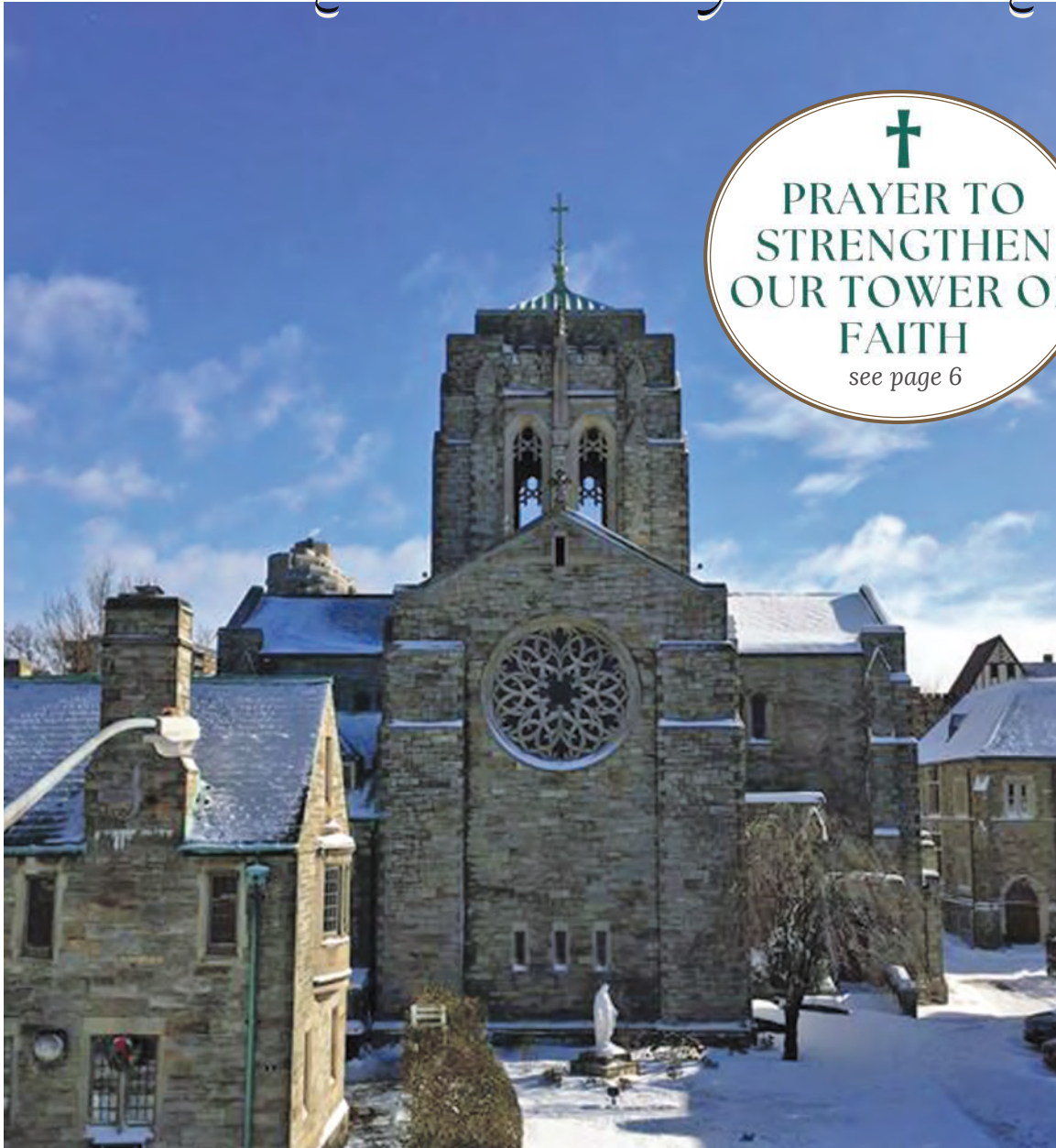


February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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**PRAYER TO
STRENGTHEN
OUR TOWER OF
FAITH**
see page 6

