

February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

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WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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Anne Zuschlag

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 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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11:15 a.m.
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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, February 10

Saint Scholastica

8:05 a.m. Loyald Castanar

12:05 p.m. Brandon Boria

5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

8:05 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes [in thanksgiving]

12:05 p.m. Anna DiMarco

Tuesday, February 13

8:05 a.m. Antonio Leva

12:05 p.m. Mary (Mamie) Bertolotti

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at these Mass & Prayer Service times

8:05 a.m. Antonio C. Valdez

12:05 p.m. Nenita Ilawan [living]

4 p.m. Prayer Service

7:30 p.m. Patrick Sarubbi

Thursday, February 15

8:05 a.m. Amarilys Candelaria

12:05 p.m. Anna DiMarco

Friday, February 16

8:05 a.m. Eva Rico

12:05 p.m. Angelin and Joseph Ruggerone

Saturday, February 17

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Karen and Kathleen Schmidt

5 p.m. Maria del Carmen Daza Velasco de Hatziantoniov

Remember Our Sick

Grace Banks, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Robert Battista, Jenny Becker, Donald Begota, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Viola Binua, Gustavo Cáceres, Taylor Calder, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Joey Guastella, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Ruth Henry, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, James Leung, Elyse Locurto, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Ospina, Rafaella Pak, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Rose Tibayan, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislawa Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Sandra Zalbe—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 11

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study
(enter at glass door behind the Mary statue)

Monday, February 12

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

12:05 p.m. Mass church: Anointing of the Sick 

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

Tuesday, February 13

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Ash Wednesday, February 14

LENT BEGINS

Day of Fasting and Abstinence—schedule on p. 3

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: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, February 15

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: Benediction

Friday, February 16

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

7:30 p.m. church: Stations of the Cross
followed by Benediction

Saturday, February 17

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Flowers

are offered in loving memory of

Gonzales Daulo

—requested by Maria Daulo

Remember Our Deceased

Alejandra Chappell
Andy Clark
Sylvia Clark

Teresa DiFiore
Jo-Ann Henry
Elsa Payumo

Annabelle Resitano
Paul Vallone
Andre Tran Van Vy

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.**

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, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

The Readiness to Change

"Put off the old man that belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt,... and put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4: 22-24)

REFLECT: "The readiness to change is an essential aspect of the Christian's basic relation with God; it forms the core of our response to the merciful love of God.... A strong desire must fill us to become different beings, to mortify our old selves and rearise as new men in Christ. This desire is the first elementary precondition for the transformation in Christ.... It is the consequence of our consciousness of being in need of redemption on the one hand, and our comprehension of being called by Christ on the other. Our surrender to Christ implies a readiness to let Him fully transform us, without setting any limit to the modification of our nature under His influence....

"There are many religious Catholics whose readiness to change is merely a conditional one. They exert themselves to keep the commandments and to get rid of such qualities as they have recognized to be sinful. But they lack the will and the readiness to become new men all in all.... They prefer to evade the act of metanoia: a true conversion of the heart. Hence with undisturbed consciences they cling to all that appears to them legitimate by natural standards. Their conscience permits them to remain entrenched in their self-assertion....

"[The full readiness to change means surrendering entirely to God's action is us.] Readiness to change, taken in this sense, is the first prerequisite for the transformation in Christ.... We must be filled with an unquenchable thirst for regeneration in all things. We must fully experience the bliss of flying into Christ's arms, who will transform us by His light beyond any measure we might ourselves intend." (Transformation in Christ)

This Lent, let us say with Blessed Mother, "Let it be done according to thy will."

ACT: Surrender to God this Lent.

LEARN: Read Dietrich Von Hildebrand's Transformation in Christ, available at your favorite Catholic bookstore. Watch Bishop Barron's YouTube presentation on Three Habits to Get the Most Out of Lent, at <http://tinyurl.com/3eb29mmp>. Watch the USCCB's short YouTube video, How to Live Lent This Year, at <http://tinyurl.com/4x4uvjya>.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #497—"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Bless the Lord O My Soul" (*M. Ippolitov-Ivanov*)—Choir
Missal #472—"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

COMMUNION

"Panis Angelicus" (*C. Casciolini*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #606—"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #175—"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs.
- » February 18, the second collection is for Black & Indian Home Missions. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the school 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.
- » For Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, February 14

