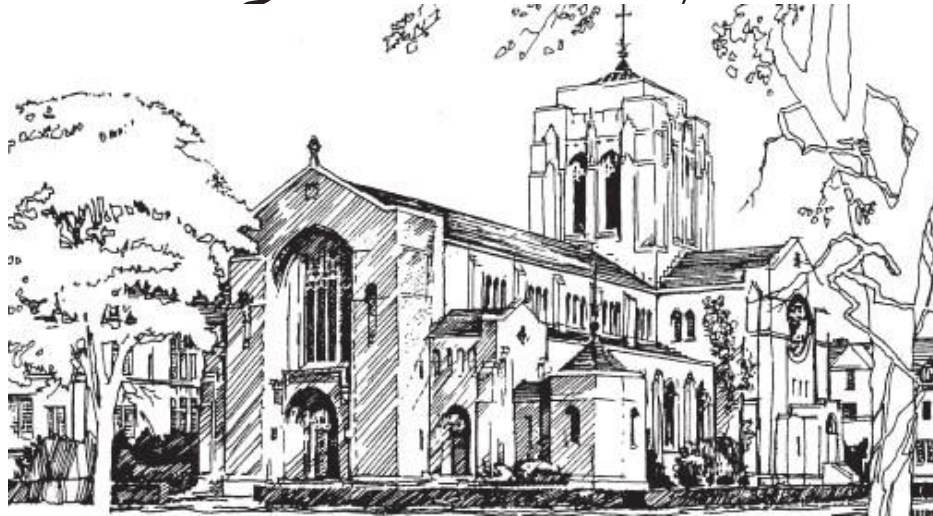


April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER and FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA

First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is a vibrant Catholic Faith Community in Forest Hills, New York. We are one parish family seeking to be the welcoming and warm presence of Jesus Christ to the diverse peoples of the area. Our parish life is centered on celebrating the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming and teaching God's Word, faith formation through our school and religious education programs, and ministering to and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful. In thanksgiving to God for all that has been, for all that we are, and for all that we will be, we support vocations and lay leadership development, strengthening stewardship, and fulfilling the mission of the New Evangelization to bring Christ into the world.



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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

Saturday, April 6

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Christine Rigert
5 p.m. Joseph and Cory Tan

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

8 a.m. Walfrido Francia
12:05 p.m. Emelia D'Rozario [anniversary]

Tuesday, April 9

8 a.m. Mary Conlon
12:05 p.m. William C. Vogel

Wednesday, April 10

8 a.m. Eleanor Danielski
12:05 p.m. Kathy Kitchen [anniversary]

Thursday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus

8 a.m. John Clemente
12:05 p.m. Harold Kwitel

Friday, April 12

8 a.m. Ann and Vincent Tyrsklewicz
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Saturday, April 13

Saint Martin I

8 a.m. Ismael Alicea
12:05 p.m. Peter Jennings
4:45 p.m. Blessing of Palms and Procession
5 p.m. Stella Natsue Yamade-wu

Please refrain from leaving flowers in the church and on the altar during these 40 days of Lent. Thank you.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Svetiana Abramova, Mark Bradley, Luis Fernando Cardenas, Augustine Cisneros, Mary Ann Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Eduardo De Santis, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Lidia Flores, Anne Gorin, Alice Fromer, Gaye Fruscione, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, Henry Johnson, Lynne Keeley, Jacqueline Lisandrelli, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, Marina Mavashev, Veronica Nissan, Richard O'Keefe, Clara Patoff, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Nancy Piotrowski, Veronica Pulanski, Nora Radocea, Scott Salbo, Scaturro family, Chris Townley, Gail Whelan, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, April 7

2 p.m., church: Baptisms

Tuesday, April 9

7:30 p.m., choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 10

10:15 a.m., nursing home: Fairview Nursing Home Mass
After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church: Padre Pio Prayer Group

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m.: levels 1, 2, 3, and 4
7–8:15 p.m.: levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

