

August 25, 2024 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
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WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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David Close

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ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

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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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 24

Saint Bartholomew

8:05 a.m. Herlinda Manrique

12:05 p.m. Fr. James McNamara

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

Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

8:05 a.m. Arthur Kirwan

12:05 p.m. Soli Irani

Tuesday, August 27

Saint Monica

8:05 a.m. Pauline Reed

12:05 p.m. Soli Irani

Wednesday, August 28

Saint Augustine

8:05 a.m. Patricia M. Brennan

12:05 p.m. Soli Irani

Thursday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:05 a.m. Gerry Bonneau

12:05 p.m. Sarah Marie Henschel

Friday, August 30

8:05 a.m. Jose Rosel

12:05 p.m. Elvia Penagos

Saturday, August 31

8:05 a.m. Jorge Manuel Santiago

12:05 p.m. Sarah Elizabeth Henschel

5 p.m. Marie Therese Miller

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 25

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break
Study resumes Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room

2:30 p.m. rectory meeting room: **Baptism Instruction**

Monday, August 26

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 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom: **Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**
(see p. 6 for updated information)

Thursday, August 29

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**

Friday, August 30

3 p.m. church: **WEDDING**
Sharon Sextus/Erick Jarquin

Saturday, August 31

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

September calendar highlights on p. 6.

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Rosita Cabral, Taylor A. Calder, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, 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, Aileen Nunag, 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, Carlos Luis Velazquez, 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  Gertrude C. Quel
George L. Ortiz Dominador Venegas
Nancy Wang

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

St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church:

Feast Day, August 29th

"To believe is itself nothing other than to think with assent ... if faith is not thought through, it is no faith." (St. Augustine)

REFLECT: "Augustine of Hippo, who, scarcely one year after his death, was called one of the best teachers of the Church," writes Pope St. John Paul II, "has been present ever since in the life of the Church and in the mind and culture of the whole western world.... Very few could rank with Augustine, for the very great acuteness of his genius, for the richness and sublimity of his teachings, and finally for his holiness of life and defense of Catholic truth...."

"He had been brought up in a Christian manner by his mother, the pious and holy Monica. In virtue of this education, Augustine always remained not only a believer in God, in providence and in the future life, but also a believer in Christ, whose name he 'had drunk in,' as he says, 'with my mother's milk.' After he had returned to the faith of the Catholic Church, he said that he had returned 'to the faith which was instilled in me as a child and which had entered into my very marrow.' If one wishes to understand his interior evolution, and what is perhaps the most profound aspect of his personality and his thought, one must take this fact as one's starting-point.... He loved the truth deeply, and sought it always with all the strength of his soul: 'O Truth, Truth, how deep even then was the yearning for you in the inmost depths of my mind....'

"I express once again my fervent desire that his teaching should be studied and widely known, and his pastoral zeal be imitated, so that the authoritative teaching of such a great doctor and pastor may flourish ever more happily in the Church and in the world, for the progress of the faith and of culture."

LEARN: Read in full Pope John Paul II's August 28, 1986, "Apostolic Letter on Augustinum Hipponensem," at <https://tinyurl.com/hxwctsjc>. Read St. Augustine's autobiography, "The Confessions," at <https://tinyurl.com/33hzmw58>.

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. Work to replace the parking lot fence has been delayed, but we are still hoping to complete the project before the school year begins. The parking lot should remain accessible for Sunday Masses, although it may be closed on certain weekdays when new asphalt is being laid. The schedule could change based on weather conditions. We will keep you updated through our website, Facebook page, and weekly emails. Thank you for your understanding during this temporary inconvenience.

Order of Mass

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #213—"God, We Praise You"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #420—"Earthen Vessels"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #606—"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #545—"O God beyond All Praising"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for church grounds maintenance. There is also an envelope for the Summer Missionary appeal.
- » On September 1, the second collection is for maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy. There is also an envelope for the Catholic University of America.
- » 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.
- » **Off for Labor Day weekend?** 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.

Please Continue to Fulfill All Pledges



Parish Goal: \$114,568 (*achieved*)
PAID: \$122,706 (*over goal*)
 Pledged: \$145,861 Donors: 293

Our goal was to raise \$114,568 for the annual diocesan appeal. We have met this obligation, thanks to the generosity of 293 donors. 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). The surplus paid above goal will come back to our parish, so please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by December 31, 2024. God bless you for your generosity!



Many thanks to our Pastoral Care group and everyone who came to our church potluck luncheon earlier this month.

Early Bulletin Deadline for Labor Day. The deadline for the bulletin of September 8 is Thursday, August 29. If your church group requires a news announcement, please submit your material to olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org. All announcements are subject to approval.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE: The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. Meetings are once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room: **Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** Questions? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 18
Candle Offerings	\$1,744.00
1st Collection	7,101.00
2nd Collection (<i>CCD/Red Ed programs</i>)	2,411.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>11,256.00</u>
Assumption of Mary (Aug 15)	2,653.00
2nd Collection, Aug 15 (<i>major repairs</i>)	1,405.00
Online Parish Giving	5,222.69
Mail In	1,156.00
TOTAL	21,692.69
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,807.31)

* 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.

Contact Us

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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

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. Registration and registration payment must be completed online at: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

RCIA is becoming OCIA

The mission remains the same, but the name is changing. The **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 olqmrca@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.



Welcome, Father Forson

Each year, we have an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Catholic Church worldwide and offer our prayerful and financial support to the particular missionary work of a visiting priest.

Today, please give your full attention and heartfelt support when Father Cletus Forson, parochial vicar at Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Church in Brooklyn, shares his important message. Your generosity during the special Summer Missionary collection will make a real difference and meaningful impact for the cause of the church in Ghana, Africa.

Attention 8th-grade students wishing to apply for Fall 2025 admission to a Catholic high school. Registration for the TACHS admission exam opens August 26 and continues through October 30. Information on cost and how to apply here: <https://tachsinfo.com/registration>.

Altar Server Vestry Gifts and Memorials

Since our altar servers do such a good job and are a central part of the liturgical worship, we want to upgrade their cassocks and surplices, most of which are over 20 years old and at this point beyond repair. Memorial donations for these much-needed items may requested as "In Memory of . . ." OR "Gift from . . ."

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
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



To make a request, complete this form and return with payment to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT FROM OR GIFT IN MEMORY OF: *please print name(s)* _____

Requested by: _____

Requester's phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (selected from items and prices above): _____

Diocesan Events

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

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sat, 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 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. Registered couples receive a personalized certificate; those in attendance can have a picture taken with the presiding bishop. Fee: \$35/couple. Online registration with payment due by Sept 15. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyu7um7>. For more information, email precana@diobrook.org.

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

OLQM Catholic Charismatic Prayer on Zoom Wednesdays @ 7:45–9 p.m.

Join weekly to pray together and for one another. Learn how God’s word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Bible study is on the 3rd Wednesday. To join, use Zoom Meeting ID: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

OLQM Calendar
September Highlights

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 De Paul 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: **Austin Street Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., between 69th & 72nd Rd.**

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.

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