

August 10, 2025 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15
(Holy Day of Obligation)

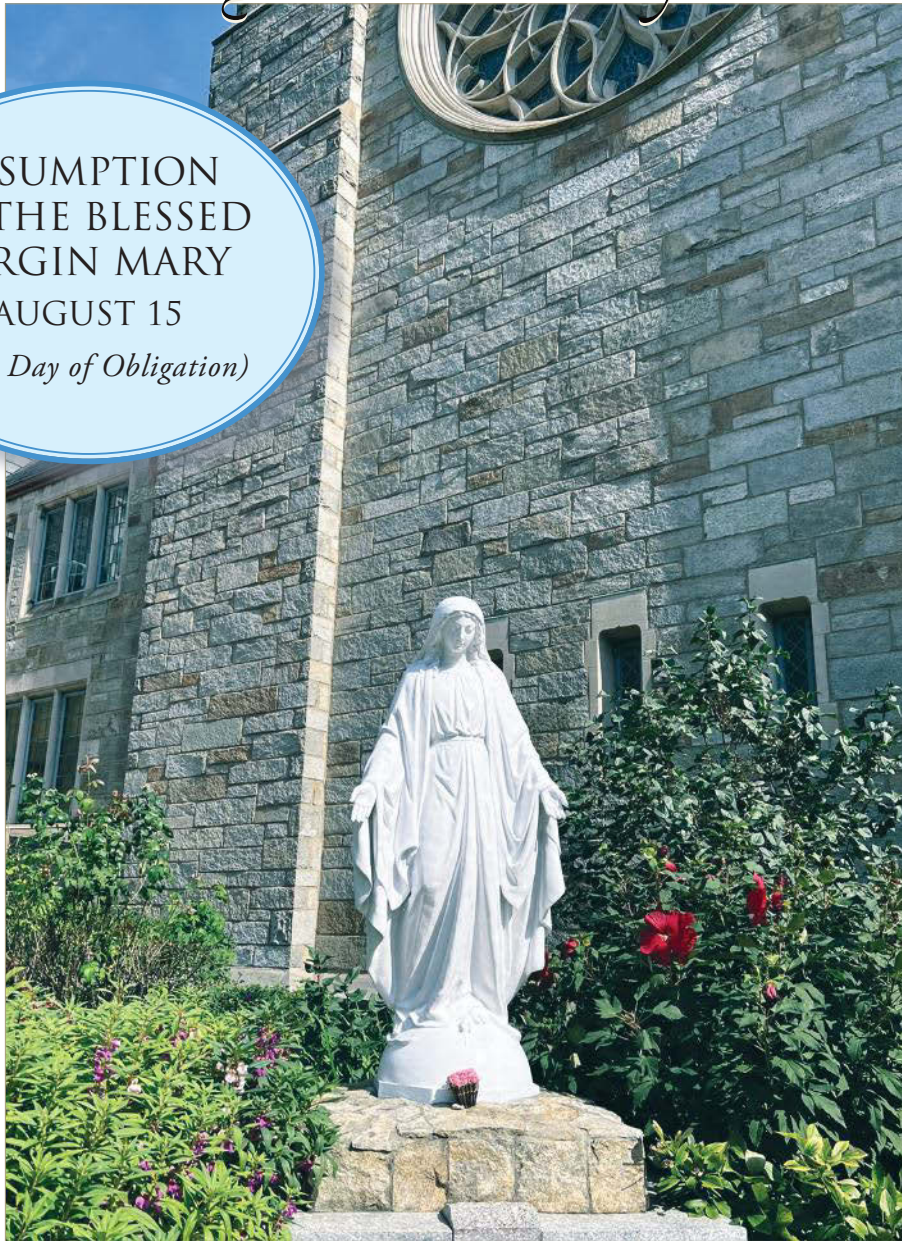


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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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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, August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

12:05 p.m. Robert Tan

5 p.m. Anthony Passione

Sunday, August 10

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners

of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 11

Saint Clare

8:05 a.m. Robert and Beatrice Kane

12:05 p.m. Rev. Albert Bellantonio

Tuesday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

8:05 a.m. Anthony Capasso

12:05 p.m. Juan Israel Hernandez

Wednesday, August 13

Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

8:05 a.m. Osvaldo Torres

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the D'Sa family

Thursday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:05 a.m. Manuel Paz

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Carvalho family

Vigil Mass for

Feast of the Assumption

7:30 p.m. Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro [12th anniversary]

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

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

Saturday, August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary

12:05 p.m. Brian Cahill

5 p.m. Lorenzo Osorio-Rosa

Main Events of the Week

Monday, August 11

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses *church:*

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, August 12

11:30 a.m. *church:* Confessions

7-8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** (*see p. 6*)

Choir Rehearsals - Summer Break

Tuesday rehearsals resume September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13

7:45-9 p.m. **Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, August 14

11:30 a.m. *church:* Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. **Mass**

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration ends at 5 p.m.

Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes next Thursday.

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday, August 16

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 17 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

NY Blood Center mobile bus will be parked in front of church on Ascan Ave. Schedule your appointment time in advance. See p. 5.

Remember Our Sick

Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanias, Aurora Balthazar, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Luis Calatayud, Rob Champion, Noreen DeCaul-Thomas, Gabby De Leon, Michelle De Leon, Myrna Mimi De Leon, Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Alexander Gutierrez, Spyro Harisiadis, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Christopher Henderson, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Theresa Manino, Matilda Munoz, Sandy Norona, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Debbie Seechan, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Ida Sumprer, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jacquenline Vallejo, Marilyn Viggiano, Teresa Wong—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. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Remember Our Deceased

Henryk Jaworowski

Millie Lorenzo



Veronica McCarthy

Steven M. Michel

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee

Jubilee of Young People 2025: Global Call to Hope, Unity, and Renewal

In Rome, the Jubilee of Young People (Young Adults) was held from Monday, July 28 to Sunday, August 3, 2025.



Pope Leo XIV believes young adults are called to something greater than whatever realities and hardships may be weighing heavily upon them. The occasion of this Jubilee Holy Year, rooted in hope, can be the opportunity for young people to renew their belief in a God who conquers the darkness and overcomes the pain, anguish, and concerns of the world.

The words of Pope Francis in his exhortation *Christus Vivit* (CV, paragraph 142) encourage all of us:

Keep following your hopes and dreams. But be careful about one temptation that can hold us back. It is anxiety. Anxiety can work against us by making us give up whenever we do not see instant results. Our best dreams are only attained through hope, patience and commitment, and not in haste. At the same time, we should not be hesitant, afraid to take chances or make mistakes. Avoid the paralysis of the living dead, who have no life because they are afraid to take risks, to make mistakes or to persevere in their commitments. Even if you make mistakes, you can always get up and start over, for no one has the right to rob you of hope.

The Jubilee Holy Year is a celebration of the universal Church. This worldwide expression of faith is a visible sign to the people of our planet of what happens when those of different languages, cultures, generations, and sociopolitical expressions can be united as one family of faith. What a great sign of hope for a fractured, divided world, especially when young adults are its heralds. Let us journey on together!



RAMP ENTRANCE UPDATE: At the time of publication, we are expecting the church ramp entrance to be reopened for today's Masses. We understand the closure, necessitated by work to refinish the doors, has been an inconvenience. We appreciate your patience.

Order of Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C — Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m. resumes September 7

ENTRANCE

Missal #471—“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Blessed the people the Lord has [chosen,]
chosen to be his own.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #391—“The Summons”

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #523—“I Want to Walk as a
Child of the Light”*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #576—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will help with air-conditioning costs.
- » On August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a second collection will be taken for major repairs.
- » On August 17, the second collection will be for CCD and Religious Education programs.
- » 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.
- » **Traveling this summer?** Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or use online Parish Giving.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

Celebration of Baptism

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

Celebration of Marriage

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

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St. John Vianney Novena Mass and First Blessings



We were blessed to have Fr. Alvaro Morales Sanchez celebrate Mass with us last Sunday during the St. John Vianney Novena. After Mass, Fr. Morales offered First Blessings and reunited with his prayer sponsors—those who faithfully supported him on his journey to the priesthood. *(Photos by Denise DeMaria)*



Father Passenant with Father Morales and his prayer sponsors (l to r): Margarita Forero, Rose Marie Cerminaro, and Pat Abes.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Aug 3
Candle Offerings	\$1,764.00
1st Collection	8,028.00
2nd Collection <i>(major repairs)</i>	3,157.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,949.00</u>
Online Giving	4,950.07
Mail In	2,700.00
TOTAL	20,599.07
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,900.93)

*** Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, 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 Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.



\$130,374
Total Pledged

GOAL!


\$110,076 PAID IN FULL!

WE DID IT!

THANKS TO 250 DONORS, WE'VE MET OUR 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL in paid pledges. These funds will support the many ministries that benefit all of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.

