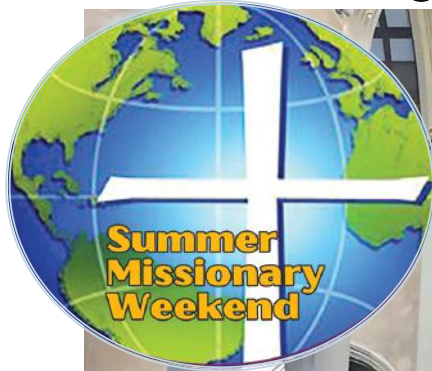


August 27, 2023 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**

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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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

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



JOIN THE PARISH

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 26

8 a.m. Helen U. Pua [living]

12:05 p.m. Bart Bertolotti

5 p.m. Bob Trovato and Dan Fuller

Sunday, August 27

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 28

Saint Augustine

8 a.m. Carlos Magno Braga

12:05 p.m. Celia and Esther Uhrman

Tuesday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8 a.m. Joseph Byrne

12:05 p.m. Edith and Robert Scudellari

Wednesday, August 30

8 a.m. Anthony C. Rosone

12:05 p.m. Maureen Lima [living]

Thursday, August 31

8 a.m. Maria Celano

12:05 p.m. John Bonavita

Friday, September 1

8 a.m. Sang Man Park

12:05 p.m. Pat Byrne and family [living]

Saturday, September 2

8 a.m. Corinaldi Johnson

12:05 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

5 p.m. Anthony and Ann Wilfinger

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Deanna Condino, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Vincent Doyle, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Msgr. Paul Jervis, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Marites Macapagal, Loretta Milana, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Richard Perl, Jovanka Radeka, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Deacon Elias Yepes—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after three (3) months, unless our office is notified.

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 27

SUMMER MISSIONARY WEEKEND

At All Masses (see p. 5)

Sunday Morning Bible Study

10 a.m. Zoom study resumes September 10

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

Monday, August 28

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

“Through the Word” Bible Study

7 p.m. Zoom meetings resume September 11

Tuesday, August 29

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

Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. rehearsals resume September 12

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Saturday, September 2

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

~ **Daily Mass Time Notice** ~

Takes effect Tuesday, September 5.

New time for first Mass (Mon-Sat) is 8:05 a.m.

Please see page 3 for more information.

Remember Our Deceased

Roselina De Leon

Maria Dorado

Robert P. King

Zbigniew Lewko

Lina Lim

Dionicia Maria Sotelo Rodríguez

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.**

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching



St. John the Baptist: Perfect Model of Eucharistic Adorers

“For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1: 44)

REFLECT: The church celebrates the memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist on August 29.

St. Peter Julian Eymard wrote that “we should honor Saint John as a perfect model of adorers” because his “first grace was one of adoration.... The Word Incarnate spoke through the voice of Mary. At the sound of that voice, John leaped in the womb of his mother and revealed to her the mystery of God’s presence in Mary. It is John who made Elizabeth understand this mystery, as she herself confessed to Mary: “The infant in my womb leaped for joy.” At that moment John became the precursor of Christ. He saw his God, “hidden within the maternal tabernacle,” and “adored Him by leaping for joy.”

St. Eymard notes that years later, while John is baptizing at the Jordan, “Jesus presented Himself in the crowd of sinners who were waiting for John’s Baptism and were listening to his austere exhortations to penance. Jesus waited for His turn along with publicans and soldiers.... He claimed no privileges or exceptions.” Still, John recognizes Jesus, hidden in the ordinary, and John’s heart again leaps with joy, as he cried out, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” And seeing the “Spirit come down and remain,” John again reveals the mystery of God’s presence, saying, “Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (John 1).

“St. John’s life seems to have been but one uninterrupted adoration,” writes St. Eymard. We too, he adds, “should love John since our Lord loved him so much. Our Lord mourned his death; for John was His cousin, His friend, His first apostle. Adore and make reparation like Saint John. Be ready to sacrifice yourself like him for our Lord’s glory.”

