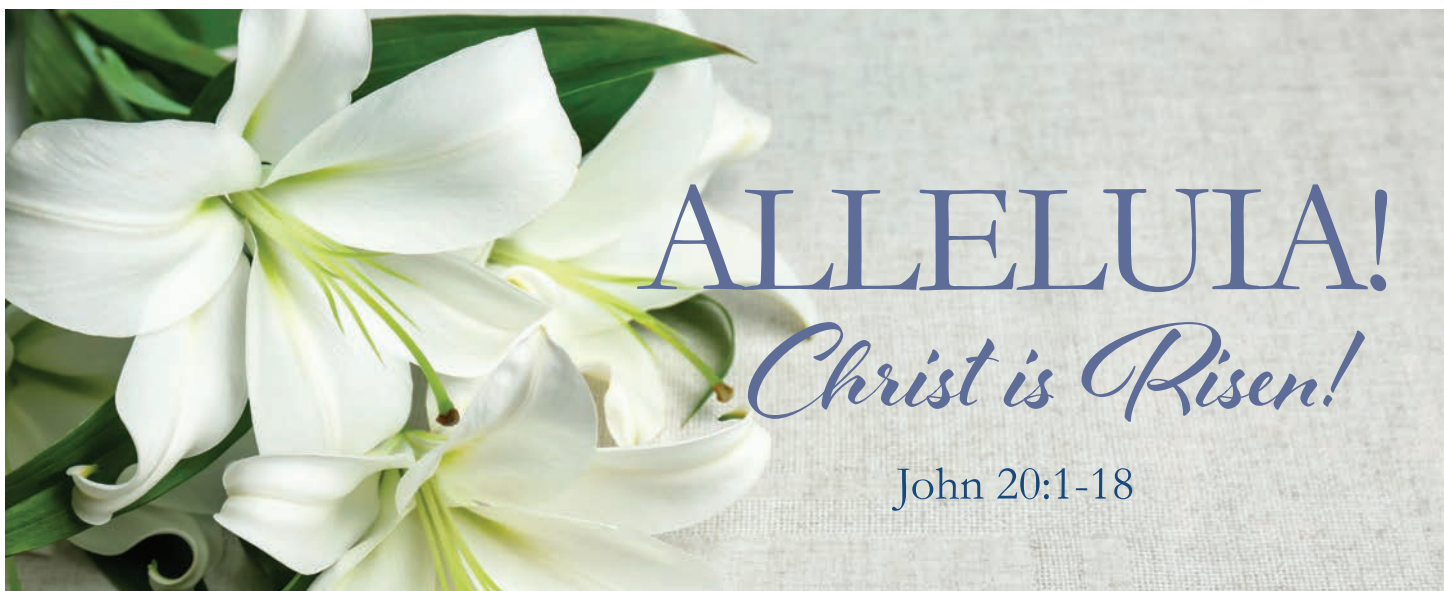
## Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(Source: Archdiocese of New York)



## Easter Reflections 2020

**Y**ou may have heard the story of the young boy who returned home from his religious education class. The boy's father inquired, "What did you learn today?" The boy said that he learned how Moses led the people from slavery across the Red Sea on the road to freedom in the Promised Land. The boy said that when the people of Moses arrived at the Red Sea, Moses radioed for multiple helicopters to fly across to rescue the people. When the people were safely transported to the other side, Moses then radioed for bombers to prevent the Egyptians from crossing the sea. When the boy's father heard the lesson, he reacted with amazement and said, "That's incredible." And the boy responded and said, "If I told you what they really taught me from the Bible passage, you would say 'That's incredible, also.'"

Such is the nature of our gift of faith—a leap of trust in God's incredible love that overcomes our weaknesses. The Easter mystery reminds us of that truth more vividly than at any other time of the Christian year.

There is a curious feature in John's account of the disciples arriving at the empty tomb of Jesus. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, there is a verbal clue that Jesus has risen, given either by an angel or two or a young man. In John's Gospel, the visitors to the tomb encounter an empty tomb and empty linen wrappings.

Emptiness is an appropriate symbol to remind us what we have been through these past few weeks of coronavirus. The Easter message reminds us that it sometimes takes time to deepen our understanding and to unravel the meaning of events around us. Through the renewed presence of Christ in the lives of the Apostles when he appeared to them in various ways after His Resurrection, the Apostles grew in strength and grace. So also the Risen Lord will enlighten our minds and strengthen our hearts in these fifty days ahead of us.

May the Easter days ahead bring clarity and renewal and joy to our hearts. May the Risen Lord keep you safe and accompany you always! Alleluia!

**BISHOP PAUL R. SANCHEZ**

## Dear Fellow Parishioners:

First, we hope that you are all safe, well and coping under the current circumstances. We miss seeing all of you, Bishop Sanchez, Fr. Passenant, Fr. Antonin and Msgr. Cunningham each week at Mass. Even though we cannot be present and together, our parish continues to have costs to operate.

We extend a sincere thank-you to those of you who have signed up at this time and before now for online giving. We take this opportunity to remind everyone that a great way to continue supporting our parish is to contribute through automatic deductions from your bank account or by charging it to your credit card. It is very easy to set up and you can stop and start it anytime, so when we all return to our usual Sunday Masses (our prayers answered!) and you want to use your envelopes again or put cash in the basket you can just turn off the online contributions. You can set up an account online to donate on a weekly or monthly basis or make one-time donations without creating an account. Please include your envelope number if possible.

OLQM uses Parish Giving, a national online-giving website for parishes. You can go to our parish website at [www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) and look for the Parish Giving logo or you can scan the QR Code shown on this page with your phone to go right to the log-in page.

Parish Giving also has a smartphone app for iOS, which makes it even easier. We use it all the time for when we know we will be traveling (but not anytime soon, sadly). Please remember your parish during these difficult times—even though we cannot attend Mass in person or even visit our beloved church to say a quiet prayer or light a candle. We must help to sustain OLQM so that it too is not a victim of COVID-19.

We know there are many who will be impacted financially by this difficult time, so we are not suggesting that it will be easy to maintain your usual giving.

**We all give what we can** and sometimes we give in ways much more important than the “almighty dollar.” Even if you can’t maintain your giving, please keep praying for all of us and your parish family so that we all make it through this, even if all we have is our health.

Hopefully the parish doors will soon be swung wide open again for all of us to greet our parish family with a proper sharing of peace and the blessed Eucharist.

**Sincere and heartfelt thank you,**

**Lorna Stark, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee**

**David Lee, Chair of the Stewardship Committee**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER**

Call or email your fellow parishioners, especially the vulnerable!

Please send in your envelopes or make an online donation!



**Parish Giving**  
Enroll Online

We humbly ask you to please keep up your increased support and continue your weekly contributions.

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