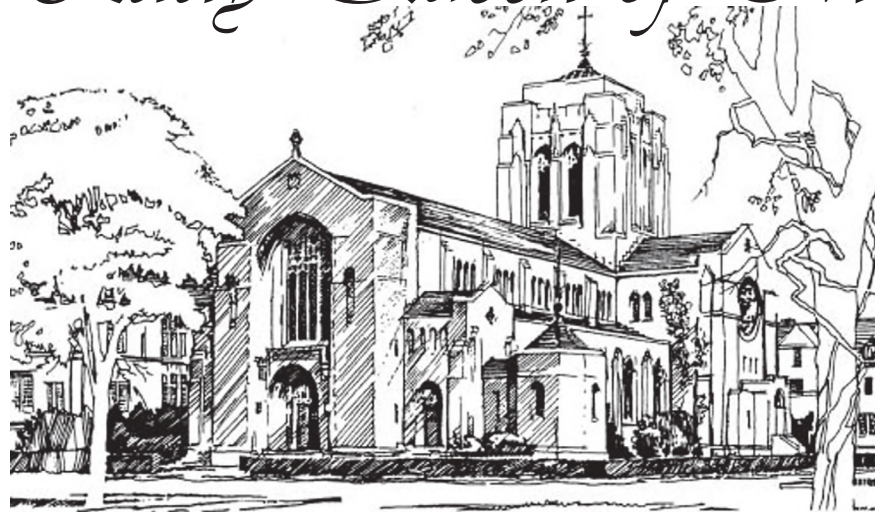


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

WEEKDAY MASSES
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: Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA
First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance,
prior to the proposed wedding date.



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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 15

8 a.m. Michael Mancino
12:05 p.m. Jan Decowski
5 p.m. Martin Tuohey

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8 a.m. Serafin C. Fule
12:05 p.m. Nancy Blossom Porter

Tuesday, February 18

8 a.m. Blanca Barreto
12:05 p.m. Maria Milagro Osorio

Wednesday, February 19

8 a.m. Michael Mancino family
12:05 p.m. Michael F. Mancino

Thursday, February 20

8 a.m. Arturo Taborga Cira Martinez
12:05 p.m. Armando and Casta Redondo
Maria Buenrostro, Jorge Garcia (Sr. and Jr.),
Kimberly and Tatiana Garcia [living]

Friday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian
8 a.m. Camille Lepore
12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the D'Sa family

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8 a.m. Msgr. Martin G. Guballa
12:05 p.m. Maurice and Rosa Vermersch
5 p.m. Ramiro del Castillo

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, MaryAnn Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Anthony Frankel, Alice Fromer, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Sean Harrison, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Migdalia Leon, Maria Leon Santiago, James Lung, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Grace Plank, Bonnie Post, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Soriente, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

ABOUT OUR SICK LIST: Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 16

10 a.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):
Bible Study Group

Monday, February 17

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Rectory closed for holiday
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3:45–5 p.m., levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class
7–8:15 p.m., levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

Thursday, February 20

10:15 a.m., nursing home: Forest View Nursing Home Mass
After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church: **Benediction**
(Evening devotions resume in February 27)

Friday, February 21

7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road):
Charismatic Prayer Group meeting
Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

Lenten Almsgiving

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation truck visits our parish Sunday, March 1st from 9 a.m. to noon.

The **Wine and Hosts and Sanctuary Lamp** are offered in loving memory of **Donald F. Gildea**—requested by his wife

Remember Our Deceased

Victoria Cupi
Juan Mendez
Rev. Joseph Cestaro



Rev. Giorgio Ferrara
Rev. Paul A. Wood
Rev. Matthew J. Diamond

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 Moise, 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

U.S. Catholic Bishops on the Dignity of Human Life

From the OLQM Social Action Committee

At the center of all Catholic social teaching are the transcendence of God and the dignity of the human person. The human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world; all of the Church's work in pursuit of both justice and peace is designed to protect and promote the dignity of every person. For each person not only reflects God, but is the expression of God's creative work and the meaning of Christ's redemptive ministry. (The Challenge of Peace, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1983, #15)

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them care of rectoryolqm@aol.com. You are welcome to join us in the rectory at our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced here and from the pulpit. Links to important documents and useful videos are available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for "action alerts" from the New York State Catholic Conference at www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Lent Begins February 26 : Ash Wednesday

Lent is a six-week period of penance before Easter. Ashes will be distributed at the following times on Wednesday, February 26:

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

Ashes and Communion.

