

August 9, 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Photo courtesy Annei Gold Photography, May 2020

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AUGUST 15

8 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel
12:05 p.m. Mass in Church
Holy Day but no obligation this year

Starting August 15/16
Sunday Masses Return to the
Renovated Church
5 p.m. (Sat), 9 a.m.,
11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Major Repairs report inside on page 4

WATCH SUNDAY MASS AT ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 8

Saint Dominic

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Anne and Henry Jennings

5 p.m. Joseph Grosso

Sunday, August 9

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, August 10

Saint Lawrence

8 a.m. Christine Evangelista

12:05 p.m. Julia Roldan

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Clare

8 a.m. In Honor of Divine Mercy

12:05 p.m. Filomena Vitale

Wednesday, August 12

8 a.m. Edgar Mendoza

12:05 p.m. Frank Smith

Thursday, August 13

8 a.m. Lee Jazmin

12:05 p.m. Sor Ma Victoria Calvo

Friday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8 a.m. Brian Cahill

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro [anniversary]

Saturday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day, but No Obligation This Year)

8 a.m. Manuel Paz [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Michael Mancino

5 p.m. Maria Cuadrado

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, August 9

Thank you for your prayers and patience while repairs continue in the main church building.

Rectory Hours This Week

Monday–Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday–Thursday–Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN VISITING

Confession Times (until further notice)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door

Devotions

Church lobby is open this week for private prayer and

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 13

7 p.m., Zoom (online): Single Adults Group meeting

Saturday, August 15

8 a.m., convent chapel: Daily Mass

12:05 p.m., church: Daily Mass in Renovated Church for Feast of the Assumption

5 p.m., church: Mass and Celebration of RCIA Sacraments of Initiation

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sunday Masses in the renovated church. Please see Father Passenant's statement on page 4 about the Mass schedule for returning to church. Even upon our return to the church, we will continue to follow CDC procedures at all Masses because of the ongoing pandemic.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, MaryAnn Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Danielle D'Agostino, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Estrela Feliciano, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Ogan Gates, Kathleen and Brian Gordon, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Philip Hassialis, Sean Harrison, Giles Houghton, Sandy Imperante, Michael H. Jordan, Migdalia Leon, Maria Leon Santiago, James Lung, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Maureen Mahoney

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, Jean-Marc Moise, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

WELCOME! 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

Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

From the OLMQ Social Action Committee

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Cor 9:15)

REFLECT: In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to make a collection for the church in Jerusalem. Paul teaches that we are meant to give to the poor from the blessings we have received from God; those who receive gifts will offer prayers of thanksgiving for their benefactors.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “the Church’s love for the poor is a part of her constant tradition. This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation.” (CCC 2444, 2448)

ACT: Make a donation to your favorite charity.

LEARN: Read about the Collection for Jerusalem in chapters 8 and 9 of Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians. Watch the Catholic Relief Services video titled “[CST 101: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable](#).” A link to this Catholic social teaching (CST) video and others is available on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/crs-cst-101-videos.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for “Action Alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference at www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center. There is a timely action campaign underway now to **support Catholic school families** (read more on page 6).

Sunday Mass Online at OLMQ

We video record the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass each week and post it online Sunday morning by 8 a.m. to watch from home. Watch on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org or the [parish YouTube channel](#). A direct link to the prerecorded Mass will also be made available every Sunday on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/olqmchurch. Please like and share and encourage others to join us at Mass!

VOCATION THOUGHT: “*Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!*” Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God’s call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Order of Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE

“Come Holy Ghost”

FIRST READING—*1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING—*Romans 9:1-5*

GOSPEL—*Matthew 14:22-33*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Like a Shepherd”

COMMUNION

“One Bread, One Body”

CLOSING HYMN

“All the Earth”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLMQ is viewable on our church website

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn at

netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for air conditioning; there is also an envelope for maintenance for the OLMQ Academy building and an envelope for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8/15).

» Sunday, August 16, the second collection will be for Religious Education.

» Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope. At our online Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.

» For [online Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Major Church Repair 2020 - Parishioner Report #8

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

Last week the projects went along as planned. The pews were being moved back in place and secured to the floor. This project should be completed as you read this article. The new kneelers were also being installed as most of the work on the nave of the church will be completed by August 14.

The light at the end of the tunnel is in sight!

We plan to return to the church for the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 15—the Feast of the Assumption. The weekend Mass schedule effective August 15/16 will be conducted in the church.

Daily Masses will remain in the Convent Chapel for a while longer and will return to the church on Monday, August 23 at 8 a.m.

Today's pictures show the pews moved back in place and the church shaping up. The wall washing job has moved to the sanctuary with the scaffolding moved behind the reredos to the ceiling. This work should be completed by next week.

The exterior pointing and the completion of the cement project from last year should be started and completed this week as well. Neither of these project, if incomplete, will delay our returning to the church on August 15.

