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

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Weekday Masses (Monday–Saturday) 8 a.m. and 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 a.m. and 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.

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

Music Director

David Close

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lorna Stark

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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

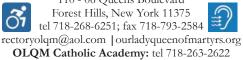
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance, prior to the proposed wedding date

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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 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes

12:05 p.m. Poligeno Madarang 5 p.m. Aldo Arcomano

Sunday, February 12

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 13

8 a.m. Pedro Brown

12:05 p.m. Theresa McGrath

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril and Methodius

8 a.m. Stanley and Halina Daniszewski

12:05 p.m. Luisa Casapao

Wednesday, February 15

8 a.m. Lena A. O'Malley

12:05 p.m. Mario Carlo

Thursday, February 16

8 a.m. Terry McGrath

12:05 p.m. Olimpia Paca

Friday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8 a.m. Jeffie Sequeira

12:05 p.m. Matthew Patsos

Saturday, February 18

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Thomas MacBride

5 p.m. Karen Chesleigh

## Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Marylou Bagasan, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Jacqeline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after six (6) months, unless our office is notified.

### Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 12

#### WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

(see p. 6 for virtual marriage retreat information)

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, February 13

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, February 14 🎔 🤍



11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, February 15

**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 16

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass Exposition and Benediction

Evening Benediction returns next Thursday (February 23)

Saturday, February 18

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Ash Wednesday, February 22, marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent.

# Remember Our Deceased

Alex Davio Maria Elefante Manuel Figueroa Paz Japzon Anna Kocurkova

John Pensabene Louise Raible Sandra Robins Josefina Sullivan Rev. Msgr. John W. Maloney

#### 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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olgm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

#### Pope Benedict XVI on Fraternal Correction

If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. (Matthew 18: 15)

**REFLECT:** "Concern for others entails desiring what is good for them from every point of view.... [This] also entails being concerned for their spiritual well-being. Here I would like to mention an aspect of the Christian life, which I believe has been quite forgotten: fraternal correction in view of eternal salvation. Today, in general, we are very sensitive to the idea of charity and caring about the physical and material well-being of others, but almost completely silent about our spiritual responsibility towards our brothers and sisters....

"Christ himself commands us to admonish a brother who is committing a sin.... The Church's tradition has included 'admonishing sinners' among the spiritual works of mercy.... We must not remain silent before evil. I am thinking of all those Christians who, out of human regard or purely personal convenience, adapt to the prevailing mentality, rather than warning their brothers and sisters against ways of thinking and acting that are contrary to the truth and that do not follow the path of goodness. Christian admonishment, for its part, is never motivated by a spirit of accusation or recrimination. It is always moved by love and mercy, and springs from genuine concern for the good of the other....

"In a world pervaded by individualism, it is essential to rediscover the importance of fraternal correction, so that together we may journey towards holiness.... It is a great service, then, to help others and allow them to help us, so that we can be open to the whole truth about ourselves, improve our lives and walk more uprightly in the Lord's ways. There will always be a need for a gaze which loves and admonishes, which knows and understands, which discerns and forgives, as God has done and continues to do with each of us." (Message for Lent, November 3, 2011)

**LEARN:** Read Pope Benedict XVI's entire 2012 Message for Lent at https://bit.ly/3J9vNvs.

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 A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

Missal #567—"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant

Mass Parts: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

#### HOMILY

#### **O**FFERTORY

"With a Voice of Singing" (M. Shaw)—Choir Missal #529—"Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning"

#### Communion

"Panis Angelicus" (C. Casciolini)—Choir Organ Meditation Missal #608—"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

#### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #612—"Thanks Be to God"

#### 11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

#### **Second Collections**

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs.
- » February 19, the second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds.
- » 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. Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

### Thursday Evening Devotions Return on February 23

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening devotional hours, 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction, resume the Thursday after Ash Wednesday.

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# Forest Hills Interfaith Leaders' Joint Statement following the Killing of Tyre Nichols

Bishop Sanchez wishes to share the full text of the statement, dated February 2, 2023.

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We hear it in the human voice asking God: "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13).