ACT: Spend quiet time with Jesus in frequent Eucharistic adoration.

LEARN: Read St. Eymard’s full reflection on St. John the Baptist at <https://tinyurl.com/m4udfwjz>.

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

Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

Missal #423—“The Church’s One Foundation”

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #434—“Oh, Who Can Know the Mind of God”

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #341—“One Bread, One Body”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #422—“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for the Summer Missionary Appeal. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the church grounds.
- » September 3, the second collection is for Catholic University of America. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Effective September 5

NEW DAILY MASS TIME!

We are making a slight adjustment to our daily Mass schedule. Starting Tuesday, September 5, the first Mass (Monday-Saturday) will commence at **8:05 a.m.** This new time, just five minutes later, will be in harmony with our other daily Mass held at 12:05 p.m. Also, beginning in September, we are extending an invitation to the children of OLQM Catholic Academy, who will join us on most mornings for this Mass. Thank you for your understanding and support.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact olqmrchia@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.



Summer Blood Drive Results

The mobile bus blood drive held on Sunday, August 13, was successful. The blood drive yielded the following outcomes: 52 donors registered, with 6 deferrals (due to eligibility requirements), resulting in **46 whole blood donations**. These 46 donations have an impact beyond mere numbers, touching the lives of more than 138 patients. Thank you on behalf of the New York Blood Center and the patients who will benefit from your blood donations.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!
Dennis Portelli
Pastoral Care Administrator

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.**

Romans 12:12

Pastoral Care will be pleased to bring Communion to your homebound relatives and friends who are unable to attend Mass. Just fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. Dennis Portelli, Pastoral Care Administrator, will contact them regarding receiving Communion at home and forward their name to our intercessory prayer group members, who will pray with and for them and, if you like, visit with them.

This prayer request is for:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

OLQM September Calendar Highlights

Tue, September 5: **New daily Mass schedule takes effect.** *8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass*

Wed, September 6: **OLQM Catholic Academy first day of school.** *Welcome back, students!*

Wed, September 6: **Basilica Committee meeting.** *7 p.m., rectory basement meeting room*

Sun, September 10: **Sunday morning bible study program resumes.** *10 a.m. on Zoom*

Mon, September 11: **9/11 Commemoration (22nd anniversary).** *8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses*

Mon, September 11: **New 'Through the Word' bible study begins.** *7:30 p.m. on Zoom*

Tue, September 12: **Choir rehearsals resume.** *7:30 p.m. church choir loft*

Wed, September 13: **Religious Ed orientation.** *Classes for 2023-2024 school term begin Wed. 9/20*

Fri, September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows): **Parish Feast Day celebrated.** *12:05 p.m. Sung Mass*

Sun, September 17: **San Lorenzo Ruiz celebration.** *1 p.m. Mass*

Mon, September 18: **Monthly Bereavement Group meetings resume.** *New time 6:45-8:15 p.m., rectory basement meeting room*

Sun, September 24: **St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Truck visits the church to accept gently used clothing.** *Sun. only, from 9 a.m. to noon*

New & Returning Students: Register Online for Religious Education 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 for levels 1-4 and levels 5-7, FFOI begin in September. Please use the online registration form at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

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

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 12. Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm sharp.

Help Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a Catholic program to help couples in struggling marriages restore a healthy relationship. The next weekend is **September 8–10 at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington**. Register at HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 for information.

Today's Summer Mission Appeal About the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa

As the Church in Africa grows and participates in the New Evangelization globally, the need for comprehensive formation of clergy, religious, and laity intensifies. Central to this mission is nurturing future Church leaders in theology, spirituality, and cultural understanding within Africa's diverse populace. The Benedict XVI Institute leads in the academic formation of seminarians, priests, and religious men and women. Its mission extends to Caritas, offering support to rural parish communities across Africa, addressing education for children and essential medical needs.