We owe our sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the Generations of Faith Capital Campaign and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generous contributions have made this renovation work possible.

See you in church next week!



Pictured—(1) Workers moving the pews in place. They then secure the pews to the floor with brackets. (2) Work on refreshing the Confessional booth. (3) The restoration of the George McDonald Memorial window. The park near the Forest Hills Post Office station is named after his son. (4) Richard and Mr. Anthony D'Ambrosio, of D'Ambrosio Ecclesiastical Art Studios, pause for a picture.



August 15

RCIA Class of 2020 Set to Receive Sacraments



The coronavirus pandemic forced the country and the world into a four-month long shutdown. One group of people was uniquely affected by the cancellation of meetings and the closing of Church doors to religious services—the catechumens and candidates of the parish’s RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program. The program guides participants through a process of education, prayer, and discernment, preparing them to receive their Sacraments and become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Normally, this ancient rite takes place at the Easter Vigil.

The three catechumens and two candidates participated in the Rite of Election on the weekend of February 29/March 1. Once the

shutdown began, meetings continued remotely on Zoom.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish will joyfully welcome **Rachel Martinez, Erik Reichert, and William Zhang** on August 15, as they receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion).

Christine Gill will make a profession of faith as she joins us from another Christian faith tradition and receives Confirmation and Communion. **Joseph Terry** received Confirmation and Communion in July at a Mass that included the celebration of marriage convalidation.

Please welcome these newly initiated Catholics to our faith community, as we rejoice with them.

Deanery Corner

A place for news & events at nearby parishes

BLOOD DRIVE ♦ **Sunday, August 16th, 9AM to 3PM @ St. Margaret’s Parish** (66-05 79 Place, Middle Village). Because of COVID-19 precautions, donors **MUST** schedule an appointment by calling **800-933-2566** or going to the **NY Blood Center’s donor portal** (www.nybc.org/donate-blood).

Single Adults Zoom Meeting

The parish group is planning a short online meeting on **Thursday, August 13th @ 7PM**. If you want to participate, please either leave a message on the Single Adult Group’s hotline at **718-361-3201** or email Denise De Maria directly at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com by August 11 for instructions on how to join the Zoom session.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	August 2
1st Collection	\$2,142.00
2nd Collection (<i>Major Repairs</i>)	810.00
Catch-Up Envelope	350.00
<i>Subtotal McL Hall (262 attending)</i>	<i>3,302.00</i>
Mail In/Lobby Box	5,622.00
Catch-up Envelope	1,060.00
Online Parish Giving	4,382.30
TOTAL	14,366.30
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,883.70)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Weekly figures are unaudited. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

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For the Well-Being of All

When Attending Mass . . .

- Wear a face mask (required).
- Bring your own hand sanitizer or wear gloves
- Use the bathroom at home before coming to Mass.
- Arrive 20 minutes before Mass start time.
- Use designated entrance only.
- Remain six feet apart.
- Follow the usher's instructions on seating, Communion distribution, and exiting.
- If you do not feel well, continue to pray in the privacy of your home and watch Sunday Mass at OLQM on our website.

Thank You for Cooperating!

Support Catholic Education

Dear Parishioners,

I encourage you to express your support of Catholic education by visiting the website of the New York State Catholic Conference and sending the message found there to our elected officials. I appreciate your concern for Catholic schools and academies. The easy steps you can take are explained below. Thank you.—Bishop Sanchez

The action needed is time-sensitive and concerns Catholic school families receiving equitable access to any new federal COVID-19 funding assistance. Please go to:

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Enter your name, email, and address. Select your diocese. Use the Compose Your Message form; there is a prewritten email ready to be delivered to your U.S. senators and congressional representatives. To complete, click Send Message.



2020–2021 School Year

Religious Ed Registration: Ongoing

Registration is open and online at our parish website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re. Children's religious education at OLQM is for students grades 1–8 and high school students up to age 16. Each family is asked to complete the online registration form. Fees are \$130 for one child, \$180 for two children, \$200 for three children. For students receiving First Communion, there is an additional fee of \$50 for sacramental preparation; for students receiving Confirmation the additional fee is \$90. For new students, parents must also submit a copy of the child's Baptism certificate to olqmreled@gmail.com.

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?

You may be interested in (1) Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11AM, discussing St. John's Gospel. To join, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. (2) Tuesday Evenings, 6:30–8PM, there's a program called *Through the Word*. To join, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

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Annual Catholic
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TOGETHER**

DID YOU KNOW? OLQM came in third place in last year's Annual Catholic Appeal out of 112 parishes. We missed second place by only \$100! Let's come in first place this year! We are halfway to our goal of \$100,000, which we are very grateful for, since this is a very difficult year. Help us reach our goal. Please make a pledge. All ACA gifts are payable through December 31.

**Visit our website for instructions on
how to give online:**

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal