

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
 Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (until further notice):

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, February 13

8 a.m. Edward Colon

12:05 p.m. Diane Sorbera

5 p.m. Martinez Lavardies

Sunday, February 14

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, February 15

8 a.m. Angela Mauro

12:05 p.m. Daniel T. McCarthy

Tuesday, February 16

8 a.m. Pat DeChristine [living]

12:05 p.m. Rafaela Robles

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Ashes distributed at these Mass and Prayer Service times only:

8 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

12:05 p.m. Sorsaia family

4 p.m. Prayer Service

7:30 p.m. That all have a grace-filled Lenten Season

Thursday, February 18

8 a.m. Frank Del Balso

12:05 p.m. Brenda Meyer

Friday, February 19

8 a.m. Alice Fernandes

12:05 p.m. Salvatore Grosso

Saturday, February 20

8 a.m. Arthur Straus [living]

12:05 p.m. Maurice and Rosa Vermersch

5 p.m. Dorothy Lee

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, Anna Jimenez, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 14

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, February 15

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

(rectory closed, regular Masses at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.)

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

Tuesday, February 16

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Ash Wednesday, February 17

LENT BEGINS

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Ashes distributed at these times only:

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

4 p.m. Prayer Service

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, February 18

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church:

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m., church: **Benediction**

Saturday, February 20

1 p.m., Zoom: Single Adults Group meeting

Weekday Masses: Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

The **Wine and Hosts** and **Sanctuary Lamp**

are offered in loving memory of

Daniel T. McCarthy

—requested by *Veronica McCarthy*

Remember Our Deceased

Marco Colalella
Stephanie Feldman
Elias Kalimian



James Milione
Rev. Kevin J. O'Reilly
Maximiana Sequeira

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 Moïse, 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 Catholic Social Teaching

The Catechism on Interior Penance

"Purity of heart is what enables us to see." (Pope Benedict XVI)

REFLECT: "Jesus' call to conversion and penance ... does not aim first at outward works, 'sackcloth and ashes,' fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion. Without this, such penances remain sterile and false; however, interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance. Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace...."

"Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him.... God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him...."

"The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others.... Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults ... examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance."

ACT: Prepare for Lent by an examination of conscience.

LEARN: Read Pope Francis's meditation on examining one's conscience (available at <https://bit.ly/2Ju97tK>).

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Order of Mass Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #426—"All the Earth"

FIRST READING—Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I turn to you, Lord, in my 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

Missal #433—"Amazing Grace"

COMMUNION

Missal #323—"I Received the Living God"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #196—"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
at netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Major Repairs
- » Sunday, February 21, the second collection will be for grounds maintenance. There is also a catch-up envelope for your use.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our 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.



On Ash Wednesday (February 17), we offer services with the imposition of ashes at **8 a.m.**, **12:05 p.m.**, and **7:30 p.m.** (Eucharist and ashes) and at **4 p.m.** (prayer service). Ashes will be sprinkled on the crown of the head. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Lenten Programs at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 17

Ashes distributed at these times only:

*8 am, 12:05 pm, 7:30 pm (Masses)
4 pm (Prayer Service)*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

7:30 pm

Mary's Way of the Cross

Reflections on the last moments of Jesus' life
through the eyes of his mother

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Beginning February 18

Thursday devotions resume

*Exposition after 12:05 pm Mass until 7:30 pm,
with Benediction*

(Use church ramp entrance only)

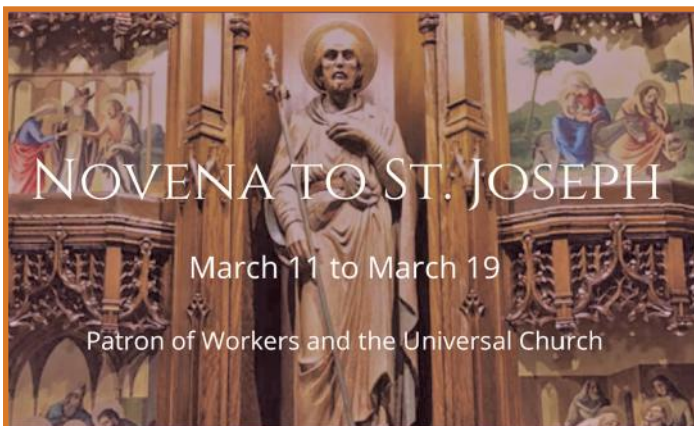
LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES

Sunday March 14 - 3 pm

Prayer Service with reflection by
Deacon Greg Kandra

Sunday March 21 - 3 pm

Prayer Service with reflection by
Mr. Joseph Terry



Lenten Advice

- Fast From criticism, Feast on praise
- Fast From self-pity, Feast on joy
- Fast From ill-temper, Feast on peace
- Fast From resentment, Feast on contentment
- Fast From jealousy, Feast on love
- Fast From pride, Feast on humility
- Fast From selfishness, Feast on service
- Fast From fear, Feast on Faith

SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we will have Mass posted on our website. You can join in prayer and spiritual communion at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. The Sunday Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

Faith Sharing on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.**

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11 a.m. The Sunday morning group is currently discussing St. John’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8 p.m. This Catholic bible study draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

Single Adults Group News

At a time when we’re mostly staying home, why not join us for our monthly Zoom meeting? This month’s meeting is on **Saturday, February 20 at 1 p.m.** If you’d like to participate, email Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or leave a message on the group’s hotline at 718-361-3201, and login instructions will be sent to you. For those members who haven’t tried Zoom, Denise would still appreciate hearing from you by email or phone to see how you’re doing so we can *stay connected*. Newcomers are also welcome.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Arianna Louise Vassell

daughter of Nadia and Donovan Vassell, Jr.

Alexandra Rey Medvedeva

daughter of Samantha and Maxim Medvedev

Congratulations to the children, their parents, and godparents!

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrcia@gmail.com OR call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

Reciting the LORD’S PRAYER

=

2 minutes of hand washing!

BEWARE! Fake phishing emails are once again circulating that claim to be from Bishop Sanchez. DO NOT reply, and please be vigilant about any gmail or other messages you receive from clergy asking you to reply immediately or take any other action. To contact our pastor, use this email, pastorolqm@aol.com, or telephone the rectory.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Feb 7
Candle Offerings	544.00
1st Collection	3,249.00
2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>)	968.00
<u>In Church Subtotal</u>	<u>4,761.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,886.00
Catch-up Envelope	490.00
Parish Giving Online	5,833.36
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>13,970.36</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,279.64)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. 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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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of the grieving process and point toward healing. Meetings are typically the first and third Mondays of the month and are being held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Zoom meetings are scheduled for **March 1 & 15**. All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Please contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.



Futures in Education
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education

2021–2022 Tuition Assistance Available

Financial aid is available for eligible students in grades K-8.

ELIGIBILITY: Your child(ren) must already be registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need by submitting required documentation (proof of income for 2020; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarship awards are assessed on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. Families are required to pay a minimum of 25% of the tuition rate and must be up-to-date with their tuition.

TO APPLY: Go to www.futuresineducation.org

From the main menu, click Scholarships and then Apply. There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2021, for new families

Questions? Email scholarships@futuresineducation.org or call 718-965-7340.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry (70-01 Kessel St.) is open Saturdays, 10–11 a.m. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. OLM always needs food to restock its shelves. If you would like to lend support, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or ddobbins@diobrook.org.



Online Retreats

For anyone who'd like to sign up for an online gathering to pray with other Catholics, we have the following recommendations:

National Catholic Men's Conference (NCMC)

February 19–21 | Drill down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as fathers, husbands, sons, and disciples. A free weekend pass is available for this virtual event, but you must register in advance. go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021Registration

National Catholic Women's Conference (NCWC)

March 12–14 | Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as a mother, spouse, professional, and friend. This virtual event is free, but you must register: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021Registration.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Retreats

Explore, encounter, and engage a 450-year-old tradition that is Ignatian spirituality. A weekly hour-long Zoom prayer session is available. Visit trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality.

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

The 2021 retreat season theme is "Lord, it is good for us to be here." (Mt. 17:4). Upcoming online retreats are scheduled for April and July; fee \$100. For more information, visit holynameretreatcenter.com.



Car Donations for Charity

The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn—also known as St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)—will give back **\$75/\$200** to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for each donated car, truck, or van (any condition, running or not). If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor have an old or neglected vehicle to dispose of, please call SVDP. The number is **718-491-2525**. Free towing is available. Thank you for your participation. Visit SVDPAuto-BrooklynQueens.org for more information.