4 p.m. Prayer Service. Ashes only.

Next Sunday we will have copies of our 2020 Lenten Season calendar available in church.

"It is loyalty to do His will."

Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Order of Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #558—"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: *Missal pg. 72*—Sirach 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pg. 72*

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 73—1 Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL: *Missal pgs. 73-74*—Matthew 5:17-37

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"With a Voice of Singing" (*M. Shaw*)—*Choir*
Missal #523—"Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning"

COMMUNION

"Panis Angelicus" (*C. Casciolini*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #592—"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #596—"Thanks Be to God"

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for snow removal.
- » Sunday, February 23, the second collection will be for the Easter Holiday church cleaning.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.



**New York State
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Help Maintain the Ban on Surrogacy

Governor Andrew Cuomo has included language in his state budget proposal to repeal New York's ban on surrogate motherhood for profit. He is committed to undoing the ban, which was signed into law by his father, calling it "antiquated" and "based in fear." His budget language would enable the buying and selling of children and the exploitation of women for their eggs and their wombs. Please urge your elected officials to remove this language from the budget and to oppose any other legislation to legalize commercial surrogacy. Take action!

Go to www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/. Enter your name, email, and address. Select your diocese. Use the Compose Your Message form, which has a pre-written email to be delivered to your state senator and state assembly member. To complete, click Send Message.



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2020–2021 Tuition Assistance from Futures in Education

Financial aid is available for eligible students in grade K–8 who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic school or academy. To be considered, families must meet financial eligibility requirements and be **registered/enrolled** for the 2020–2021 school year. No consideration will be given for a family that has not completed the enrollment process. Only completed financial aid applications will be considered.

APPLY ONLINE:

Go to www.FuturesinEducation.org.

From main menu, click **Scholarships** then **Apply**. There is a \$35 non-refundable application processing fee.

DEADLINES

March 31: Families who received an award last academic year

April 30: New Families

QUESTIONS? Applicant support is available. Call 866-441-4637, M-Th 8:30AM to 8PM, F 8:30AM to 6PM. Or email info@factstuitionaid.com.

ALERT: Fake Emails from Bishop Sanchez

Fake phishing emails are once again circulating that claim to be from Bishop Sanchez. DON'T reply and please be vigilant about any emails you receive from clergy asking you to reply immediately or take any other action. To contact our pastor, email pastorolqm@aol.com or call the rectory.

Bereavement Support Is Available

Our support group offers help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month, **7–9 p.m.**, in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming meetings are **March 2 & 16**. If attending for the first time, an RSVP is required. Call the rectory at 718-268-6251 or email Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Recommended Viewing on Our Website

Four new videos, produced by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, are meant to help inform us about faithful citizenship and discerning where political candidates stand on important issues. Videos cover Catholic participation in public life, protection of human life and dignity, promotion of the common good, and loving our neighbors.

OLQM Catholic Academy Registration for New Families for 2020-2021 School Year

Evening hours:
March 3 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Morning hours:
March 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Student Honors

ST. AGNES ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL informs us of students from our parish who have attained academic excellence. Congratulations for honors earned to . . .

Grace Sonnenberg – First Honors

Student Contest — ‘Art Against Hate’

The 112th Precinct Community Council is having an art contest for students of all ages who live in or go to school in Forest Hills and Rego Park. Each entry should include the student's name, grade, and contact information. Art entries can be dropped off at the 112th Precinct (68-40 Austin Street). **Deadline is February 28**. Winners and prizes will be announced at a Celebrate Diversity Dinner on April 30.

Taste of the World
OLQM International
Food Festival
 For information, call (718) 268-6251
 Sunday, March 8, 2020 in McLaughlin Hall

SAVE THE DATE!
9TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE WORLD
Tickets available in the church rectory during business hours this week or buy a ticket after today's Mass in the church vestibule.
Tickets \$35
 (save \$5 if you buy before March 8)
Children \$10
Ask about our Taste for the World-related raffle tickets too! Raffle sales benefit the church!
\$30 per ticket /Grand prize \$1500

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage with the Charismatic Prayer Group | Sunday, April 19 - Reserve a Seat Early!



