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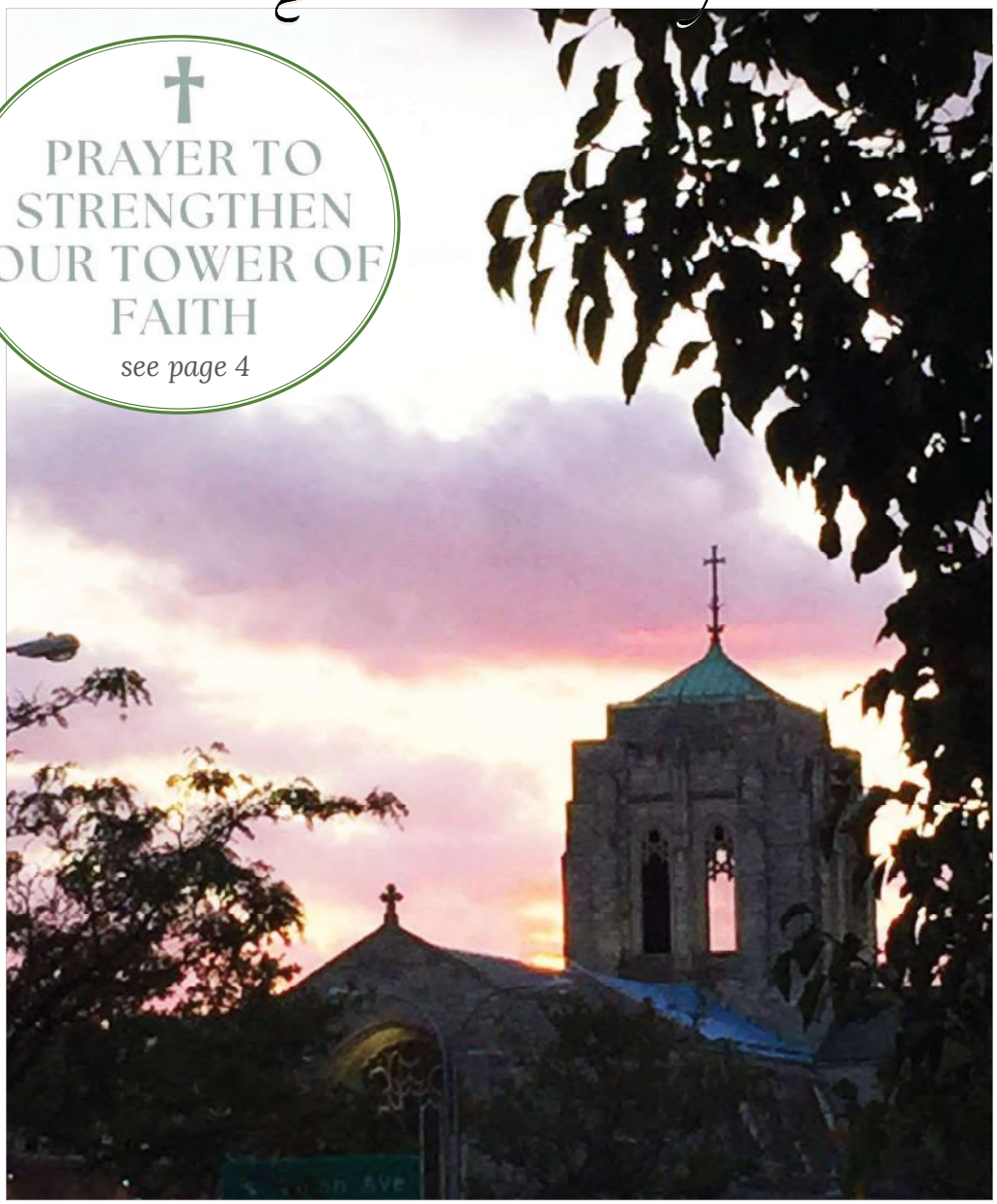

PRAYER TO STRENGTHEN OUR TOWER OF FAITH

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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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(**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 23

Saint Rose of Lima

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Stella Ramirez

Sunday, August 24

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 25

Saint Louis

Saint Joseph Calasanz

8:05 a.m. William Soderberg, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Maria Eliza Manlutac

Tuesday, August 26

8:05 a.m. James P. Sexton, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Rosaleen (Pansie) Kearney

Wednesday, August 27

Saint Monica

8:05 a.m. Shirley Sacks

12:05 p.m. Nenita Malan

Thursday, August 28

Saint Augustine

8:05 a.m. Maria Luz Medina

12:05 p.m. Donald and Kenneth Kessig

Friday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:05 a.m. Augustine Park