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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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, January 31

Saint John Bosco

12:05 p.m. Carmen A. del Rosario

5 p.m. Josefa Solano

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8:05 a.m. Marybeth Hentschel

12:05 p.m. Hernando Muñoz

Tuesday, February 3

Saint Blaise

8:05 a.m. Anna Kocurek

12:05 p.m. Rina Sellner

Wednesday, February 4

8:05 a.m. Amy Sequeira

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

Thursday, February 5

Saint Agatha

8:05 a.m. Vincent Percoco

12:05 p.m. Rafaela Robles

Friday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:05 a.m. Amelia Nelson

12:05 p.m. MaryLou Finnen

Saturday, February 7

12:05 p.m. Cesar Lopez

5 p.m. Thomas L. Doyle

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 1

Strengthening Our Tower of Faith (see p. 6)

2:30 p.m. church: **Baptism**

Monday, February 2

CANDLEMAS

Blessing of Candles at the Daily Masses

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: **"Through the Word" Bible Study**

(Every 1st and 4th Monday. Meeting ID: 88429100717)

Tuesday, February 3

Communal Blessing of Throats

at the Conclusion of the Daily Masses

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

7–8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship**

(Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location)

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, February 4

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

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

(Meeting ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, February 5

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

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

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes Feb. 19)

Saturday, February 7

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

Remember Our Sick

Angelo Bagasan, Molly Catherine Banderberg, Jose V. Batista, Margaret Bastone, Bennett Brevetti, Carmela Brevetti, Luca Brevetti, Olivia Brevetti, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Jayden Cabrera, Rob Champion, Carl Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Gutierrez, John Imperante Senior, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Joann Sicoli, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Jihan Villa, 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

Margaret Kelly Barclay

Mercedes Gonzalez

Mary Meyer

Daniel Perrault



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.

This Week's Reflection

The Beatitudes

from the OLQM bulletin archives

The Gospel this Sunday gives us some beautiful and powerful words, among the most familiar sayings in all of scripture: the Beatitudes.

They may be so familiar, in fact, that we don't really hear them. This Sunday, listen to what they have to say. Listen to what they tell us about the poor, the meek, the grieving, the persecuted. And then ask: *What do they say to me?*

And how do I fit into the Sermon on the Mount?

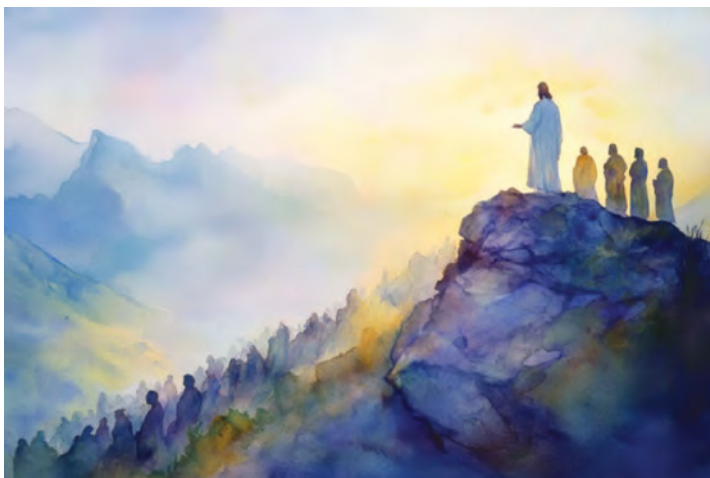
Am I poor in spirit? Merciful? Clean of heart? A peacemaker?

Or am I the opposite?

And how do I treat those who do fit Jesus' description? Do I even recognize them?

We would all do well to listen closely to Paul's fitting words in his letter to the Corinthians, in which he reminds us that God "chose the weak of the world to shame the strong . . . those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God."

He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:2-3)



Memorialize a Loved One

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the **Wine and Hosts** or the **Sanctuary Lamp**. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial or to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in our Mass intentions, please visit the rectory during business hours.

