

April 28, 2024 - Fifth 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)
8:05 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

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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 27

8:05 a.m. Maria Alicia Valderruten
12:05 p.m. Silvia Gloria Castillo
5 p.m. Maria Cortes

Sunday, April 28

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

Monday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena
8:05 a.m. Maria Luisa Orenca
12:05 p.m. John Eric C. Ilawan [living]

Tuesday, April 30

Saint Pius V
8:05 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Cunningham
12:05 p.m. McCabe and Bittner families [living]

Wednesday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker
8:05 a.m. Ellen Lowry
12:05 p.m. Avery Wood [living]

Thursday, May 2

Saint Athanasius
8:05 a.m. Patricia Savino
12:05 p.m. Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
(All Souls in Purgatory)

Friday, May 3

Saints Philip and James
8:05 a.m. Lumen J. Farres
12:05 p.m. Josephine Carbonella

Saturday, May 4

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Rev. James Tully
5 p.m. Linda Diaz

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 28

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study*
(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

2:30 p.m. *rectory meeting room: Baptism Instruction*
(Baptisms on May 5 will begin at 3 p.m.)

Monday, April 29

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 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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 2

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 3

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

Saturday, May 4

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



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

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, 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, Simon Ho, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, 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.

Remember Our Deceased

Nestor Ardelano
Gilberto Dorta
Eric James Ferber
Lionel Genello



Ann B. Melnick
Vicky Milian
Joseph Nugent
Lucy Swanson

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.qlqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

Cardinal Cantalamessa on Pruning as Sculpting

"LORD, you are our father ... we are all the work of your hand."
(Isaiah 64: 7)

REFLECT: "Holiness is like a sculpture. Leonardo da Vinci defined sculpture as the art of removing... Only sculpture, [like pruning], consists of removing, of taking away the pieces of marble that are in excess, so that the figure can emerge that one has in mind. Christian perfection is also obtained like this, by removing and making useless pieces fall off, namely, desires, ambitions, projects, carnal tendencies that disperse us and do not let us finish anything.

"One day, Michelangelo walking through a garden in Florence saw a block of marble in a corner protruding from the earth, half covered by grass and mud. He stopped suddenly, as if he had seen someone, and turning to friends, who were with him, exclaimed: 'An angel is imprisoned in that marble; I must get him out.' And, armed with a chisel, he began to work on that block until the figure of a beautiful angel emerged.

"God also looks at us and sees us this way... He then says to himself: 'Therein is hidden a new and beautiful creature that waits to come out to the light; more than that, the image of my own son Jesus Christ is hidden there. I want to bring it out!' We are predestined to be conformed to the image of his son. Then, what does He do? He takes the chisel, which is the cross, and begins to work on us. He takes the pruning shears and begins to prune us.

"We must not worry ourselves thinking of what terrible crosses he may send us! Normally, he does not add anything to what life presents us in terms of suffering, effort, tribulations. He makes all these things serve for our purification. He helps us to not waste them." (Homily of May 14, 2006)

LEARN: Cardinal Cantalamessa is the Pontifical Household Preacher in Rome. Read his full homily, at <https://tinyurl.com/3jfnx89y>. Listen to Bishop Barron on the Vine and the Branches, at <https://tinyurl.com/4vvb544j>.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #179—"At the Lamb's High Feast"

MASS PARTS: Haugen and Schiavone

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J. S. Bach)—Choir

Missal #686—"Where My Father Lives"

COMMUNION

"Cry Out with Joy" (J. Chepponis)—Choir

"Regina Caelia, Jubila" (M. Praetorius)—Leader of Song

Missal #616—"I Have Loved You"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #177—"The Day of Resurrection"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for our parish youth programs.
- » May 5, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for Mother's Day Mass Remembrance.
- » 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.

THE 2025 MASS BOOK OPENS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AT 10 A.M.
Visit the rectory during business hours to make your Mass intention arrangements.

OLQM Spring

Watch for updates on these events and additional announcements in future bulletins.

- May 5 (Sun) Living Rosary** after 1 p.m. Mass, church plaza.
- May 9 (Thu) The Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)**
Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. on 5/8; holy day Masses 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
- May 11/12 (Weekend) Mother's Day** blessing at all Masses.
- May 11/12, 18/19 & 25/26 (Weekends) Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes** ticket sales; drawing 5/26 after 1 p.m. Mass.
- May 14 (Tue) May Crowning** 9 a.m. hosted by OLQM Catholic Academy 8th graders.
- May 19 (Sun) Pentecost** 4 p.m. Confirmation Mass.
- June 2 (Sun) Corpus Christi Procession** after 1 p.m. Mass.
- June 5-13 (Wed-Thu) St. Anthony of Padua Novena** at 12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon-Sat) & after 11:15 a.m. Mass on 6/9. Distribution of St. Anthony bread at the novena close on 6/13.
- June 7 (Fri) Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.
- June 15 (Sat) OLQMCA 8th Grade Graduation** 10 a.m.
- June 15/16 (Weekend) Father's Day** blessing at all Masses.
- June 23 (Sun) St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday only. Truck will be parked in front of church to accept gently used and new clothing.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Envelopes are available for remembering our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, favorite aunts, and others who have loved us in our lives. Masses on Mother's Day weekend will be for the intentions of all our loved ones (living or deceased) listed on the remembrance envelopes placed on the altar.

Have you given yet to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal?

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the diocesan appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Take a pledge card (near the church doors) or scan this code with your phone to donate online. Be sure to select OLQM as your parish when giving online.



God bless you for your generous giving

In a Fortnight, the Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Tradition Begins!

This semiannual fundraising activity allows us to continue concerts in our church and all our sung Masses and liturgies. Tickets were mailed out to previous participants and will also be on sale after Masses on the weekends of May 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26; drawing on May 26.

\$50 per ticket. Winner takes home \$1,000. Credit cards accepted this year! Please plan on purchasing a Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes ticket. Your support is paramount.

SPONSOR AN ALTAR SERVER

Help us say thank you to our altar servers with a day of fun at Six Flags! Sponsorship envelopes are available at the church entrances. The 2024 cost to cover one server's trip is \$100. It is in appreciation for all they do for our parish and the care and reverence they bring to the Holy Mass! They thank YOU, too, for your sponsorship.



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 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 can use the church vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a designated comforting area. These areas can accommodate parents and children while still allowing them to hear the Mass. Ushers are on hand, too, for direction and assistance. Let's all approach this matter with charity and understanding so everyone can fully focus on the Sunday Mass in God's presence.

RCIA at OLQM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, 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.

Eastertide Prayer

REGINA CAELI

These Sundays of Easter season, our choir has been singing “Regina Caeli” (Latin for “Queen of Heaven”). This Marian hymn and prayer is performed from Holy Saturday through Pentecost Sunday as a tribute to our Lord’s resurrection and to our heavenly mother: *Regina caeli lactare, Alleluia, Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia. Resurrexit Sicut dixit, Alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.* [Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.]

Marian Devotions in May

Living Rosary: May 5 at 2 p.m.

May is observed as the month of Mary. Join us in praying this special devotion to our Blessed Mother. All are invited to gather with our priests and choir members in the church plaza on Ascan Avenue right after next Sunday’s 1 p.m. Mass—and bring a friend! We need 60 people for a Living Rosary, each person representing one bead of the rosary and leading one prayer. (Note: the first Sunday celebration of baptisms will begin a half-hour later, at 3 p.m.)

ASCENSION THURSDAY: MAY 9

40 Days after the Resurrection ~ Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass 7:30pm on 5/8;
Holy Day Masses 8:05am & 12:05pm

**KEEP UP YOUR
INCREASED SUPPORT**

—Weekly Collections—

	April 21
Candle Offerings	\$1,647.00
1st Collection	8,761.21
2nd Collection (<i>fuel</i>)	2,550.21
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,958.42</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,624.88
Mail In	2,569.00
TOTAL	20,152.30
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,347.70)

* 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.

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.



**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).

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LIVESTREAM MASS

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

EASTER *in pictures*

The joy and blessings of our parish's Easter celebration!

Photos of the Easter Vigil Mass courtesy Leon Volskis. Easter morning (*bottom row*) by Robert Schnell.

