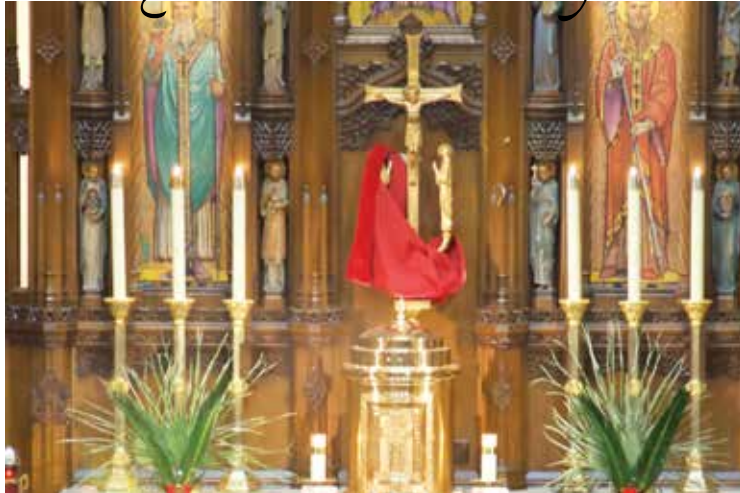


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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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**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.

*Saturday, April 4*

**Saint Isodore**

Souls in Purgatory

Maria and Vincenzo Malizia

John and Lorrie Mazur

*Sunday, April 5*

**Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**

*Monday, April 6*

Teodulo O. Mendoza

Lui Eng

*Tuesday, April 7*

Walfrido Francia

Kathy Kitchen [anniversary]

*Wednesday, April 8*

Maria Pina

Zygmunt Wolk

### TRIDUUM

*April 9-11*

**Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Holy Saturday**

The priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish will celebrate Triduum services privately and provide videos of the services this year. Video recordings during

Holy Week will be viewable on the parish website [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org), on [Facebook@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch), and the [OLQMStewardship YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQmStewardship).

## 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, 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

*Palm Sunday, April 5*

**\*\* 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQmStewardship).

*Tuesday, April 7*

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

*Holy Thursday, April 9*

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

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

*Good Friday, April 10*

We encourage you to pray the Stations of the Cross at home, reciting the Stabat Mater Dolorosa in honor of Mary's sorrows. See prayer on page 4.

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

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

**"Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!"**

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact the Vocation Office: email [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org) or phone 718-827-2454.

## Remember Our Deceased

Marisa Camaj  
Liliana Ortiz  
Stephanie Peterson

**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 Benedict XVI on Charity in Truth

*From the OLM Social Action Committee*

Truth needs to be sought, found and expressed within the “economy” of charity, but charity in its turn needs to be understood, confirmed and practiced in the light of truth... Only in truth does charity shine forth, only in truth can charity be authentically lived. Truth is the light that gives meaning and value to charity... Without truth, charity degenerates into sentimentality... Truth frees charity from the constraints of an emotionalism that deprives it of relational and social content, and of a fideism that deprives it of human and universal breathing-space. In the truth, charity reflects the personal yet public dimension of faith in the God of the Bible, who is both Agápe and Lógos: Charity and Truth, Love and Word. (Caritas in Veritate)

*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).

**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.

## Readings and Mass Options

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

FIRST READING—Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING—Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL—Matthew 26:14-27

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

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#### 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 our Easter gift to the church. Easter Sunday, April 12, the second collection will be for support of senior priests. There is also an envelope for the Easter music and liturgy.

» 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,** a contribution you can make through the [online Parish Giving](http://online.Parish.Giving) service on our website. It is very easy to set up and secure. Please read the message from our Parish Finance and Stewardship Committee members on page 6. THANK YOU.



# Good Friday Stations of the Cross

## “At the Cross Her Station Keeping”

### STABAT MATER DOLOROSA

**I.** At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.

**II.** Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,  
All His bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword has passed.