12:05 p.m. Maria Oswald Bivainis

Saturday, August 30

12:05 p.m. Vincent Yang

5 p.m. Debra Sawyer Thome

Remember Our Sick

Azucena Arias, Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanas, Aurora Balthazar, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Doug Blum, 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 Guttierez, Spyro Harisiadis, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Christopher Henderson, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Theresa Manino, Matilda Munoz, Laura Morales, Sandy Norona, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Debbie Seechan, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Marion Steinberg, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 24

SUMMER MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Welcome Visiting Missionary at All Masses:

Father James Channan, OP

Monday, August 25

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, August 26

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 27

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, August 28

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. Benediction

Saturday, August 30

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

Remember Our Deceased

Dr. Oscar Fernandez
Walter Lewandowski

Paolo G. Palli
Luz C. Rivera

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

Historic Anniversary: United in the Creed

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of our Catholic faith community: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. As Christians, we "celebrate our common profession of the basics of faith in the Creed adopted at Nicaea."[1]

"The fact that Christians today continue to use the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, not just liturgically but as a statement of orthodox Christian belief, means it is a continuing source of Christian unity.… At the time of Nicaea, there were about 1,800 Christian Bishops, and most experts believe about 318 of them participated in the council."[2]

Ecumenical Importance of the Council of Nicaea

At a conference in Rome at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in June, Cardinal Kurt Koch, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, called the Creed "the strongest ecumenical bond of the Christian faith," noting that the council "took place at a time when Christianity had not yet been divided by so many subsequent schisms; its creed is therefore shared by all Christian churches and ecclesial communities, uniting them in a common confession to this day. Its ecumenical importance cannot be underestimated."[3]

What We Have in Common

In their document on the "1700th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325–2025)," the International Theological Commission, whose members are appointed by the pope, state this anniversary is "an invaluable opportunity to emphasize that what we have in common is much stronger, quantitatively and qualitatively, than what divides us: all together, we believe in the triune God; in salvation in Jesus Christ…; in the Church, baptism, the resurrection of the dead and eternal life."[4]

The Essential Profession of Faith

"The Council of Nicaea met in 325 in what is now Iznik, Turkey. It was the first of the 'ecumenical' councils that gathered bishops from all Christian communities…. While the wording of the Creed was refined at the Council of Constantinople in 381 … its basic affirmations were defined at Nicaea and continue to form the essential profession of faith for all Christians."[5]

On this historic anniversary, we take joy in recalling the essence of our faith defined so many centuries ago. May our faith in Our Lord Jesus continue to deepen as we celebrate our rich Catholic tradition.

[1,2,3] Cindy Wooden, "Council of Nicaea anniversary is call to Christian unity, speakers say," June 5, 2025, Catholic News Service.
[4,5] Cindy Wooden, "Nicaea anniversary should inspire faith, strengthen mission, theologians say," April 3, 2025, Catholic News Service.

Order of Mass

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Entrance

Missal #714—"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Mass Parts

Mass of Angels and Saints *(Janco/Close)*

First Reading

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Homily

Offertory

Missal #372—"Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist"

Communion

Organ Meditation

Missal #347—"I Received the Living God"

Closing Hymn

Missal #206—"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for the Summer Missionary collection.

» August 31, the second collection will be for Religious Education Release Time.

» 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.

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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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

New and Returning Students: Register Online NOW for 2025–2026 Classes

The Religious Education program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs welcomes families to further their children's faith formation. Classes are for students in grades 1–8 and high school students up to age 16. Wednesday sessions start on September 17. Register or re-register today! Sign up at: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Aug 17
Candle Offerings	$2,168.00
1st Collection	8,341.17
2nd Collection *(CCD/Rel Ed)*	3,062.17
Assumption 8/15 *(1st 3070 + 2nd major repairs 1307)*	4,377.00
Subtotal: In Church	*17,948.34*
Online Giving	4,714.09
TOTAL	22,662.43
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,837.57)