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #320—"Gather Us In"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

Missal #838—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Blessed are the pure in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Seek Ye the Lord" (*J. V. Roberts*)—*Choir*
Missal #383—"The Servant Song"

COMMUNION

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (*H. Friedell*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #464—"Christ, Be Our Light"

CLOSING

Missal #466—"We Are the Light of the World"

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will help offset fuel costs during these winter months.
- » February 8, the second collection will help with the costs of major repairs.
- » 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.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- » Thank you, as always, for your generosity. Collection figures are reported weekly on page 4 of the church bulletin.

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

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

Benediction at 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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Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join one of our regularly meeting parish groups.

Sunday YCP Coffee Hour: Every 3rd Sunday after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Join fellow Young Catholic Professionals in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s for community and spiritual growth. In the rectory basement meeting room (enter through the glass door by the Mary statue).

Monday “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Every 1st and 4th Monday on Zoom. Use the Meeting ID: 88429100717. Sessions are recorded and 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 and more information.

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).

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Jan 25
Candle Offerings	\$1,220.00
1st Collection	4,011.25
2nd Collection (CCD, Religious Ed)	1,390.00
Churches in Need*	602.25*
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>\$7,323.50</u>
Online Giving	4,015.37
Mail In	5,711.00
TOTAL	\$16,949.87
Weekly Income Needed**	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,550.13)

** 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 taken for the designated cause of aid for the Catholic Church in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa. 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.



Anointing of the Sick

MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Wednesday, February 11 at 12:05 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick

Anointing with blessed oil will be offered to anyone who wishes to receive it, especially the elderly, those facing surgery, and the chronically ill. Please join us to be anointed and to pray for those who are sick and their caregivers.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes Set to Begin

Classes are for adult (age 18 and older) who have been baptized and received First Holy Communion but have not been confirmed. These sessions provide an opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Conferral of Confirmation will on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24.**

Classes will be held in our rectory meeting room. For dates and times for the classes, email ocia@olqmchurch.org or call 718-268-6251, ext. *827, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response. More information at: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/OCIA/

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming and comforting community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. They meet once a month, usually the third or fourth Monday. Their next meetings are **Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 18, and Jun 22.** All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Questions? Contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish were recognized by **CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL** for their academic achievements. Congratulations for earning Honor Roll status!

Abaz A. Kupi
Jacob C. Jazmin

FEBRUARY FEASTS at OLQM

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Monday, February 2 at the daily Masses

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Bring your candles from home to church to be blessed! Candlemas celebrates Jesus' presentation in the temple 40 days after His birth. We will bless the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year and hear in the Gospel about the light that is Christ himself.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 3 at the daily Masses

Feast Day of St. Blaise

St. Blaise is invoked on behalf of the sick as the patron saint of throat ailments. We will offer a communal blessing at the end of the Masses for healing and protection against throat diseases and other maladies.



Presentation of the Lord, detail from the Mary window in the choir loft

LENT

The Season of Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Ashes will be distributed at these times only:

Masses: 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Service: 4 p.m.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition and Adoration after 12:05 p.m. Mass with Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resuming on February 19

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning February 20 at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction



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.

Tower of Faith News

Throughout February, we will welcome guest speakers at all the Masses. Their brief presentations will highlight the three key elements of our campaign and invite us to consider how we can all support this parish effort.

February 7 and 8: Bishop Sanchez will speak on “Ownership and Responsibility” for supporting this initiative (*presentation after the homily*).

February 14 and 15: David James will address “Youth Involvement” and why your support is needed to fulfill this parish objective (*after the homily*).

February 21 and 22: Kevin Kane will explain how the “Annual Catholic Appeal” is rolled into this initiative (*presentation after the announcements*).

Please watch the Tower of Faith video on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/olqmstewardship) or our church website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/TowerOfFaith.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued generosity.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3-10

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Pray-for-Me

AN ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY

Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted through this website, from 5:45 AM until 10 PM every day.

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