**III.** Oh, how sad and sore distressed,  
Was that Mother, highly blest,  
Of the sole begotten One!

**IV.** Christ above in torment hangs;  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying, glorious Son.

**V.** Is there one who would not weep,  
’Whelmed in miseries so deep  
Christ’s dear Mother to behold?

**VI.** Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain,  
In that Mother’s pain untold?

**VII.** Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
She beheld her tender Child,  
All with bloody scourges rent.



**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

**VIII.** For the sins of His own nation,  
Saw Him hang in desolation  
Till His spirit forth He sent.

**IX.** O thou Mother! Fount of love,  
Touch my spirit from above,  
Make my heart with yours accord.

**X.** Make me feel as you have felt;  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

**XI.** Holy Mother, pierce me through,  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Savior crucified.

**XII.** Let me share with you His pain,  
Who for all our sins was slain,  
Who for me in torments died.

**XIII.** Let me mingle tears with thee,  
Mourning Him who mourned for me  
All the days that I may live.

**XIV.** By the cross with you to stay,  
There with you to weep and pray,  
This I ask of you to give.

## The Easter Triduum Services

Triduum (Latin for “three days”) represents the most sacred time in the Church year. It begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends on the evening of Easter Sunday, the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. To celebrate the Triduum services in union with the Church in the privacy of your home, we invite you to pray with us in either of the following ways:

(1) Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will celebrate the Triduum services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday from St Joseph’s Co-Cathedral. Those services will be broadcast on NET TV on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48), and online at [www.netny.tv](http://www.netny.tv).

(2) The priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish will celebrate here those same Triduum services, privately, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. You will be able to view our parish services on our webpage ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)) or through Facebook or YouTube — and we hope you will feel free to share the videos with others this holy season!

Please pray with us during these Holydays for the safety and well-being of all, for those who are grievously ill, and for all who care for the sick. May the suffering and Risen Christ continue to watch you and your loved ones! Thank you.



## A HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

**I**n the spring of 1972, I joined a group of my seminarian classmates from Rome, Italy, to participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a memorable trip led by a renowned American Jesuit who had done extensive research in the land where Jesus lived and died and rose again. One of the memories that I have of that pilgrimage is when the Jesuit led a group of us into the back room of a neighborhood bakery in Jerusalem to point out a section of ancient bricks that he said was part of the original old wall of the ancient city where Jesus walked.

Such archeological tidbits tended to fascinate me as a young man in his mid-twenties and excited in me a love of history and tradition. Today, almost fifty years later, as I prepare to begin with all of you a celebration of the central mystery of our faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord, I recognize that the mystery that we celebrate is not a mere historical memory. Although we will be separated physically this year, you and I are invited to enter into this mystery in a profound spiritual way—seeking to unite ourselves more closely with Christ in the depths of our heart.

This year we will meditate again on the same Scriptural passages and observe the same ritual actions, all with the goal of hearing the voice of Christ within us, as He speaks with us, heart to heart. Ironically, our weeks of preparation for Holy Week have taken on a strange sacrificial dimension, imposed by force of the circumstances of a pandemic. The word “quarantine” seems almost related to the Spanish word for Lent, which is “Cuaresma.” Hopefully this time has been fruitful in helping to give us a little more time for prayer and meditation. Hopefully it has strengthened our bonds with all those who suffer and with our loved ones.

As we begin the week that is called “Holy,” we pray that the Suffering and Risen Christ will draw us closer to him and deepen the life of the Spirit within us. This year the deacon will sing the Easter Proclamation and we will hear again those comforting words: “O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling.”

Perhaps in the midst of social distancing and sheltering in place, we will find it a little more difficult to take those words to heart. But in the midst of deprivation, we still hold up the glory of the Risen One, “the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ . . . who . . . has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.”

May you and your loved ones know the joy of the Risen Christ this year and always!

—Bishop Paul R. Sanchez

# A Word from the Parish Finance Committee

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



We will resume reporting the Weekly Collections in the future. Our sincere thank you to everyone signing up for online Parish Giving at this time and continuing your weekly contributions to the parish.

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