*** 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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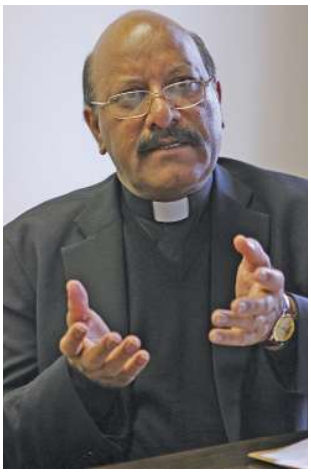
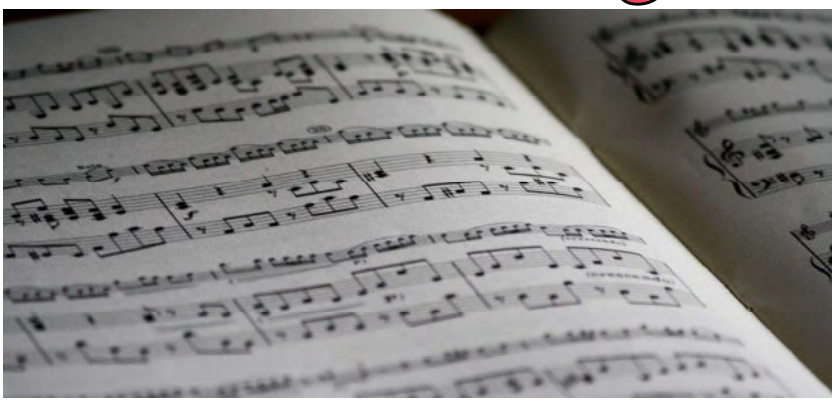
WELCOME, FATHER JAMES CHANNAN, OP

DOMINICAN FATHERS OF IBN-E-MARIAM ("SON OF MARY")



We are blessed to welcome Fr. James Channan as our guest today to share with us the inspiring work being done by the friars in Pakistan—from opening schools for boys and girls to proclaiming the Gospel as itinerant preachers, serving in parish ministries, and teaching in schools, colleges, and universities. Let's all listen with open hearts to Fr. James's message. The young men called to enter the priesthood as Dominican Fathers in Pakistan depend on the prayerful and financial support of the faithful here in the United States. Your generosity will help them bring the light of education and the hope of Christ to children and communities in Pakistan.

Attention Singers!



If you enjoy singing, then we're for you!
If you believe that singing at Mass
adds a special dimension to worship,
11:15 am Mass each Sunday, then we're for you!

Remember the words of St. Augustine:
"They who sing, pray twice."

If you would like to join the choir, please come up
to the choir loft on Tuesdays starting September 9.
Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm sharp.

Get Registered

Soon: Parish & Voting Registration Drive

Volunteers will be in the church vestibule after Masses on the weekends of September 7 and 14 to assist with two efforts:

1. Parish Registration
If you are not yet a registered member of the parish, our volunteers will hand out parish registration forms and answer questions about why it is important to be a registered parishioner. If you prefer you can register online:

- Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org
- Click About Us
- Select Parish Registration from the drop-down menu

2. Voter Registration
If you are not registered to vote, volunteers will also have official voter registration application forms that you can complete and submit. The board of elections must receive applications by Oct 25 to be eligible to vote in the Nov 4 General Election.

Take advantage of this in-person opportunity to register—both with your parish and with your community.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE: The bereavement group at OLQM is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another cope with grief. They meet **once a month on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming dates are September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15. For questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

CYO TRI-M BOYS SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

Grades 1-9. Sat., Sept 13th @ 5:30-7pm and Sun., Sept 14th @ 4-6pm at St. Sebastian Parish Center 39-60 57th St. Woodside. Contact: trimswimteam@gmail.com

Swimmers must complete 1 lap (25 yards) of freestyle

Please continue to fulfill any outstanding pledges

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thanks to 255 donors, we have met our Annual Catholic Appeal goal in paid pledges of $110,076. This contribution from our parish will support the many ministries, charitable works, and faith formation efforts in the entire Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.

Another $20,000 in pledges is yet to be collected. Once paid, this surplus amount will return to our parish. All remaining pledges are due by or before Dec 31.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

Check the bulletin weekly for updates on these and other activities.

Tuesday, Sept 2: Mass for Returning OLQMCA Faculty, *8:05 a.m.*

Wednesday, Sept 3: First Day of School at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy

Friday, Sept 5: Diocesan Youth Mass and Adoration, *7 p.m.*

Sunday, Sept 7: Blessing of the Backpacks, *9 a.m. Family Mass. Bring your school bags to be blessed so everyone can start the first full week of school with our prayers.*

Thursday, Sept 11: Commemoration of the 24th Anniversary of 9/11/2001, *at all Masses*

Sunday, Sept 14: St. Lorenzo Ruiz Mass, *1 p.m.*

Monday, Sept 15: Parish Feast Day (Our Lady of Sorrows), *12:05 p.m. Mass*

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Religious Ed Classes begin

Sunday, Sept 21: St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck, *9 a.m. to noon. Clear your closets & bring new or like-new winter clothes to donate—let's keep our neighbors warm!*

Memorialize a Loved One

Honor the memory of a deceased loved one with a gift of the Wine & Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Their name will be included in the bulletin. To make arrangements, please stop by the rectory.

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. Join 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. Revisit past studies or explore them for the first time.