

February 15, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

FEBRUARY 18, 2026
LENT BEGINS

Ash Wednesday

Mass with the distribution of ashes at

8:05 am, 12:05 pm, 7:30 pm

Prayer service with ashes:

4:00 pm

"Rend your heart, not your garments,
and return to the Lord" (Joel 2:13)

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**

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, February 14

Saints Cyril and Methodius
12:05 p.m. Luisa Castillo Casapao
5 p.m. Mary Ann Pace

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

8:05 a.m. Maria Eliza Manlutac
12:05 p.m. Virgelina Villanueva

Tuesday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:05 a.m. Manuel and Flavia Ancheta [living]
12:05 p.m. Allan H. Davila

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at these Mass and Prayer Service times:

8:05 a.m. Dominique LoPuzzo
12:05 p.m. Benjamin and Rebecca Sacks
4 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
7:30 p.m. Monica Senicar

Thursday, February 19

8:05 a.m. Austine E. Olson
12:05 p.m. Margarita Muñoz

Friday, February 20

8:05 a.m. Guidelia Santana
12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Saturday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian
12:05 p.m. Dorothy Lee
5 p.m. Laura Morales [living]

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, Alicia Cardenas, Rob Champion, Carl Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Guttierrez, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 15

At All Masses (after the homily): Tower of Faith Presentation on Parish Youth Involvement

Monday, February 16

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Rectory closed for the federal holiday

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

Tuesday, February 17

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 18

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



Day of Fasting and Abstinence
See facing page for times for services.

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 19

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

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 p.m. **Benediction**

Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21

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

The **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered
in loving memory of
Ronald Morgan
—requested by Marie Morgan

Remember Our Deceased

Herminda Paez
John Cornell
Albert Munday

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

God Is Love

Twenty years ago, Pope Benedict's encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* was published. It is a passionate plea for love—true Christian charity, the kind that takes our faith back to its very roots. The encyclical is about pouring out one's life for another—giving body and spirit and soul to another child of God, for that very act leads us closer to Him, who is love. God is love. Yes. *Deus Caritas Est*.

Benedict spent considerable time and energy writing about how we are to enact that love and bring it to the wider world. He takes the grand view of history and the grand view of the Church. Instead of engaging in quibbles and quarrels about liturgy or theology—which is what many people at the time expected from the man some called the Enforcer—he stood on a hill and surveyed the landscape. What was missing? Love. (As the song says: What the world needs now is love, sweet love.)

The Gospel is clear. Love one another. It seems so simple—and yet it is so hard.

To take Benedict's teaching to heart, we need to love everyone. Let us ask for divine guidance. Let us strive to give of ourselves. Let us seek to be understood—and to understand.

Let us love.



The Season of Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 18

Mass with distribution of ashes at
8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Prayer service with ashes: 4 p.m.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday, Adoration begins 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

PLEASE TAKE HOME A LENTEN CALENDAR

Order of Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #730—“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

Missal #838—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

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

OFFERTORY

“With a Voice of Singing” (*M. Shaw*)—*Choir*
Missal #511—“Your Words Are Spirit and Life”

COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Casciolini*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation

Missal #345—“Gifts of Finest Wheat”

CLOSING

Missal #191—“Alleluia! Alleluia”

ALLELUIA!

This last Sunday before the start of the Lenten season is called Alleluia Sunday. After today, we will pause this joyful exclamation to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Our song of Alleluia will return at the Easter Vigil, when we celebrate His Resurrection.

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will help with snow removal costs. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of our Catholic Academy building.
- » February 22, the second collection will be for maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for Black and Indian Home Missions.
- » 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.

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). **No meeting this Sunday.**

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

	Feb 8
Candle Offerings	\$ 4,169.00
1st Collection	6,510.08
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	2,273.08
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>\$12,952.16</u>
Online Giving	5,352.00
Mail In	5,973.08
TOTAL	\$24,277.24
Weekly Income Needed**	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(222.76)

** 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.

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.



Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. The season of Lent is our preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a time of prayer, self-denial, fasting, and sacrifice, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the desert.