We hear it in the voice of God's spokesperson speaking to others: "How long, you people,...will you love vain words and seek after lies?" (Psalm 4).

We hear it directly in the voice of the Holy One speaking to us: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality.... Give justice" (Psalm 82).

We hear often about "American exceptionalism." Dare we recognize how exceptional the United States is when it comes to violence, hate crimes, and mass shootings? How long? Dare we recognize how the culture of racism, hate, and violence drives so much social, political, and even religious discourse in our nation? We must recognize that the legacy of racism and lack of adequate training remains embedded nationwide in our systems.

The communities we serve are reflective of the vast tapestry of America and of the world. Our communities are reflective of the whole human race created in the image of God.

We religious leaders of Forest Hills are saddened by the beating and killing of Tyre Nichols. We cannot stand idly by the blood of our neighbor. We condemn in no uncertain terms the hatred and violence reflected in the words and actions of so many individuals and institutions that should exist to strengthen—not erode—the civic and social fabric of our nation. We condemn in no uncertain terms any and all who abuse their status as governmental, civic, or religious servants to direct violence and hatred towards others.

We call on all government and civic leaders, advisors, and workers, and all religious leaders and communities, to remember that we are created equally in God's image and to act justly and mercifully with and for everybody in the land. Blessings,

Undersigned Religious Leaders of Forest Hills

Rev. Cecily Broderick, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

Rev. Jeffrey Courter, First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills

Rabbi Mark Kaiserman, Reform Temple of Forest Hills

Cantor Emily Wigod Pincus, Reform Temple of Forest Hills

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik, Forest Hills Jewish Center

Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Weidmann, The Church-in-the-Gardens

Rev. Kerstin Weidmann, Grace Lutheran Church

# **RCIA** at **OLQM**

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 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. To find out more, contact olqmrcia@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.

# Bereavement Support Is Available

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 (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet next on Feb 27 and Mar 27. All meetings start at 7 p.m. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by email to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



# Faith Sharing on Zoom

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic is St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The group is engaged in a year-long study on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join on Zoom, contact Joe: josephterry@gmail.com. Recordings of the Bible studies can be viewed on YouTube (youtube.com/@bktheologian) for those unable to attend the Monday evening Zoom meetings.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).

# Attn: Parents & Students Tuition Assistance Available for 2023–2024 School Year

Financial aid is for eligible students in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. Applications are open NOW at www.FuturesinEducation.org (from the main menu, click Scholarships/Apply Now). You can also use your phone and scan the code here for the eligibility requirements and application details.



For families that received an award last academic year, the deadline to reapply is March 31. Deadline for new applicants is April 30. Questions? Call 718-965-7340.

OLQM Catholic Academy
Registration Open for Grades K-8
To request a tour and to start the registration
process, head to olqmca.org/how-to-apply

#### **AmazonSmile Donations Ending**

Amazon is discontinuing its AmazonSmile program and will no longer be donating to charities after February 20. We thank those of you who have been supporting us by selecting Our Lady Queen of Martyrs as your charity of choice.

# Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

#### Gabriela Madison Cartagena

daughter of Shirley Pang and Tobias Cartagena, Sr.

#### Rosie Linehan

daughter of Jaclyn and Thomas Linehan

#### Calem Sendino Mercado

son of Clarice Sendino and Augusto Mercado

#### Jacob Sanchez Bisono

son of Griselda Bisono and Juan Sanchez Encarnacion

#### Luca Adrian Sanchez Fedorczyk

son of Elysia Fedorczyk and Diego Sanchez

#### Gabriel Evan Santorelli

son of Tiana and Sabato Santorelli

#### Chloe Samara Ortega Segura

daughter of Myka Honeylee Ortega and Francisco Jr. Segura

#### Michelle Mary Trujillo

daughter of Flor and Marlon Trujillo

#### Christiana Celestine Varilla

daughter of Gladies Alfaro and John Varilla

#### Bianca Luz Vildoso

BY EMAIL

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Administrator's Office: admn.olqm@yahoo.com

Deacon Greg Kandra:

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Bereavement Support:

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MAYO (Youth Organization):