7 p.m., McLaughlin Hall: Listening Session (see page 5)

Thursday, April 11

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church:
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

Friday, April 12

6:30–9 p.m., McLaughlin Hall: Martyrs Active Youth Organization (MAYO) Tenebrae
7:30 p.m., church: Stations of the Cross and Benediction
7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road):
Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Palm Sunday, April 14

Last Mass at 1:15 p.m. (note time change)



Remember Our Deceased

Albina Kajtazi Diana Tejada Zygmunt Wolk

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 Tisser-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! We have an assisted listening device available if you have difficulty hearing. Please come to the sacristy for further information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of the parish, please email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

April 7, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Sandy Singh, Bettyanne McDonough

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: Alejandra Caycedo, David Lee

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Jack Butera, Ernie Foli, Theresa Bryant

10 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Judith Balasubramaniam, Celeste Zervas

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Carla Christian

EMHCs: Margarita Forero, Gina Warshaw, Karen Nassauer

11:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Victoria Moore, Charles Tse

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Lilia Penagos, Aracelly Torres, Angela Damone

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Marie O'Brien, Noila Johnson

Leader of Song: Cheryl Manrique

EMHCs: Bettyanne McDonough, Beth Barretto, Al Smith

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Thank You for Your Annual Catholic Appeal Gift

One of the Lenten precepts is almsgiving. What better way to give to support the faith and good works needed by our neighbors than through today's diocesan appeal. Consider a one-time gift or a pledged amount you can pay monthly till December 31. You can use the commitment envelopes our ushers are handing out today or text "ACA" to 917-336-1255 from your phone.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Order of Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass at 11:30 p.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #127—"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

MASS PARTS: "People's Mass" (*Vermulst*)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 96 —Isaiah 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pg. 97*

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 97—Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL

Missal pgs. 97-98—John 8:1-11

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Turn Thy Face from My Sins" (*A. Sullivan*)—*Choir*
Missal #480—"What Wondrous Love Is This"

COMMUNION

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

Missal #472—"Endless Is Your Love"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #712—"Lift High the Cross"

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for the Easter Flowers. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLMQ Catholic Academy.

» Sunday, April 14, the second collection will be our Easter gift to the church.

» Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. More at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

APRIL 13-14

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday is the start of Holy Week. On Saturday, April 13, at 4:45 p.m., we'll have a Blessing and Procession with palms before the 5 p.m. Mass. On Palm Sunday, Masses are 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Blessed Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule
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“Go and Sin No More”

by Deacon Greg Kandra

HOMILY NOTE: In place of a homily this week we will watch a video and hear an appeal from the diocese on the need to support the faith and good works toward our neighbors. This week's gospel leading to Holy Week amplifies the message on the need for mercy, compassion, and grace.

Today's gospel is about second chances.

Someone who knows about that is an Air Force pilot named Joe Kittinger. In the late 1950s, he was the director of Project Excelsior, a government program to develop safety techniques for pilots who had to eject from aircraft at high altitudes. It was dangerous but necessary work. Kittinger never had any problems with his testing, until one day in 1959.

During a test flight, he jumped from a balloon more than 60,000 feet above the New Mexico desert. But seconds after he jumped, his parachute chord got tangled around his neck. It was the worst thing that could happen, at the worst moment it could happen.

His body went into a spin—a death spiral that reached 120 revolutions a minute. Two spins every second. He was moving faster than his body could bear—plunging hundreds of miles per hour. Kittinger blacked out. Incredibly, about a mile above ground, his reserve parachute finally opened, snapping him back into consciousness. When he came to, he thought he had died. But then he spotted the parachute open above him.

And only one thought rushed through his mind: “I’m alive,” he later wrote, “I am impossibly, wonderfully alive.”

How many of us know what it’s like to confront certain death—but to walk away, to be given one more chance? How many of us realize what that really means?

Well, Joe Kittinger does.

And so, I think, did the woman in today’s gospel.