Another \$20,298 in pledges is yet to be collected. Once paid, that surplus amount above goal will return to our parish. So please continue to fulfill all pledges by or before December 31. Thank you for your generosity.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/




Blood Drive

August 17, 2025
9:15am – 3:15pm
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

Location: Look for the bus on Ascan Avenue between Austin Street & Queens Boulevard

To sign up, scan the QR Code
OR
[Go to donate.nybc.org](http://Go.to.donate.nybc.org)



**Every Time You Give Blood
You Save 3 Lives!**

Prepare to donate

- ☑ Eat well and hydrate
- ☑ Bring a photo ID
- ☑ Feel good and symptom free
- ☑ Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- ☑ Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Isla Alfaro

daughter of Patricia Peguero-Vidal and Oscar Alfaro

Olivia Alfaro

daughter of Patricia Peguero-Vidal and Oscar Alfaro

Mason Jhoan Cruz

son of Ivette and Steef Cruz

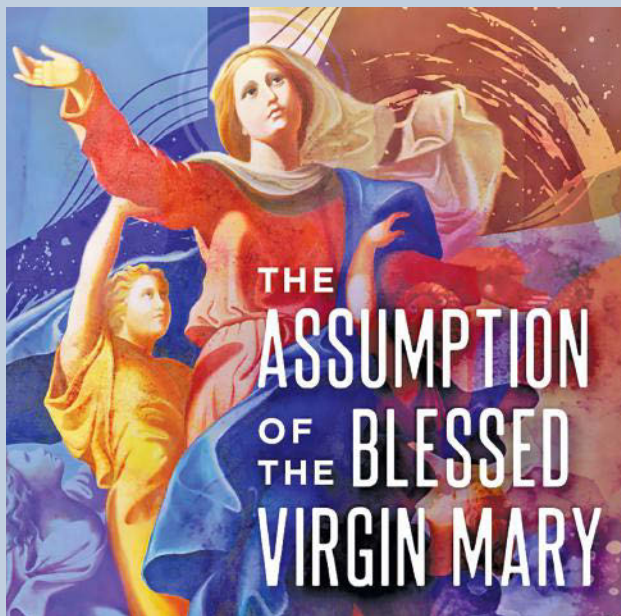
Oliver Kai Rendon

son of Jacqueline Marie Mora and Jean Alvarado-Rendon

Congratulations to the children, their parents, and godparents!

Big City Catholic Podcast

Bishop Brennan's podcast gives listeners insight into the heart of our bishop as he walks with the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens discussing the challenges we face in our everyday lives. **New episodes every Friday.** Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org>.



Holy Day of Obligation

August 15: The Assumption

Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 14
7:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Friday, August 15
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

The 7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on August 14 will be offered for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Joseph Funaro, our former pastor, on the twelfth anniversary of his passing. We hope you can be present for this special remembrance.

Our regular Thursday devotions will be abbreviated this week. Exposition and Adoration on August 14 will take place after the 12:05 p.m. Mass until 5 p.m.

On August 15, the 12:05 p.m. Mass will include a special holy day blessing with seawater, a tradition that invokes the intercession of Mary for our cleansing and protection.

Update on the Bell Tower Repair Project

At our July 28 meeting, our ad hoc committee continued planning for the bell tower repair campaign. We discussed how the campaign could also be an opportunity to strengthen our parish youth programs and help us meet our 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal goal. The committee is now structuring the gift program. We anticipate beginning outreach for initial gifts in late fall and introducing the campaign to the entire parish, with a video presentation, in the early spring. Our hope is to begin the actual repair work right after Easter 2026.

Thank you for keeping the Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith” in your daily intentions.—FATHER PASSENET

Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith”

Gracious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care all those who will work on this project.

Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness, the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Altar Gifts to Memorialize a Loved One

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial or to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in our Mass intentions, please visit the rectory during business hours.

Nearby Parish Event

TODAY! Feast Day of St. Rocco Mass and Novena | Sunday, August 10 @ 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Snows (258-15 80th Ave., Floral Park). All are welcome. St. Rocco is widely considered the patron saint of dogs, dog owners, invalids, and those suffering from epidemics and contagious diseases.



Summer Missionary Appeal: All Sunday Masses August 23/24

Each year, we have the opportunity to learn about the global mission work of the Catholic Church and to offer our prayerful and financial support to a particular mission cause. **Rev. David Adiletta, OP**, will be the speaker at all Masses during our summer missionary weekend. He is a member of the Order of Preachers (OP)—better known as the Dominican Order—and he will be sharing the vital work being done by the **Dominican Healthcare Ministry** in New York City, which serves some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Please be generous in supporting his mission with your prayers and financial gifts.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join a parish group.

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location.

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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies from [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit past studies or explore them for the first time.

Bereavement Support Group: Fall 2025 Meeting Schedule

The bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They are not meeting in August but have announced meeting dates for the fall: **Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15**. All dates are Mondays. All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. For questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqchurch.org.