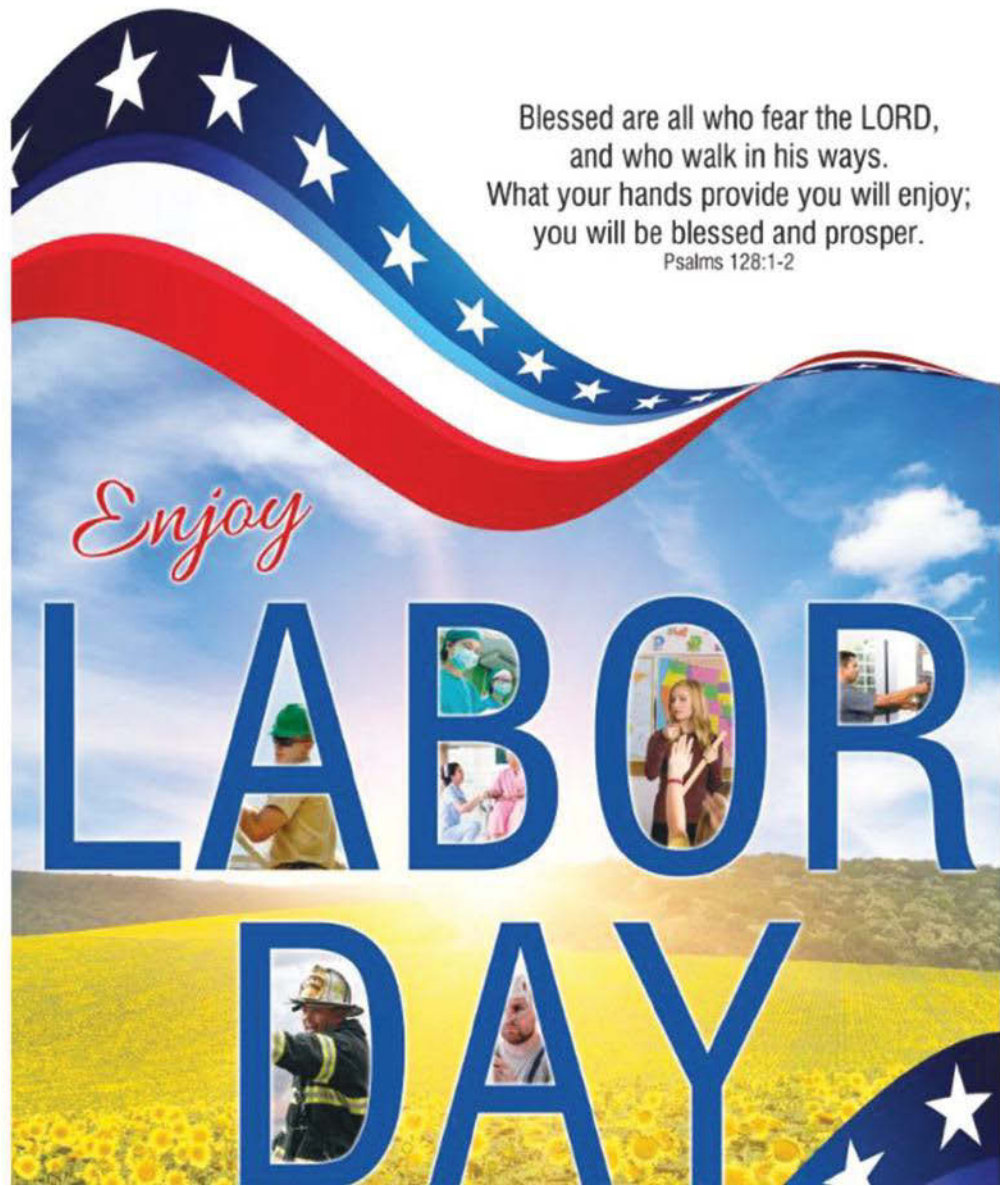


August 31, 2025 -Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
and who walk in his ways.  
What your hands provide you will enjoy;  
you will be blessed and prosper.  
Psalms 128:1-2

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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**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://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 30*