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info@olqmca.org

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RCIA Office:

Pastoral Care Office:

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OLQM Catholic Academy:

Religious Education Office:

Bulletin Subjects: olqmcomm@aol.com

daughter of Cally Sook Kon Hew and Oswaldo Vildoso Campoblanco

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

# KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections

	Feb 5
Candle Offerings	\$3,546.00
1st Collection	8,609.00
2nd Collection (fuel)	1,541.00
In-Church Subtotal	<u>13,696.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,583.00
Mail In	2,224.00
TOTAL	<u>21,503.00</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,647.00)
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\*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do 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**

Black & Indian Missions (does not accrue to parish) \$1,410.00

#### 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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

#### Contact Us

BY TELEPHONE Rectory Office: 718-268-6251

Emergency (last rites) 718-810-9788 (after office hours)

OLQM Catholic Academy: 718-263-2622

Religious Education Office: 718-263-0907

RCIA Office:

718-268-6251, ext. \*827

OLQM Charity Outreach: 718-268-6251, ext. \*843

#### **FIND US ONLINE**

www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: @OLQMChurch

YouTube (Sunday livestream): www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy: www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:15AM for the homebound and the sick. If you miss a livestream the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

# Marriage ... One Flesh, Given and Received

The Sunday before Valentine's Day is the annual observance of World Marriage Sunday. It is a time to reflect on the gift marriage is to the Catholic Church and the personal gift of self that spouses give to each other. We encourage the married couples of our parish to spend some dedicated time in prayer and reflection to build up your own marriage by participating in an at-home retreat. This year's theme brings attention to the one-flesh union of husband and wife. A **Virtual Marriage Retreat** guide with seven days of reflections and prayers is available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/marriage2023.

#### Contemplative Prayer Retreat

March 24–26 at Marianist Family Retreat Center (Cape May Point, NJ). All are welcomed, first-timers and those familiar with contemplative prayer. Weekend (Fri-Sun) retreat will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies, and daily Mass. Cost: \$150/person (single occupancy, unless married). For information and application, go to www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.





# Lent Begins February 22

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We acquire a penitential mood and give more to God (prayer), less to self (fasting), and more to others (almsgiving).

On **Ash Wednesday** (February 22), Masses will be celebrated and ashes distributed at 8 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at a 4 p.m. prayer service. Our four-page Lenten Calendar will be ready next Sunday. It explains the general practices for all Catholics and gives the dates and times for devotions in our church during the weeks of Lent and Holy Week, leading to the greatest Catholic season of the year: Easter!

To have a meaningful Lenten season, you might consider the following:

Contemplate the Sunday readings. Join the "Through the Word" bible study. It is an excellent and free program to get the most out of the Sunday readings. New sessions are held every Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom; past sessions are viewable on demand on YouTube (see p. 4 for details).

**Find ways to serve others**. Consider the generous giving of warm and clean clothes to those in need when the Saint Vincent de Paul donation truck visits on Sunday, March 5.

**Spend quiet time with the Lord.** Visit church any Thursday during Lent. Exposition is after 12:05 p.m. Mass, with Adoration all afternoon until Benediction at 7:30 p.m. OLQM is participating in a diocese-wide Lenten pilgrimage of faith with 40+ other churches and will host a special prayerful celebration of the Eucharistic Revival. Details on the date and time will be forthcoming.

**Contemplate the cross**. Jesus transformed the cross from a symbol of suffering and despair into a reminder of his love and triumph over sin and death. We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

#### Diocesan Vocation Events

**Bishop's Vocation Retreat Feb 24–26** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (Huntington, NY). For young men age 16+ discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Advance registration required. Contact cdost@diobrook.org.

Fraternitas for Middle School Boys meets at Cathedral Prep (56-25 92nd St, Elmhurst) on Saturdays Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 17. Pizza, sports, catechesis, sacraments. Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

Project Andrew for High Schoolers and Older arranges monthly Sunday evening gatherings at different parishes so young men can meet for prayer, dinner, conversation and learn about the priesthood. For schedule and details, go to brooklynpriests.org/get-involved/project-andrew.