

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

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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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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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Scan for parish registration
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, August 10

Saint Lawrence

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Brian Cahill

5 p.m. Daniel Martucci

Sunday, August 11

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

Monday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantel

8:05 a.m. Rita Sylvain

12:05 p.m. Grace Meyer [living]

Tuesday, August 13

Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

8:05 a.m. Roberto Viray

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Nicotera

Wednesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:05 a.m. Roberto Viray

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

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

Thursday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

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

Friday, August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:05 a.m. Manuel Paz

12:05 p.m. Jamil Haddad

Saturday, August 17

8:05 a.m. Albert (Burton) Antenor

12:05 p.m. Christopher McCarthy

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Ernyy Ordonez, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Carlos Luis Velazquez, Jamie Vayone, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 11

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break

Study resumes Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room

2:15 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room (enter at glass door near the*

Mary statue): Potluck Luncheon

Monday, August 12

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

“Through the Word” Bible Study—Summer Break

Study resumes on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Tuesday, August 13

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

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation—Solemnity of the

Assumption of Mary

No Confessions

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. *church:* **Benediction**

Saturday, August 17

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

Next Sunday, August 18

9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. *NY Blood Center Busmobile*

(parked in front of church on Ascan Avenue)

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

See p. 4 for information on how to prepare to be a blood donor.

Remember Our Deceased

Marina Gengo

Ernest Lee



Nancy McGeveran

George Urquiola

Deacon Anthony Martucci

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

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

The Assumption of Mary

Feast Day August 15th

"Mary is assumed into heaven... and there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home." (Pope St. John Paul II)

REFLECT: Mary's Assumption is a dogma of the church, first declared as such by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950. By way of this dogma, the church declares that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (Catechism 966).

But how do we know this, since we find no mention in the Bible? The answer is apostolic tradition. As the catechism reminds us, divine revelation is handed on in two ways: as written by the apostles and men associated with the apostles, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and orally, from what the apostles witnessed and proclaimed, prompted by the Holy Spirit.

In his classic work on Mary, the Mother of God, Fr. Garrigou-Lagrance argues that the apostles, and St. John in particular, must have had eyewitness evidence. Certainly, he states, "there was something of the sense-perceptible order about the Assumption, since it was the taking up of Mary's body to Heaven." What Lagrange is saying is that if the disciples had Mary's body and it disappeared, that's something they would have noticed.

This explains two facts. First, we have Mary's Assumption celebrated in the liturgy of the church from early on; that would only make sense if the apostles knew what happened and told others—what we call the oral tradition. Second, we have no relics of Mary. We have first-order relics of just about everybody, including the bones of Paul and the apostles, but we have nothing of Mary. Nothing.

LEARN: Read Fr. Garrigou-Lagrance's classic, *The Mother of the Savior and Our Interior Life*, at <https://tinyurl.com/yjb2fs5t>.

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #497—"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #487—"Christians, Let Us Love One Another"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #333—"One Love Released"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #491—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for air conditioning.
- » On August 18, the second collection is 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.

Church Parking Lot Work Commences This Week

The project involves laying new asphalt and replacing the fence enclosure from the convent to the garbage area on Austin Street. While we expect the parking lot to be accessible for the Sunday Masses, there will be days during the week when it will be closed. The work is scheduled for completion before the start of the school year. As work progresses, we will keep you informed about the parking lot's accessibility through updates on our website, Facebook page, and weekly email. Thank you for your generous contributions to the major repairs collections, which have made this project possible.



BLOOD DRIVE
DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

August 18, 2024
9:15am – 3:15pm

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

NY Blood Center Mobile Bus will be on Ascan Avenue between Austin St. and Queens Blvd.

Scan the QR code to sign up!



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★ **BE A HERO ~ DONATE BLOOD**

 **New York Blood Center** 
800.933.BLOOD · nybc.org #nybloodcenter

WHO CAN DONATE? You must weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and be age 17 or older (16 with parental consent). Age 76+ may need a doctor's note.

HOW TO PREPARE: The day before, hydrate well and eat a salty snack in the evening. The day of, eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of fluids.

Donor eligibility questions? Call the NY Blood Center: 800-933-2566.



A Blessed Sunday of Prayer and Celebration

On Sunday, August 4, we welcomed newly ordained Father Toby Offiah, who celebrated the 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass with Father Passenant and led us in the closing prayer of our annual St. John Vianney novena. We can't forget his prayer sponsors, either (*pictured, l to r*): Angela Damone, Deanna Condino, and Regina Scudellari. Thank you for remaining committed to praying for the seminarians in our diocese so that we may be blessed with more good parish priests and faithful pastors.

Contact Us

- MAIN PHONE AND EMAIL**
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MAYO (Youth Organization): youth@olqmchurch.org
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 ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org
 Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter: @OLQMChurch
 YouTube: @OLQMStewardship
 OLQM Catholic Academy: www.olqmca.org
LIVESTREAM MASS
 Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 4
Candle Offerings	\$1,622.00
1st Collection	7,414.04
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	2,790.04
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,126.08</u>
Online Parish Giving	6,046.60
Mail In	1,404.00
TOTAL	19,576.68
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,923.32)

* 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.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Alfven Klay Tabirao Dailo

son of Lizabeth and Krisopher Regif Dailo

Giovanni Luigi DeSena

son of Sarah Rose and Michael DeSena

Joel David Espinal

son of Lizzette Cardona and Joel Espinal

Vera Valentina Kelly

daughter of Alina Charyton and Rashaun Kelly

Madison Masleanca

daughter of Jennifer and Arthur Masleanca

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Holy Day of Obligation

August 15 The Assumption

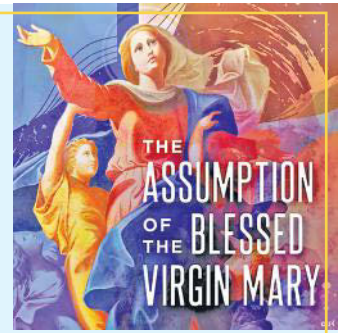
Holy Day Masses

Thursday 8/15 at 8:05 a.m.

& 12:05 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Wednesday 8/14 at 7:30 p.m.



The 7:30 p.m. Mass on August 14 will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Joseph Funaro, our former pastor, on the eleventh anniversary of his death. We hope you can be present. The 12:05 p.m. Mass on August 15 will have a holy day blessing with seawater.

Religious Education Registration

New and Returning Students: Register Online for 2024–2025 Classes

The Religious Education program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs invites all those interested in furthering their children's faith formation to register or re-register early. Classes are for students in grades 1–8 and high school students up to age 16. Register online at: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

God bless you, your faith, and your families.—Deacon Thomas Jorje, Director of Religious Education

RCIA is becoming OCIA

The mission remains the same, but the name is changing. **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the new name for our program of religious education for adults age 18 or older who are wishing to join the Catholic Church or need to complete their Sacraments. The program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. For catechumens (unbaptized adults), the formation period is two years. We will have more information coming soon about the curriculum and dates.

Parish Goal: \$114,568

PAID: \$118,470 (over goal)

Pledged: \$144,091 Donors: 291

We met our diocesan appeal goal in paid pledges. Our parish contribution will help with the training of diocesan priests, delivering social services to the needy and poor in Brooklyn/Queens, and sustaining Catholic schools and religious ed programs (including those of our parish). We still have outstanding pledges. Please continue to fulfill those pledges. The surplus, once paid, will come back to our parish. Thank you for your generosity.



Replenishing Altar Server Materials

Our request for memorial donations to purchase two new missal books for the altar has been met. We had an overwhelming response, and many of you who came forward also expressed interest in contributing to another area of need: replenishing the cassocks and surplices worn by our altar servers. We will have more information in a future bulletin on the new altar server materials that are needed.

TODAY AT 2:15PM

- **pot*luck** /noun/ 1. meal to which everyone invited brings food to share; 2. meal for a guest that is prepared from whatever is available; 3. OLQM summer tradition.
- **Cost:** Free if you are bringing a dish to feed 4 or 6 people; or pay \$15 entrance fee.



Summer Missionary Appeal: August 24/25 Masses

Each year, we have the opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Catholic Church worldwide and to offer our prayerful and financial support to a particular mission cause. Please be generous during our summer missionary weekend when **Father Cletus Forson**, parochial vicar at Sacred Hearts & St. Stephen Church in Brooklyn, makes an appeal for the cause of the church in Ghana, Africa.



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 28 @ 11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (1550 Hendrickson St, Brooklyn). All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to renew their vows. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. Registered couples will receive a personalized certificate; those in attendance can have their picture taken with the bishop presiding as celebrant. Fee: \$35/couple. Registration with payment is due by September 15; use the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyu7um7>. Questions? Email precana@diobrook.org.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Understanding NYS Prop One on the November Ballot

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. In November, voters in New York will decide on a statewide ballot proposal called Proposal One (also known as the NY Equal Rights Amendment).

The New York State Catholic Conference opposes Prop One because this vaguely worded amendment to the state constitution could undermine the right to life and infringe on parents’ rights.

Prop One would replace existing state protections with new measures that the state’s Catholic leaders believe have not been thoroughly discussed. While abortion is already legal in the state, the language of the proposal could be used to make abortion at any stage a state constitutional right and make future challenges difficult. There is also concern that Prop One could potentially lead to state authority over parental rights in making medical decisions for children, particularly related to gender identity.

The NY State Catholic Conference encourages voting NO on Prop One this November.

Read the text of Prop One, which adds certain protections to the state bill of rights, at elections.ny.gov/2024-statewide-ballot-proposal.

To understand the implications of Prop One, we have additional information in the News section of our website, including an analysis from Human Life Review and perspectives from parental rights advocates at ProtectKidsNY.com.

Need healing from an abortion?

Nesecita sanacion de un aborto?
Call Hope & Healing Mission:
866-575-0075
[HopeAfterAbortion.com](https://www.HopeAfterAbortion.com)

Miscarriage/Pregnancy Loss/ Counseling:

Aborto expontaneo, Perdida de un Bebe/concejeria.
[MiscarriageHurts.com](https://www.MiscarriageHurts.com)

Suffering infertility?

Padece de Infertilidad?
The Gianna Center
Call: 631-376-3232
[NationalGiannaCenter.org](https://www.NationalGiannaCenter.org)

Unplanned pregnancy?

No planificaron un Embarazo?
Call: 516-798-9100
Call: 877-777-1277
Text: 212-20-8716

Adverse prenatal diagnosis?

Complicaciones en su diagnostic prenatal?
Call: 877-777-1277
Call: 516-798-9100
[VisitationCenterUS.org](https://www.VisitationCenterUS.org)
[PrenatalPartnersForLife.org](https://www.PrenatalPartnersForLife.org)



Local pregnancy resources for moms in need