12:05 p.m. Vincent Yang

5 p.m. Debra Sawyer Thome

*Sunday, August 31*

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

*Monday, September 1*

**Labor Day**

8:05 a.m. Richard Enzo Filippetti

12:05 p.m. Susan B. Del Rosario

*Tuesday, September 2*

8:05 a.m. Stepano Park

12:05 p.m. Corinaldi Johnson

*Wednesday, September 3*

**Saint Gregory the Great**

8:05 a.m. John Lictro, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Domingo S. Galicia

*Thursday, September 4*

8:05 a.m. Frederick Marks

12:05 p.m. Charles Marinello

*Friday, September 5*

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Justiniano P. Manalo [living]

*Saturday, September 6*

12:05 p.m. Amin Fovad Beydoun

5 p.m. Robert A. Sibrizzi

## Remember Our Sick

Azucena Arias, Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanias, 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 Guttierrez, 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, Jacqueline 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 31*

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

*Monday, September 1*

★ **HAPPY LABOR DAY** ★

*Rectory offices closed for the federal holiday*

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

7–8 p.m. *Zoom*: **Through the Word Bible Study** (see p. 6)

*Tuesday, September 2*

8:05 a.m. **Mass for Returning OLQMCA Faculty**

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, September 3*

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

7:45–9 p.m. *Zoom*: **Charismatic Prayer Group**  
(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

*Thursday, September 4*

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

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

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

*Friday, September 5*

7 p.m. *church*: **Diocesan Youth Mass and Adoration**

*Saturday, September 6*

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

2 p.m. *church*: **WEDDING**

**Mary Liz Cosgrove/Daniel Gaitan**

*Next Sunday, September 7*

9 a.m. **Mass: Blessing of the Backpacks**

*Bring your school bags to be blessed before school's first full week.*

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

is offered in loving memory of

**Jonas and Thelma Demas**

—requested by Willis and Joan Demas

## Remember Our Deceased

Dr. Oscar Fernandez

Michael Flannery

Bertha E. Berroco-Lopez

Walter Lewandowski

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).

## This Week's Reflection from the Catholic Teaching Committee

### Jubilee for Educators

Pope Leo XIV is welcoming various groups to Rome to celebrate this Jubilee year. From October 31 through November 2, the Holy Father will welcome involved in education.



The US bishops write: "In anticipation of the Jubilee of the World of Education, we call to mind what the Church has said of education: "The Catholic school forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith....It is precisely in the Gospel of Christ, taking root in the minds and lives of the faithful, that the Catholic school finds its definition as it comes to terms with the cultural conditions of the times" (The Catholic School, 9).

#### The Vision of Education

"At the heart of the mission of Catholic education is transmission of a vision—the vision of life in Jesus Christ. We live in times that can be confusing and distressing, as did those who have walked this road of faith in [times] before us. Think of the great saints who lived and persisted during times of struggle—St. Joan of Arc, St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. John Paul II, St. Josephine Bakhita. Their courage in the face of danger ... did not appear out of nowhere. This was the fruit of a friendship that they sought and formed with Christ.

"During his own ministry, Jesus had two primary areas of emphasis: teaching and healing. Those engaged in the ministry of teaching are privileged to share in Our Lord's own ministry."

#### The Saints as Educators

"Many have answered the call to teach in Jesus' name, including St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Benedict, St. John Bosco, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. They came to know him through their studies—and not just their religious studies. They recognized that the beautiful, ordered cosmos points to Him in whom all things cohere. Their vocation became helping others, especially the young, to know Christ through the patterns and order of mathematics, the mysteries and properties of science, the eloquent truths of poetry and literature, and the soul-attracting beauty of art and music.

"Those engaged in the work of Catholic education have taken up their work in our own time. Like them, we must find courage in the storms of our culture. We must fix our vision on Him, as the apostles did one stormy night on the Sea of Galilee.

"Pope Francis [said], 'Education is an act of hope in those before us, in their possibilities to change and contribute to the renewal of society' (Address on Catholic Education in Spain, February 24, 2024). Our Holy Father [calls] us to follow the path trod by great saints, to use our education and intellect to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Our Hope!"



## Order of Mass Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #212*—"Praise to the Lord"

#### MASS PARTS

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

#### FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-2

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

#### GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

*Missal #418*—"Earthen Vessels"

#### COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #377*—"See Us, Lord, About Your Altar"

#### IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

*Missal #732*—"America the Beautiful"

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #532*—"O God Beyond All Praising"

### Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Religious Ed Release Time.
- » September 7, the second collection will be for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building. 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » **Still on summer vacation?** 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.

