

August 23, 2020 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Sunday Masses return to church; photo courtesy Leon Volskis

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

UPDATE: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**DAILY MASSES at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. will continue
to be celebrated in the Convent Chapel**

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door

WATCH SUNDAY MASS AT ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org



WELCOME!
Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information.

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Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online parish giving. Thank you.



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday closed
(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 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. Manuel Torres DeAsis, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Anton Feretic [anniversary]

Sunday, August 23

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew

8 a.m. Corazon A. Mendoza

12:05 p.m. Juan Samniego

Tuesday, August 25

Saint Louis

Saint Joseph Calasanz

8 a.m. Philip Cantoro, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Peter Menashe

Wednesday, August 26

8 a.m. Enid Columbus [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Bramwell Alexander

Thursday, August 27

Saint Monica

8 a.m. Rita G. Carfagna

12:05 p.m. Sonia Maher

Friday, August 28

Saint Augustine

8 a.m. Fernando Luis Cardenas

12:05 p.m. John Massimiano

Saturday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8 a.m. Monica Romany

12:05 p.m. Carlos J. Linares

5 p.m. Juan Hernandez

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, Elizabeth Anne 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, Rosemary Parente, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Daily Masses (until further notice)

Monday through Saturday Masses

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

will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel while restorative work in the church continues; see this week's Major Repairs report on page 4.

Rectory Summer Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Rectory closed on Friday

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



The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Octavio and Carmen Rodriguez

—requested by Octavio Rodriguez, Jr. and Chantal Sironneau

Remember Our Deceased

Dr. Robert Cospito

James T. DeLuca

Richard Erlanger

Robert Heyer



Maureen Mahoney

Amparo Montoya

Munda Torres

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

From the OLQM Social Action Committee

USCCB on "Walking with Moms in Need"

O Blessed Mother, guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.

REFLECT: While we often think of pregnancy as culminating in the birth of child, we know that the journey is only just beginning. While motherhood brings with it many joys and blessings, it also involves challenges and difficulties. In raising their children and dedicating themselves to their families, mothers participate in a type of "daily heroism," one for which they "do not always find support in the world around them" (EV 86).

Providing and caring for children as a single mother includes additional hardships. Sadly, today one in four children are being raised without a father. Certainly, there are many reasons this might occur in any given circumstance. However, it is also true that in a culture that largely rejects the Church's teachings on marriage, life, and sexuality, women and their children are often disproportionately impacted.

It was Pope Paul VI in *Humanae vitae* who warned that "a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman . . . no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection" (HV 17). In the midst of this reality, the Church is called to be a beacon of light, hope, and support. May we respond to this call, individually and communally, to surround mothers with assistance and support as they lovingly care for their children.

ACT: Saints Anne and Joachim are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ask their intercession for all expectant mothers and married couples.

LEARN: The website WalkingwithMomsinNeed.com has more information about supporting expectant and parenting women. Watch the [EWTN video](#) on the USCCB launch of the "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service" program.

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. At the Action Center join the current letter-writing campaign to **support Catholic School families**.



Order of Mass

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE

"Come Holy Ghost"

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

"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 OLQM 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 grounds maintenance. There is also an envelope for CCD and Religious Ed programs.
- » Sunday, August 30, the second collection will be for Adult 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.

Sunday Mass Online at OLQM

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 on our website (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) or the [parish YouTube channel](#). A direct link to the prerecorded Mass is 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!

Major Church Repair 2020 - Parishioner Report #10

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

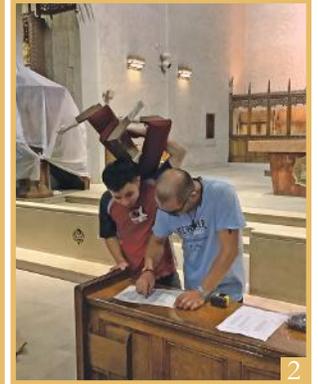
The church reopened last Saturday for the Feast of the Assumption. It was fitting that the first Mass celebrated after the mandated cancellation of public worship because of the pandemic—coupled with the planned renovation of our church interior over nine weeks—be celebrated on a holyday honoring our patroness, the Blessed Mother.

The final major restoration and repair projects are nearly complete, with attention now turned to the final details. Those details include the refinishing of the brass gates in front of the side altars as well as refurbishing the holy water fonts at the entrances. The new curtains on the Queens Blvd. confessionals as well as some other fine-tuning are in the works.

Our pictures today show the crew preparing to install the new kneelers, which are lighter and more comfortable than the ones replaced. The team took four days to finish their work on this major piece of the 2020 restoration program. The wall restoration project is also in its final stages; the new lighting shows the beauty of that project.

The pictured outside work—namely, the resumption of the cement project on 72nd Road and work on the pointing of the exterior steps of the church—continues. The weather is always a factor when dealing with outdoor projects.

When a major undertaking like this occurs it is always an opportunity to enhance some feature that was left unaddressed by previous repair programs. MORE ON THIS NEXT WEEK. . . .



PICTURED—(1) *Eduardo, Omar (Supervisor), and Antonio;* (2) *Omar and Antonio look at diagram of the church for kneeler placement;* (3) *the upper nave wall restoration continues;* (4) *the ramp step joints cleaned for water sealing and caulking;* (5) *the driveway into the schoolyard with new cement drying;* (6) *Pat Crowe and his team are watching cement dry;* (7) *Shakir and Hector taking a break from the church step sealing and caulking project.*

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 15 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!