MASSSES WITH ASHES: 8:05AM, 12:05PM & 7:30PM
PRAYER SERVICE WITH ASHES: 4PM

Thursday Devotions, February 15

EVERY THURSDAY ADORATION BEGINS AT 12:40PM,
BENEDICTION AT 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross, February 16

AND EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:30PM



A Message for Lent

The holy season of Lent, which begins this week, is a season when we grow closer to the Lord through prayer and almsgiving and fasting. It is also a time when we pray in a special way for our catechumens who will receive the fullness of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

On the Thursdays of Lent, we ask you to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions begin after the noon Mass and continue all afternoon until Benediction at 7:30 in the evening. The adoration of the Eucharist is the Mass held in contemplation. We encourage you to make the Eucharist a continued center of your spiritual life.

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m., we embark on a devotional journey by praying the Stations of the Cross. This centuries-old tradition allows us to contemplate Jesus' passion and deepen our own spiritual preparation for Easter.

We pray that you may enjoy a blessed Lenten season. Join us Sunday after Sunday here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to deepen your understanding of the presence and the call of Christ in your heart. We join with you in prayer, and we rejoice with you in the many gifts that God gives his people.

From Our Pastor

Our Outstanding Contribution

Out of 175 parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, ours was the top contributor in dollar amount for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. We contributed \$192,066.

We extend our great thanks to the 335 individual donors for their role in the stewardship of the Diocese and whose generosity made this outstanding achievement possible. Our parish's 2023 ACA contribution will help the Diocese to fund important ministries and services for another year, such as faith formation, vocations, youth ministry, and social services to help the less fortunate among us. And the considerable funds collected above our ACA goal will directly benefit our parish.

We have profound faith that the goodness within our parishioners will shine through once more when the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal kicks off in a few weeks. Thank you and God bless!

—Father Passenant

Next week's special collection will be taken for
Black & Indian Home Missions.

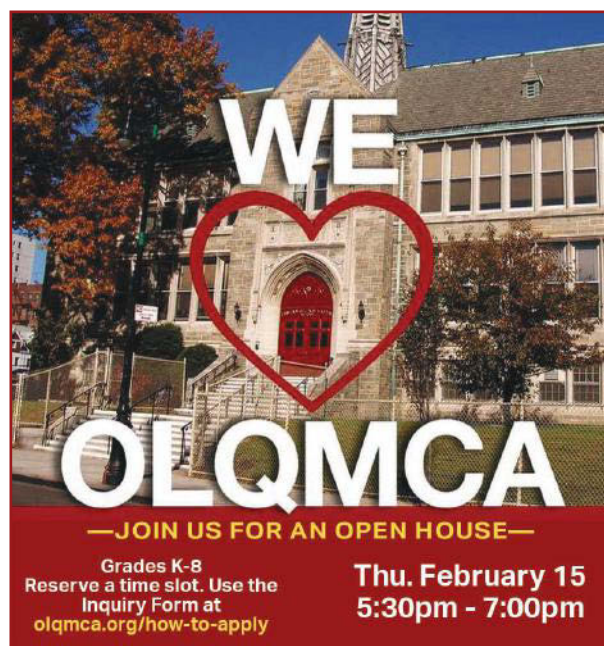
Please give generously, to the extent possible,
to aid the Church's ministries during the Lenten season.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 15 | 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

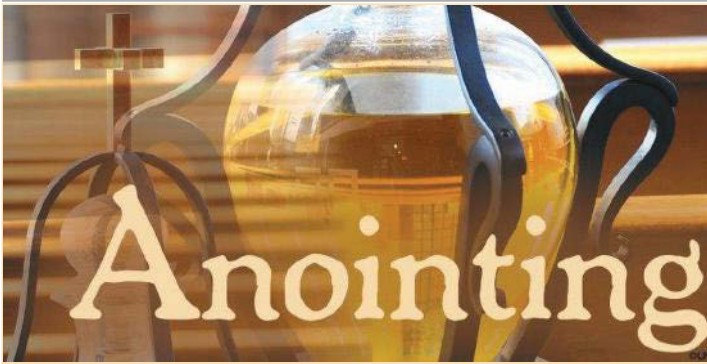
Prospective families are invited to meet teachers, other parents, and administration while exploring the halls and classrooms of our beautiful school building with a student tour guide. OLQMCA has a long tradition of academic excellence and provides children grades K-8 with the skills for long-term success in a nurturing environment where students feel free to express their God-given talents. We look forward to showing you all that our Catholic Academy has to offer!

Reservations are suggested. For more information, visit the academy's website at olqmca.org/how-to-apply (select the Inquiry Form link) or call 718-263-2622 with any questions.



Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory. Upcoming meeting dates are **February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17**. All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. For more information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monday, February 12 | 12:05 p.m. Mass

Coinciding with World Day of the Sick and the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, who gives healing and hope, we will offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick at Monday's noon Mass. The anointing is for all who wish to receive it, especially those preparing for major surgery, those whose age or physical condition has begun to limit their independence, those with chronic or serious illnesses or who have endured a serious accident, or anyone feeling pain or suffering in body, mind, and spirit. All attending this Mass are asked to join in prayer for the sick and for their doctors, nurses, and carers.

Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well.

— James 5:14-15

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Reese Roger Czyzewski

son of Connie and Bryan Czyzewski

Mick Francis Hegarty

son of Kari and Michael Hegarty

Abigail Pascale Chauvel Grant

daughter of Marie-Pascale and Edward Grant

Korra Lee Holden

daughter of Jennifer and Dorian Holden

Rose Sienna Holden

daughter of Jennifer and Dorian Holden

John Henry Ore

son of Agnieszka Zybert and Oscar Ore

Lorealy Barba Schaper

daughter of Daniela Barba and Patryck Schaper

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Farewell to “Alleluia” Sunday

After today's Masses, we bid a temporary farewell to the joyous word “Alleluia,” meaning “Praise the Lord!” During the penitential season of Lent, we pause our singing of this beloved expression as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. But fear not—at the Easter Vigil, Alleluia will return stronger than ever for our celebration of His resurrection!

—Weekly Collections—

	Jan 28	Feb 4
Candle Offerings	\$1,390.00	\$1,203.00
1st Collection	8,212.00	10,142.00
2nd Collection	1,463.00	1,421.00
	(CCD, Rel Ed)	(snow removal)
Fuel Collection	-	1,972.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>11,065.00</u>	<u>14,738.00</u>
Online Giving	4,490.00	4,703.00
Mail In	765.00	4,286.00
TOTAL	16,320.00	23,627.00
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,830.00)	477.00

* 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

Churches in Need in Latin America, E. Europe, Africa \$1,784.00

Special collections taken throughout the year do 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.

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www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available

in its entirety on demand using

the “past livestreams” link at

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: The Church asks all Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **all Fridays** of Lent.

Fasting: All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are obligated to fast on **Ash Wednesday** (February 14) and **Good Friday** (March 29). Limit yourself to a **single full meal** and two smaller ones during the day, with no food between meals.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have received their first Holy Eucharist are expected to receive Communion at least once a year, between the **First Sunday of Lent** (February 18) and **Trinity Sunday** (May 26).

Penance: All Fridays throughout the year and Lent are penitential days for prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. While abstinence in a true spirit of penance is commended, individuals may substitute other practices of voluntary self-denial or personal penance, such as acts of temperance, prayer, or charity.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 years of age 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.

Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul

May 19–29. Led by Deacon Greg Kandra and Father Jeremy Canna. The previously planned 2024 pilgrimage to the Holy Land has changed course. Deacon Greg will instead guide pilgrims to the places that figured in the life of St. Paul, including Corinth, Athens, Thessaloniki, with a three-day cruise to Patmos, where John wrote the Book of Revelation, and to Ephesus, believed to be the last earthly home of the Blessed Mother. The pilgrimage, priced at \$4,695 from JFK or Newark, promises a profound spiritual experience. For enrollment, visit SelectInternationalTours.com or call toll-free at 800-842-4842 (Use code: 24RS05GRGK).



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact instructor Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).



5-Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17–21. Led by Bishop Robert Brennan. Full package including airfare: \$1,780. For information on availability and an itinerary, contact Peter's Way Tours: www.PetersWay.com/1048.html. Payment deadline: May 1.

Attention Students!

Catholic Charities Brooklyn Queens is now accepting applications for the **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**, which connects NYC youth between the ages of 16 to 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience during July and August. Pay: \$16/hour. Commitment: 25 hours per week. Summer + Money + Experience is a great combination!

Apply early and online at <https://application.nycsyep.com>. Select Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services Inc.-QNS as your agency provider and enter their PIN: WPA167355. Deadline is March 1.