Her fall was also dramatic—tangled in the chords of her troubled and sinful life. And at a defining moment in her life, she found herself standing in the middle of a circle of men as they weighed the stones in their hands and prepared to strike. She undoubtedly knew about other women who had faced those same stones—maybe she had even seen them killed. And there she stood, alone, terrified, maybe wishing she hadn’t made the choices she did, wondering where she went wrong. Wondering which of those faces would be the last she saw.

But then she saw Jesus. “Go,” he said. “And from now on, do not sin anymore.”

And that day wasn’t the last day of her life after all. As she staggered away from that encounter, maybe she thought to herself, with a sense of shock and gratitude: “I’m alive. I am impossibly, wonderfully alive.”

We never find out what happened to the woman. But maybe that’s not important. What’s important isn’t the choice she made. What’s important is that she HAD a choice. She had another chance.

“Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

With those words, Lent begins to draw to a close. They are the last words we will hear in a Sunday gospel until we begin Holy Week and begin the walk with Christ to Calvary. But those words tell us everything.

Look back on this Lent. It began on a Wednesday in March. “Return to me,” the prophet Joel wrote. “Rend your hearts.” And

we wore ashes and gave up meat and offered alms. Since then, we have heard the gospels cry out to us, telling us about all these second chances in scripture—about the barren fig tree that was spared, about the prodigal son who was welcomed home, and now, about the woman saved from stoning. Christ’s words to her are his words to us.

“Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

Christ’s final command to the woman is so simple, so direct. Go, he says. Begin. Leave this place. Set out on your journey. *Go*.

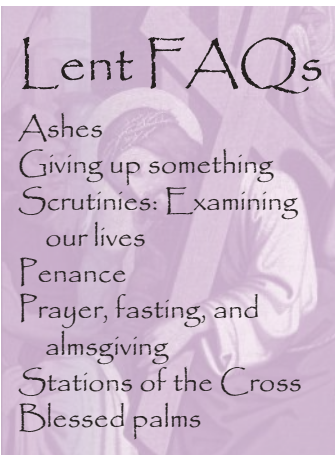
They are words of mercy. Words of compassion. Words of grace in a world where grace is so often in short supply.

Of all the words in the gospel that we have heard over these last five weeks, these may be the ones that matter the most. They are the great legacy of Lent.

Go, Jesus says. And from now on, do not sin anymore.

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Remember: Weekly you can pick up a copy of Deacon Greg’s “A View from the Pew” column, available near the church doors.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Reconciliation Monday, April 15: Confessions are at 11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16: School Confessions at 8:45 a.m.; Parishioners 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17: Confessions 11:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18: No Confessions or morning Masses. Church opens at 6 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19 (Day of Fasting & Abstinence): No morning Masses. Church opens at noon. Stations of the Cross at 1 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (Veneration and Communion Service) at 3 p.m. Seven Last Words of Christ (Veneration and Communion Service) at 7:30 p.m. Confessions after the 7:30 p.m. liturgy.

Holy Saturday, April 20: No Confessions, morning Masses, or 5 p.m. Mass. Church opens at 6 p.m. The Solemn Easter Vigil is at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Mass of Resurrection at 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. (*note time change*).

Easter Flowers Collection



Weekly Collections

	March 31
Candle Offerings	2,104.00
1st Collection	9,439.23
2nd Collection (Pastoral Care)	3,030.00
Online Parish Giving	1,175.00
Mail In	225.00
TOTAL	15,973.23
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,276.77)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures are unaudited.

Special Collection

Catholic Relief Services 1,315.50
 Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish and are not included in the weekly collection total.

