

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

# 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.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC  
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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



**JOIN THE PARISH**

Scan for parish registration  
information and form

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**

11:15 a.m.  
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 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

**RCIA Rite of Sending**

Sunday, February 18

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners

of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Monday, February 19

8:05 a.m. Eliza Manlutac

12:05 p.m. Kathleen M. Harrington

Tuesday, February 20

8:05 a.m. Margarita Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Wednesday, February 21

**Saint Peter Damian**

8:05 a.m. Dorothy Lee

12:05 p.m. Arturo Vribe

Thursday, February 22

**The Chair of Saint Peter**

8:05 a.m. Priscillo "Tatang" Talusan

12:05 p.m. Vincente B. Taylan

Friday, February 23

**Saint Polycarp**

8:05 a.m. Gjon Martini

12:05 p.m. Maria Antonia Forero and

Jose Miguel Fernandez

Saturday, February 24

8:05 a.m. Jose Lago

12:05 p.m. Renato Ilawan

5 p.m. Edward Wronski

## 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, James Monforte, 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, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Sandra Zalbe, Anne Zuschlag—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**



Rectory offices closed for the federal holiday

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

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

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

Wednesday, February 21

**Religious Education Mid-Winter Recess**

*Classes resume Wednesday, February 28*

7:45–9 p.m. *Zoom:* **Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

Thursday, February 22

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 23

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

Saturday, February 24

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

Next Weekend

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew Commitment

**The Wine and Hosts**

are offered in loving memory of

**Austine E. Olson**

—requested by William Soderberg

## Remember Our Deceased

Sylvia Clark  
Teresa DiFiore  
Carol Ann Gibson



Elsa Payumo  
Annabelle Resitano  
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.**

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### The Malice of Sin, Part I

*"Sin directs the heart of the wicked man; his eyes are closed to the fear of God. For he lives with the delusion: his guilt will not be known and hated." (Psalm 36: 2-3)*

**REFLECT:** Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange warns that "only the saints could tell us all the evil that a deliberate venial sin contains.... The smallest venial sin is a greater evil than all sufferings, all disgraces, all ruins, and all purely physical evils." St. Theresa of Avila echoes this when she writes of the "malice" of intentional sin. "It is as though one were to say: 'Lord, although this displeases Thee, I shall do it. I know that Thou seest it and I know that Thou wouldst not have me do it; but, though I understand this, I would rather follow my own whim and desire than Thy will.' If we commit a sin in this way, however slight, it seems to me that our offence is not small but very, very great."

"To penetrate more fully the seriousness of venial sin," writes Lagrange, "especially if it is deliberate, we must consider its consequences. 'In the very instant in which it is committed, venial sin deprives the soul of a precious grace. In that instant, grace was offered us to make progress in perfection, to be charitable, to be fervent.... If we had corresponded, our merit would have increased... we would have contemplated God more intensely, we would have loved Him more. Now this grace has been lost by our [selfishness]...."

"Considering that God has deigned with infinite goodness to show us the way that leads to happiness, are we not foolish if we refuse to follow?... Yet, we say, not with words but with deeds: 'Lord, I don't want the sanctity You offer me, I don't want habitual union with Christ. Let me live in mediocrity... it is better for me.'"

But no, let us pray with St. Theresa, "From any sin, however small, committed with full knowledge, may God deliver us."

**LEARN:** Read Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange's Last Writings, available online at <http://tinyurl.com/ysuu2bvc>. Read St. Theresa of Avila's The Way of Perfection, available online at <http://tinyurl.com/2p8n8r6n>.

**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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## Order of Mass

### First Sunday in Lent

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

Missal #128—"Led by the Spirit"

**MASS PARTS:** *Vermulst*

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant*

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

#### GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"Turn Thy Face from My Sins" (*A. Sullivan*)—Choir  
Missal #465—"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

#### COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (*C. Saint-Saëns*)—Choir  
Organ Meditation  
Missal #441—"On Eagle's Wings"

#### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #739—"Lead Me, Lord"

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's special collection is for Black & Indian Home Missions. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the school building that houses OIQM Catholic Academy.
- » February 25, the second collection is for Easter music and liturgy.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.

**NO FLOWERS DURING LENT:** Please refrain from leaving flowers in the church and on the altars during Lent. Flowers as symbols of joy are not appropriate during this solemn season. The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also called "Laetare Sunday" (Rejoice) is the one day in Lent that flowers will appear on the altar, as we take a moment to look forward, with hope, to Easter.





## LENTEN REGULATIONS

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

**Fasting:** All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are obligated to fast on **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.



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2024**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

## During Masses Next Sunday: Commitment Weekend

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway! We ask for your help, as parishioners, friends, and Catholics, to spread the light of Christ to our city and neighbors. The work you support with a donation to the Appeal goes beyond the abilities of any one parish while benefiting the faithful in all parishes in Brooklyn and Queens, including ours. Our parish goal for 2024 is the same: to raise \$114,568 for the Appeal. We were the top contributor in 2023. Let's do it again.

During next weekend's Sunday Masses, we will show a brief video and conduct a commitment weekend, asking for the support of all who are able. You may also make your gift online now at [annualcatholicappeal.org](https://annualcatholicappeal.org) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255 or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home. Thank you.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://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).