Bus departs 7 a.m. (sharp) from in front of our church for the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. **Cost: \$50/person.** Tickets are first come, first serve. Reserve your seat now, invite a friend along, and wear good walking shoes! For tickets or questions, call any one of these prayer group members:
 Cely De Borja: 718-255-1654 or 347-743-2304; Cecile Mendoza: 347-453-4147; Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897; Marlyn Pagmanua: 347-791-4398

IF YOU HAVE NEED ...
Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Team serves our Queens neighborhoods and offers supportive services in the privacy of your home. These services include counseling, connecting you to community-based home care, and legal and mental health services for individuals age 5 and older. Call 718-456-7001.

Spiritual Highlights of Italy with Papal Audience May 26 to June 3. Rome, Castel Gandolfo, Pietrelcina-San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Lancia, Loretto, Assisi, Cascia. Mass daily. Land prices begin at \$1499/person, double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400/person to reserve your space. Contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT
Weekly Collections

	Feb 2
Candle Offerings	1,104.00
1st Collection	9,462.00
2nd Collection <i>(fuel)</i>	3,753.00
Online Parish Giving	1,410.00
Mail In	350.00
TOTAL	16,079.00
Weekly Income Needs ¹	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,171.00)

¹ Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Weekly 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.

Contact Us

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Collection figures for February 9 will be reported next time.

Deanery Corner

A place for news & events at nearby parishes

Getting to Know Mother Cabrini, Sunday March 1st, 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel Street). Coffee and conversation with Sister Lucille Souza, MSC. Come and learn about this extraordinary saint. Elevator access. Questions? Call AnnaMarie Pinto: 917-416-7012.

Anointing of the Sick Mass, Saturday, March 14th, 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church (61-27 71st St., Middle Village). Light refreshments afterward in the school cafeteria, provided by the OLH Senior Goal Group. For more information, call 718-429-5438.

Feel Great, Look Great Exercise Classes, Wednesdays, 8:30–9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy (70-01 Kessel Street). Low-impact, gentle movements for your muscles and joints. \$2/session. For all ages! Highly recommended; but call 718-268-6143 in advance in case of schedule changes.

Vendors Wanted: American Martyrs Garage Sale for Catholic War Veterans. Call Theresa at 718-428-5308 or email Jovie Chorzepa at vetsgaragesale@yahoo.com. Vendor contracts and payment due March 3; the Garage Sale will be Sunday, April 26. American Martyrs Church is located at 79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Several of our parishioners volunteer at two local food pantries. One pantry operates weekly on Saturday mornings out of **Our Lady of Mercy Church** on Kessel Street. If you're interested in helping there, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or ddobbins@diobrook.org. The other pantry operates monthly out of **Queens Community House** (108-25 62nd Drive) on the last Wednesday of every month. There are two shifts: setup from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., food distribution from 6 p.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. If interested in volunteering at QCH's pantry, please leave your name, phone number, and email with us so that our parish coordinator can contact you. You can use this tear-out form and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your help.—BISHOP SANCHEZ

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Catholic Charities and the U.S. Census

Census Day 2020 is April 1

Every 10 years, the U.S. government counts every person living in the United States regardless of their immigration status. Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens (CCBQ) is working with the NYC Census to make sure everyone is accurately represented and our boroughs can receive the financial benefits we deserve for local **healthcare, housing, education, transportation, employment**, and other human services and programs. Check your mail between March 12 and March 20 for an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census. The questions pertain to household size, familial relationship of household members, whether you rent or own your home, and demographics (e.g., sex, age, race, ethnicity). The Census will NOT ask about social security numbers, politics, bank/credit card information, and it will NOT ask for money.

CCBQ Hiring Census Workers

Want to help with Catholic Charities' census outreach? CCBQ is currently hiring Census Outreach Captains and Outreach Workers. These jobs entail work with internal and external partners, including parishioners and community members in hard-to-count neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Queens.

Requirements: an Associates Degree in Human Services or related field; must have access to a car and a valid driver's license and be able to use public transportation, climb stairs, and lift/carry all necessary materials for workshops to site locations. Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, and Outlook) needed; bilingual Spanish preferred.

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Women's Spirituality Retreat

April 3–5, Marist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. A weekend of rest and renewal in an exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, beach walks, socials included. Cost \$140/person, double occupancy. Call the Cape May Marionists, 609-884-3829.

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