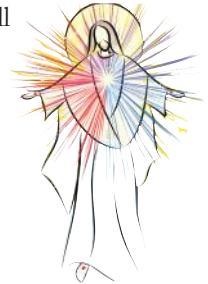
Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

April 28 - Sunday after Easter
 with the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group

Bus departs **6:30 a.m.** (sharp) from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church for the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Cost: **\$55/person**. Wear good walking shoes and please reserve early. For tickets (first come, first serve), please call any of these prayer group members:

Cely De Borja 718-255-1654 or 347-743-2304
 Cecile Mendoza 347-453-4147
 Virgie Punto 917-770-0897
 Nellie Milite 718-704-3862
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Listening Session This Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m., McLaughlin Hall

We invite all school and Religious Ed parents as well as parishioners to this meeting to address issues concerning the recently released list of clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor. The meeting will be conducted by a licensed social worker and an individual who oversees the Virtus training and background screening of all who work or volunteer in our schools and parishes. Both of these individuals are employees of the diocese. A survivor of sexual abuse and his wife, whose children attend a Catholic academy, will also be in attendance. The meeting will give us the opportunity to understand what is being done now to address this issue. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.—Bishop Sanchez

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Student Honors

The following students from our parish have been cited by **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY** for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Principal's List: **Nina Allen, Angelina Bhojwani, Kaitlyn Chesleigh, Louise Moran**

First Honors: **Juliana Czerewin, Sidney Mauricio**

Second Honors: **Michela Leandri**

St. John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage

Tuesday, April 9—Two Times and Locations

Cathedral Prep, Elmhurst

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Veneration

10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Sanchez

Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Veneration

5:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop Chappetto

Bereavement Support Group

The parish support group offers help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are always **Monday evenings, 7–9 p.m. April 15** (one meeting date in April), **May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17**. If interested in attending, please contact the rectory at 718-268-6251 or email group facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.

Annual Diocesan Mass of Hope and Healing | Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m.

Saint Athanasius Parish (2154 61st St., Brooklyn). Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, will be the main celebrant, with the homily preached by Very Reverend Jeffrey T. Dillon. All are invited to gather on this day to pray for healing for all those who have been impacted by childhood sexual abuse. Sponsored by the Diocesan Survivors Advisory Committee.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, APRIL 15

Lent is an opportunity to reconcile yourself to our merciful Lord before the great day of Easter. On the Monday of Holy Week, we join with all other parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the Archdiocese of New York in offering extended hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confession times at OLQM on April 15 are 11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m., and 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

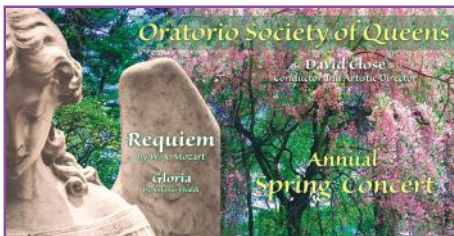
Support for Divorced and Separated at Resurrection Ascension (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park). Join others in Fr. Feely Hall, Wednesday, **April 17**, after 9 a.m. Mass and also 7 p.m. for a prayerful experience to find God's guidance, peace, and courage in dealing with divorce or separation. Questions? Contact Jason Velazquez, 718-424-5212, ext. 28, jvelazquezra@aol.com.

Atlantic City Resorts Casino Trip with American Martyrs Leisure Club. Wednesday, **April 24**. Leaves from the parking lot on Union Turnpike and Bell Blvd., Bayside, at 9:15 a.m. and returns around 9:15 p.m. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome.

10-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage with Our Lady of the Angelus and Fr. John Mendonca. **November 13**. Cost: \$3,198/person. For brochure, call OLA rectory at 718-897-4444.

Tuition Assistance Applications Due April 29 for New Families

For academic year 2019–2020, financial aid is available for students in Queens Catholic Elementary Schools and Academies, grades K–8. The deadline for New Families (those who did not receive an award in a previous academic year) is April 29. Families must complete an application and submit all required supporting documents. Go to www.FuturesinEducation.org and click Apply for Scholarships, or call 718-965-7308 for information.



The Oratorio Society of Queens Annual Spring Concert, Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church. Performing Mozart's "Requiem" and Vivaldi's joyous "Gloria." Tickets—\$40; \$35 seniors (62+) and students with ID; \$10 children (12 and under)—are available online at www.queensoratorio.org.