Next meeting of the Catholic Teaching Committee will be Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

## 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

**Trustee:** Roy Joseph

**Finance Committee Chair:** Edward Torres

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@OLQMStewardship



## Two shepherds, one flock!

Last weekend we had a joyful visit from our summer missionary priest, Father James Channan, OP, who inspired us all with his preaching about the work of the Dominicans in Pakistan. Because the mission of Christ unites us all, we joined hands across continents to support their cause—with \$4,121 raised in our special collection and countless prayers offered. On Father James's behalf, we thank you and ask that you continue to keep the Dominican friars and those they serve in your prayers.

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections

	<b>Aug 24</b>
Candle Offerings	\$1,719.00
1st Collection	8,152.00
2nd Collection ( <i>grounds maintenance</i> )	2,567.00
Summer Missionary Appeal*	4,121.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>16,559.00</u>
Online Giving	4,507.38
Mail In	2,585.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,651.38</b>
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(848.62)

\*\* 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.

\* Special collection that benefits the designated cause of the friars in Pakistan; does not accrue to the parish.

### 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Get Registered

### Parish & Voting Registration Drive

On **September 7 and 14** weekends, volunteers will be in the church vestibule after Masses 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 your questions about why it is important to be registered parishioner. If you prefer you can register online:

- Visit [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://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 distribute official voter registration applications 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.

# 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.*

### *Our Blood Drive on August 17 Was a Success!*

We had **50** registered donors, with 45 able to give whole blood. That means over 135 lives will be touched through your generosity. On behalf of the New York Blood Center and the patients whose lives are made brighter, we say thank you for answering the call to give the gift of life. God bless you.



## 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re).

## Young Catholic Professionals Meet & Greet

**Sunday, September 21, after 9 a.m. Mass** in the rectory meeting room (enter through the glass door by the Mary statue). Ages 18–45 welcome! Come connect and help launch future activities at this kick-off gathering.

New and Starting September 1

**Bible Study: “Faith to Overcome”**

Our bible study group (formerly meeting in person on Sunday mornings) and the Through the Word group (on Zoom) are uniting as one! They will continue under the name Through the Word with study leader, Dr. Joseph Terry. Join them on the **1st and 4th Mondays, 7–8 p.m. on Zoom**. Their first study topic, “Faith to Overcome,” begins September 1. This series reflects on how trust in Christ reframes suffering, defeats discouragement, and frees us to live with hope and charity. Periodic in-person gatherings—such as during Advent—will be announced. Zoom Meeting ID: 88429100717.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

OCIA is a program for adults 18 and older who wish to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. Through discernment, prayer, and education, OCIA guides participants on their journey of faith. To learn more or enroll, contact [ocia@olqmchurch.org](mailto:ocia@olqmchurch.org) or call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave your name and callback number; all messages and emails will receive a response.

**Bereavement Support Is Available**

The bereavement group at OLQM 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 Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Their next meeting is **Sept 15**, then Oct 20, Nov 17, and Dec 15. Contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

**Faith Sharing at OLQM**

*Are you looking to explore your faith with others?  
Join a parish group.*

**Monday Through the Word: 7–8 p.m.** Every 1st and 4th Monday on Zoom. Current topic: Faith to Overcome. Meeting ID: 88429100717. Sessions recorded, archived for later viewing on demand at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian).

**Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m.** Faith reflections and conversation hosted by fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs. 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).

**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.

**Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, Sept 21**

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck will visit from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Clear your closets & bring new or like-new winter clothes to donate—let’s keep our neighbors warm!

**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](mailto:trimswimteam@gmail.com)

Swimmers must complete 1 lap (25 yards) of freestyle

Boys & Girls (Grades 1–8)

**Join the OLQM–OLM Basketball Team**

Home games are at PS 101; practices at PS 101 or PS 144. The all-inclusive registration fee is \$225 (cash/check).



**Here’s when and where to register:**

- **Saturday, September 6 & 13 @ 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Our Lady of Mercy Lower Church Hall** (Juno St. between 70–71 Streets)
- **Friday, September 12 @ 7–9 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs rectory.**

Contact Richie Allen ([richie.allen@verizon.net](mailto:richie.allen@verizon.net)) or visit [mercymartyrssports.org](http://mercymartyrssports.org) for more information.

**Coaches welcome!** Come share your love of the game.