## 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 [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## A Word from Our Pastor

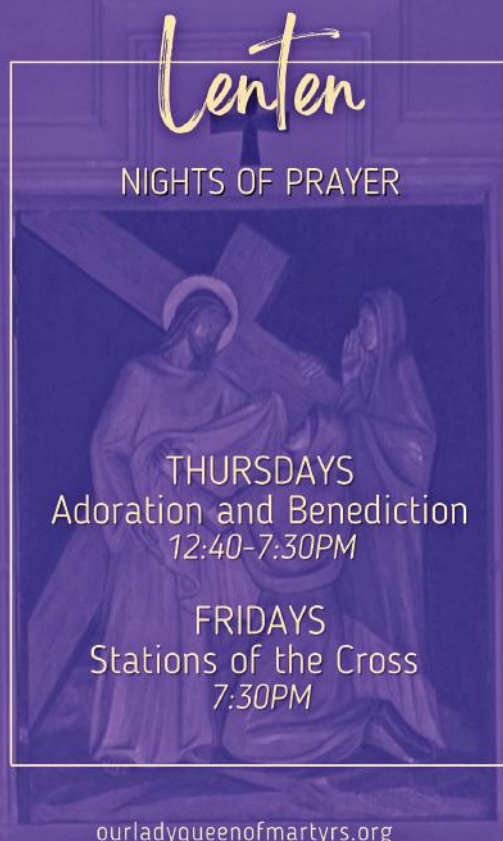
On Saturday, February 24th, I will celebrate the 45th anniversary of my ordination in 1979. I have nothing but heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and unwavering support throughout these years.

With your continued prayers, let's all encourage and uplift vocations together. God Bless!

—Father Passenant

## Ideas for Lent

- \* Set aside dedicated time for daily prayer.
- \* Choose vegetarian meals on Fridays as a form of sacrifice.
- \* Contribute to charitable causes or volunteer to support those in need.
- \* Select spiritual books or devotions on Catholic teachings.
- \* Match your purchases. You could give up unnecessary purchases for Lent; alternatively, take the amount you spend on them and donate the equivalent amount to charity.
- \* Download the 2024 Diocese of Brooklyn Lenten Pilgrimage app and take part in 40 days of spiritual renewal. The app is available in Google Play and the Apple App Store. Read more at [Lent.DioceseofBrooklyn.org/](https://Lent.DioceseofBrooklyn.org/).



## Want more parish communications?

Follow us on social media. Our handle is @OLQMChurch on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter).

## Black & Indian Home Missions

Today's special collection will be taken for evangelization programs in small mission churches in the Deep South, for Catholics served by a native deacon in Alaska, and Native American parishes in New Mexico. Spreading the Gospel in these far-flung places could not happen without your support. Please give generously, to the extent possible, to aid these ministries during the Lenten season.

### —Weekly Collections—

The collection figures for February 11 were not available in time for the close of week's bulletin. They will appear in a future bulletin.

### 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](https://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](https://www.olqmca.org)

LIVESTREAM MASS  
Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](https://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

### Summer Work Program for 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.

### Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Program

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens, along with the NYC Department of Aging, offer a weekly caregiver support group, open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Located in Flushing, with door-to-door transportation available. For more information, call 718-358-3541.

### Big City Catholics Podcast

Tune in every Friday as Bishop Brennan discusses his travels throughout the diocese, shares stories of his episcopal ministry, and explores questions of faith that affect our everyday lives. Listen on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or at [podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org).

### 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 interested in helping there, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at 718-268-6143 or [ddobbins@diobrook.org](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org). The other pantry operates out of **Queens Community House** (108-25 62nd Drive) on Wednesdays. Volunteer shift is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; the pantry opens its doors at 5 p.m. to start handing out food to those in need. If interested in volunteering at QCH's pantry, please leave your name, phone number, and email and our parish coordinator will contact you. You can use this tear-out form and drop it in the collection basket, or call the OLQM rectory during the week. Thank you for your help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Reconnect to Your Faith

Thomas Berry Place, a Passionist ministry on the grounds of the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates, extends an invitation to all to attend their thought-provoking lecture and dinner series or enriching retreats and to reconnect with your faith:

**Dinners with Passion series** explores pertinent justice topics such as the immigration/migrant crisis, environmental concerns, and global issues of significance. Dinner evenings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 25. Cost is \$35, which includes wine and cheese, dinner, an engaging presentation, and opportunities for dialogue and feedback.

**Men's Lenten Retreat. Fri-Sat, March 1-2.** Presented by Fr. Victor Hoagland CP. "Make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge" (2 Peter 1:5). Explore these ideas to be more effective as a man, a son, a parent, a parishioner, a human being! Retreat begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and concludes with Mass at 4 p.m. Offering: \$175.

**Holy Week Retreat. March 28-30.** Begins with dinner on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 5 p.m.; silent retreat time for prayer and personal reflection from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is also a breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31. Cost: \$375 per person. Registration is required by March 8.

To reserve your place in any of these programs, including the Dinners with Passion series and the retreat experiences, call 929-357-6700, ext. 205. Thomas Berry Place is located at 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard; [www.ThomasBerryPlace.org](http://www.ThomasBerryPlace.org).

### Deanery Corner

*A place for news & events at nearby parishes*

**Radio Bingo! Sat. March 9 @ 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Gym** (parking lot, Eliot Ave & 72nd St). It's where bingo meets "Name That Tune" with favorite songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s! DJ entertainment, prizes and raffles! Cost: \$35/person. Must be 21 and over. Includes Bingo games, beer, wine, soda, snacks (feel free to BYO food for your table). Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578 and Our Lady of Hope Holy Name Society. Reserve your tickets today! Contact Anthony Zalac at 646-354-0743/[tony2819@aol.com](mailto:tony2819@aol.com) or Thomas McCabe at 718-779-2692/[tombren5@aol.com](mailto:tombren5@aol.com).