Ash Wednesday (February 18) and **Good Friday** (April 3) are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics ages 18 to 59. On a fast day, limit yourself to one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day, with no eating between meals.

Abstinence is observed by all who are 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

Remember as well that 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** (which is next week) and **Trinity Sunday** (May 31 this year).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 20 and every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

Tower of Faith Presentations

All this month, we are welcoming guest speakers at Mass to highlight the three key objectives of our parish campaign and invite each of us to reflect on how we can play a part in its success.

Today, **David James** will share how and why engaging and supporting "Youth Involvement" is essential to the future of our parish—and how your support will help bring this objective to life.

Then, at the Masses on **February 21 and 22**, **Kevin Kane** will explain how the "Annual Catholic Appeal" is integrated into this initiative (*presentation after the announcements*).

We also encourage you to watch the short video we prepared. You can watch it on our church YouTube channel (youtube.com/olqmstewardship) and the church website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/TowerOfFaith

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.

Please Continue to Recite This 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.



Gifts from Bethlehem: Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land Weekend February 28 and March 1

A group from the Holy Land will be with us later this month offering olivewood religious items made by Christian families in Bethlehem. These items will be available for purchase in the church vestibule before and after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on February 28 and each of the Sunday Masses on March 1. During the Lenten season of prayer and spiritual renewal, this visit presents a meaningful opportunity for us to support fellow Christians in the land where Jesus prepared for His public ministry.

Many families in Bethlehem's Christian community depend on the crafts trade for their livelihood. The sharp decline in tourism because of war in the region has caused great hardship. We hope you will support them by purchasing one of their faith-inspired items, both as an act of solidarity and as a tangible reminder of the Holy Land for your home.

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Confirmation Preparation Classes for Adults Begin on Ash Wednesday


Classes are for those 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. Classes will be held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.** in our rectory meeting room, **beginning February 18**. Classes continue until the Conferral of Confirmation on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24**. Questions? Please 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.

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 are at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Questions? Email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

New Bible Study: Living Between Heaven and Earth

The “Through the Word” group is exploring what it means to live faithfully between promise and fulfillment, heaven and earth, time and eternity. Drawing from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the sessions reflect on how God forms us to listen, trust, abide, and hope in the midst of everyday life. Meetings are every first and fourth Monday of each month, **from February through the end of June**, and open to all—no prior experience or preparation required. **All meetings begin at 7 p.m.** and are held via Zoom. Go to Join.Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID 88429100717.



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Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026
8:30 AM—4:00 PM
Catholic Mass follows

Our Lady of Grace RC Church
100-05-159th Avenue
Howard Beach, NY 11414

Community Room
Our Lady of Grace Rectory Basement

\$75 per couple
mail check payable to **WWME**
82 Toomey Road ~ West Islip, NY 11795
Contact: Chuck & MaryJane Young
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Apply by Feb. 24, 2026

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, & materials

Visit www.WWME.org

“Bridge to Life” Gala: Saturday, March 21 @ 12 p.m. at Leonard’s Palazzo, Great Neck (555 Northern Blvd). Music, dancing, raffles, 50/50. All proceeds support the Bridge’s commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of mothers, babies, and families in need. Among this year’s honorees are Monsignor Sean Ogle; DeSales Media; Rev. Father Krystian Piasta; and others. Early-bird tickets are \$125 (available until February 28); individual tickets: \$150 (starting March 1). **RSVP by March 7** to events@thebridgetolife.org or call 718-463-1810. For more information, visit www.thebridgetolife.org.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs + Hallow

We are partnering with Hallow, the popular Catholic **prayer and meditation app** for those wanting to deepen their prayer life, grow closer to God, and find daily moments of peace. **All parishioners are invited to join our parish page.** There, you can create a profile, share prayer intentions, and participate in prayer challenges together.

Already on Hallow? Visit the Church tab in the app to find our parish (search by parish ZIP code) and create your profile. *New to Hallow?* Scan the QR code to join our parish page and follow the prompts. You’ll be offered a special trial with access to premium content. To use the **free version, simply hit Skip** and you’ll still have full access to our parish page and all of our parish content.

If you have questions, email David James at youth@olqmchurch.org.



Join OLMQ on Hallow