Father Maurice Agbaw-Ebai has been instrumental in the establishment of the Benedict XVI Institute. Let's all warmly welcome him. Listen with your heart, and please give generously to the Summer Missionary collection. Your aid will help promote the faith where Father Maurice serves and might be a lifeline for many on the continent of Africa.



KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 20
Candle Offerings	\$1,732.00
1st Collection	8,120.20
2nd Collection (CCD & Rel Ed)	2,434.20
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,286.40</u>
Assumption (HDO, 8/15)	2,797.00
2nd Collection on HDO (major repairs)	1,043.00
Online Parish Giving	4,299.71
TOTAL	\$20,426.11
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,723.89)

* 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 with Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Contact Us

BY PHONE OR EMAIL

Rectory Office:
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baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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YouTube:
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/@OLQMStewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

ACA Update: Surpassing Goal!



Parish Goal: \$114,568 (Achieved!)
Donors: 292 Pledged: \$139,997
Paid Pledges: \$117,800
Surplus: \$3,232 (as of 8/21)

The funds that we successfully raised for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal will help with the training of diocesan priests and deacons, delivering social services to the needy and poor in Brooklyn and Queens, and sustaining Catholic schools and religious education programs. And there's more good news: Because we have surpassed our goal in dollars paid, the surplus will be credited back to us to help with our church repair and renovation projects. So, let's keep going. Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by or before Dec. 31, 2023. If you wish to make a new or one-time gift to the ACA, we have envelopes in church.

Momentum Builds: Basilica Committee Set to Meet on Sept. 6

Applying for basilica status for our cherished church building is a remarkable stride toward preserving the richness of our Forest Hills faith community. Since Fr. Passenant's initial announcement about the formation of the basilica committee, interest and support has been growing among parish members committed to ensuring that the historical significance of our church is recognized and celebrated. If you are interested in volunteering on the committee, please speak with Fr. Passenant after Mass or leave him a message at the rectory. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 6, at 7 p.m.** for the pivotal first meeting of the basilica committee to chart out the roadmap for securing historic status.

NEW! "The Eucharistic Lord: Discovering Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament" Theme for Through the Word Bible Study

The popular Monday evening bible study program, "Through the Word," resumes this fall to delve into an insightful three-month study on the Eucharist. The study will explore the connection between Scripture and the Catechism, allowing participants to cultivate a deeper affection for our Eucharistic Lord. The timely initiation of this study aligns with the National Eucharistic Revival.

The Monday program begins September 11 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Following each weekly study, participants will receive by email a recording of the session on Tuesdays, along with a brief midweek reflection on Wednesdays. For those who can join a little earlier on Mondays, at 6:40 p.m., the facilitator will lead everyone in praying two decades of the holy rosary. If you are unable to attend the Monday session at the usual time, archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian. All are welcome to join at any point in the program. To join or for further inquiries, contact josephterry@gmail.com.

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival | Saturday, October 7 Maimonides Park, Brooklyn | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join with others for a special day of unity among Catholics of all cultures and ages in our diocese. Register online at DioceseofBrooklyn.org/eucharistic-revival-2023

Memorialize a Loved One

Consider honoring a deceased loved with a memorial of the **Wine and Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, or Main Altar Candles**. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial of any kind, or to make a Mass request and offering, call or visit the rectory during business hours.

Need healing from an abortion?

Nesecita sanacion de un aborto?
Call Hope & Healing Mission:
866-575-0075
HopeAfterAbortion.com

Miscarriage/Pregnancy Loss/ Counseling:

Aborto expontaneo, Perdida de un Bebe/concejeria.
MiscarriageHurts.com

Suffering infertility?

Padece de Infertilidad?
The Gianna Center
Call: 631-376-3232
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
PrenatalPartnersForLife.org



Local pregnancy resources for moms in need