Education at OLQM

Religious Ed Registration Ongoing for 2020–2021 School Year

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.



For information or questions about the 2020–2021 academic year at OLQM Catholic Academy (nursery through K-7), please visit the academy website: www.OLQMCA.org

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through prayer, our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections: August 16

1st Collection	\$4,302.00
2nd Collection (<i>Religious Education</i>)	1,045.00
Catch-Up Envelope	710.00
In-Church Subtotal (385 attending)	6,057.00
Assumption (Aug. 15)	1,030.00
<i>In-Church Total</i>	<i>7,087.00</i>
Mail In/Lobby Box	2,834.00
Catch-Up Envelope (mailed)	2,970.00
Online Parish Giving	6,379.58
TOTAL	<u>19,270.58</u>
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,979.42)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Weekly figures 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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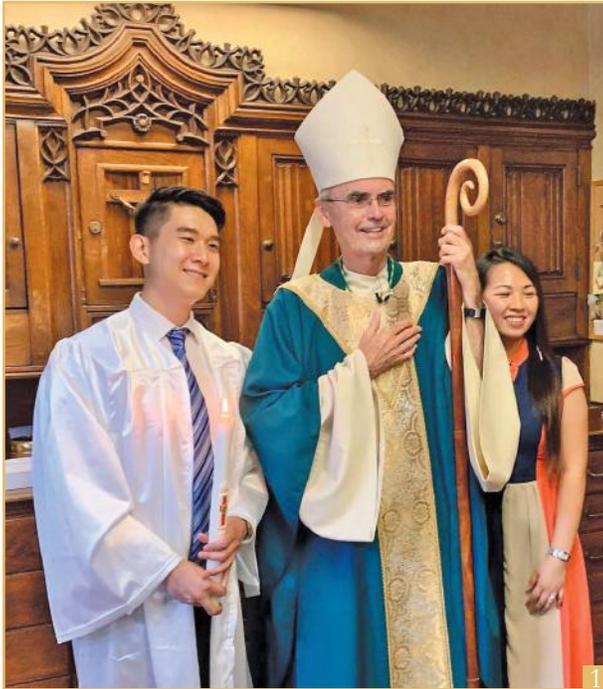
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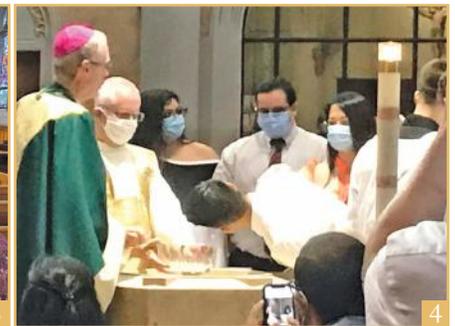
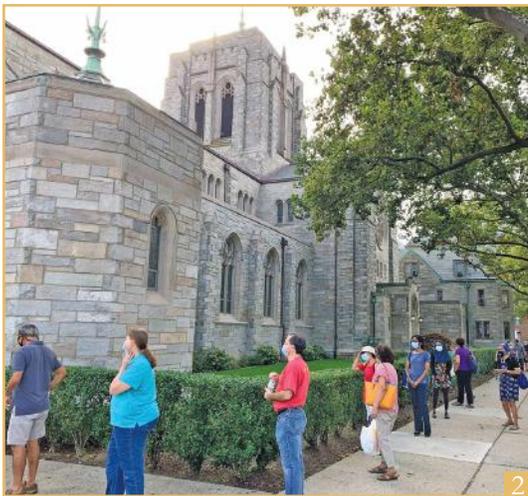
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August 15 at 5 p.m. Mass RCIA Candidates Receive Their Sacraments (at Last)

The church building reopened for Sunday Masses last weekend, with new kneelers, lighting, repaired floors, and a special ceremony for four members of our parish RCIA class of 2020. They patiently waited through long months of pandemic lockdown and weeks of the church building being inaccessible during repairs to arrive at this pivotal moment. “Three RCIA candidates were baptized and one other made a profession and came into full communion,” said Deacon Greg Kandra. “The baptism ritual was different: we could not reuse water, so I held a bowl under each head while the bishop poured water from the font. Even the candles could only be touched by the sponsors and the candidates. For confirmation, oils were applied with individual swabs of cotton.” The ceremony, while delayed and different this year, was a hope-filled experience for welcoming these new men and women of faith to our parish community.



Photos courtesy Deacon Greg—(1) Bishop Sanchez with Will Zhang, who received the Sacraments of Initiation, and his fiancée and sponsor Dana Pham; (2) long line formed around the block to attend Mass under current public health protocols; (3) CCD teacher Chris Wellbrock (left), who sponsored one of the RCIA candidates, with RCIA director Veronica McCarthy; (4) RCIA baptism, 2020 style. Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery for more pictures.



**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
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!

Gifts made to the Annual Catholic Appeal bring support to tens of thousands of residents in Brooklyn and Queens through key programs, ministries, and services administered by the Diocese of Brooklyn, including Catholic Charities and Catholic Migration Services. These programs can only serve those in need if we all come together, working as one family of faith.

The current public health situation makes Annual Catholic Appeal funding even more important as people are in need of spiritual, physical, emotional, or economic support during this crisis.

We are halfway to our 2020 parish goal of \$100,000—for which we are very grateful, since this is a very difficult year. Please help us reach our total goal and make a contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. All gifts are payable through December 31. Visit our website for instructions on how to give online: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal