

August 18, 2024 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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 17

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

12:05 p.m. Christopher McCarthy

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

Saint John Eudes

8:05 a.m. David Gaitan

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Tuesday, August 20

Saint Bernard

8:05 a.m. Betty Miller

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Michael Dempsey

Wednesday, August 21

Saint Pius X

8:05 a.m. David Gaitan

12:05 p.m. Robert Garcia

Thursday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 a.m. Roger Timony

12:05 p.m. Lillian MacColl

Friday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima

8:05 a.m. James Nolan

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Saturday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew

8:05 a.m. Herlinda Manrique

12:05 p.m. Fr. James McNamara

5 p.m. Louis Della Croce [60th anniversary]

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 18

BLOOD DRIVE

9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. NY Blood Center Busmobile
(parked near front of church on Ascan Avenue)

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break

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

Monday, August 19

**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 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

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**

Saturday, August 24

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

Next weekend, August 24/25

**At all Masses: Summer Missionary Appeal
by Father Cletus Forson**



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, Erny Ordenez, 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.

Remember Our Deceased

Ella Arizala
George L. Ortiz



Gertrude C. Quel
Dominador Venegas

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

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Doctor of the Church – Feast Day August 21st

“But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5: 8)

REFLECT: On August 21, the Church honors the memory and witness of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and Doctor of the Church. “He is a saint whose insights into God’s love have a refreshing relevance that revitalize our efforts to evangelize in our time,” writes Fr. Swan, offering three meditations.

First, God’s love is accessible. “God’s unconditional love is so accessible and available,” writes Swan, “that we often struggle to believe it.” In the words of Bernard, God’s love comes to me first as a humble love that engages our love for him: “The more he humbles himself on my account, the more powerfully he engages my love.”

Second, God’s love is beautiful. “Bernard insisted not just on the proper content of faith but on the loving tone with which it is shared,” writes Swan. “This is one of Bernard’s great legacies to the Church—that everything we teach and stand for be shared with a spirit of love and affection for the people we evangelize.” Pope Benedict XVI adds, “This is true for every Christian: faith is first and foremost a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus. It is having an experience of his closeness, friendship, and love. It is in this way that we learn to know him ever better, to love him and to follow him more and more. May this happen to each one of us!”

Third, God’s love is true. “Bernard was a realist,” writes Swan. “Coming before God in prayer was not about seeking a sustained series of spiritual consolations and delights but an encounter with the truth of our condition in God’s sight.” St. Bernard notes, “I need both of these. I need truth that I may not be able to hide from him and grace that I may not wish to hide.”

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI’s biography of St. Bernard from Benedict’s General Audience of October 21, 2009, available at <https://tinyurl.com/8u3w26mw>. Read Fr. Swan’s Gems of Wisdom from St. Bernard of Clairvaux, at <https://tinyurl.com/2wtjaekx>.

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.

Church Parking Lot Update. The work to replace the fence around the parking lot is starting a week later than planned. The lot is expected to be accessible for Sunday Masses but may be closed on certain weekdays while new asphalt is being placed. This work is scheduled for completion before the start of the school year. We will keep you updated through announcements on our website, Facebook page, and in our weekly email. Thank you for your understanding during this temporary inconvenience.

Order of Mass

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #557—“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #341—“Behold the Lamb”

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #360—“Pan de Vida”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #708—“All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for CCD and Religious Education programs.
- » On August 25, the second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for the Summer Missionary appeal.
- » 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.




Spend quiet time with the Lord. Exposition and Adoration every Thursday after 12:05pm Mass and all day, until Benediction at 7:30pm.

Parish Goal: \$114,568
PAID: \$120,449 (over goal)
 Pledged: \$144,861 Donors: 291



We've met our diocesan appeal goal in paid pledges. Thank you for your tremendous generosity. 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 education programs (including those of our parish). AND the surplus, once paid, that is above goal will come back to our parish. Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by or before December 31, 2024.



Prayer Focus
Blood Donor Prayer

I gave my blood; Christ gave His.
 I gave a pint; He gave all.
 The needle is small and sharp;
 the nails were large and dull.
 The table soft, relaxing; the cross rough, painful.
 The nurses kind and gentle;
 the soldiers cruel and mean.
 The crowd applauds my sacrifice;
 "They that passed by reviled Him."
 Mine is O-Positive. His for positively all.
 Mine, at best will prolong a life for awhile ...
 His, without doubt, saved all ... forever!

~Written by Bill Goff

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 11
Candle Offerings	\$1,608.00
1st Collection	7,963.00
2nd Collection <i>(air conditioning)</i>	2,517.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,088.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,963.92
Mail In	1,605.00
TOTAL	18,656.92
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,843.08)

* 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.

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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

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 now. 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 Jorge, 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 wish 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. For questions, 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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR LABOR DAY. If your church group requires a news announcement, the early deadline for material for the bulletin of Sunday, September 8 is Thursday, August 29. Please submit your material by email to olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.

Next Sunday

Summer Missionary Appeal



Each year, we take the opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Catholic Church worldwide and 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 and St. Stephen Church in Brooklyn, makes an appeal at the Sunday Masses on August 24/25 for the cause of the church in Ghana, Africa.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

ALTAR MISSAL BOOKS

Gift of the Ramoutar family

In memory of Vertulia Lubin and Celina Cavalier—
by Jusette Lubin Meaney

ALTAR SERVER VESTRY GIFTS AND MEMORIALS Grade School Cassock & High School Black Cassock

In memory of the Giattino and Soja families—
by Richard and Josephine Giattino

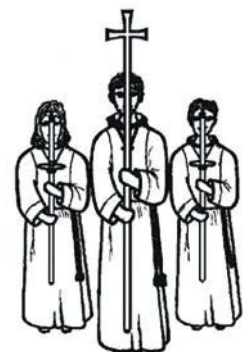
Thank you for your kind gifts.

Altar Server Vestry Gifts and Memorials

We had such wonderful interest in the memorials for the missal books at the altar that many people asked if there was anything else they could do. Since our altar servers do such a good job and are a central part of the liturgical worship, our hope is to upgrade their cassocks and surplices, since most of them are over 20 years old and at this point beyond repair. Memorial donations for these needed items may be noted as “In Memory of . . .” OR “Gift from . . .”

Please speak with Father Passenant after Mass or contact the rectory during business hours if you wish to make a request.

Item	Price
High School member — Black Cassock	\$200
High School member — Banded Surplice	\$125
Grade School member — Black Cassock	\$150
Grade School member — Plain Surplice	\$100
Combos:	
High School member — Black Cassock with Banded Surplice	\$300
Grade School member — Black Cassock with Plain Surplice	\$225



Diocesan Events

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Honoring the Cause of Canonization of Servant of God, Msgr. Bernard Quinn: Monday, Sept 9 @ 7:30 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn (856 Pacific St). Solemn vespers, Eucharistic adoration. Light reception to follow. RSVP by email to BlackCatholicConcernsBK@gmail.com or phone 718-924-2549.

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

Bereavement Support Group: Fall 2024 Meeting Schedule

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. Meetings this fall are scheduled for **September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** For more information, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Assisted Living and Respite Care

is available at Dominican Village, an independent living retirement community founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org.

Big City Catholics Podcast

with Bishop Brennan releases a new episode every Friday. The Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens and his guests discuss events in the diocese and explore questions of faith that affect us as parents, friends, and professionals. Listen on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or at podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.

OLQM Calendar

See you in September . . .

Tuesday, Sept 3: **OLQMCA Faculty Mass 8:05 a.m.**

Wednesday, Sept 4: **First Day of School at OLQM Catholic Academy** *Welcome back, students!*

Sunday, Sept 8: **Sunday Morning Bible Study returns 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room**

Sunday, Sept 8: **Choir Masses resume 11:15 a.m. each Sunday**

Monday, Sept 9: **Through the Word Bible Study returns 7 p.m. on Zoom**

Tuesday, Sept 10: **Choir Rehearsals resume 7:30 p.m. in church choir loft**

Wednesday, Sept 11: **9/11 Commemoration (23rd anniversary) 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses**

Sunday, Sept 15: **Parish Feast Day (Our Lady of Sorrows) at the 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass**

Sunday, Sept 15: **St. Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration at the 1 p.m. Mass**

Sunday, Sept 22: **St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Truck visits 9 a.m. to noon, to accept donations of gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children**

Sunday, Sept 29: **Forest Hills Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Austin St. between 69th & 72nd Rd.**



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