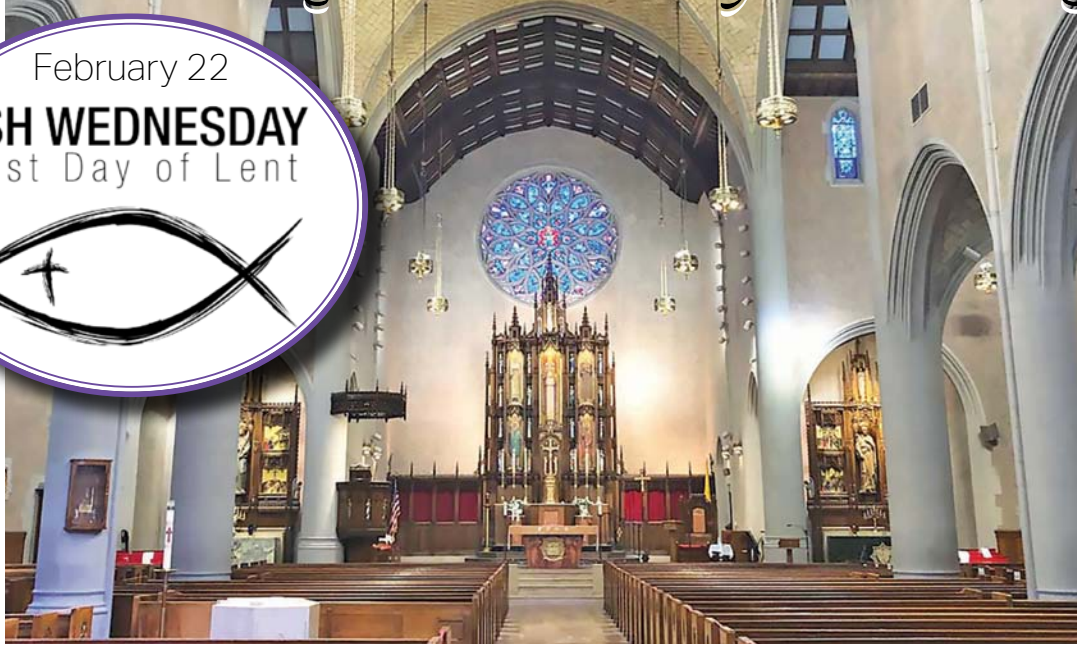


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

February 22
ASH WEDNESDAY
 First Day of Lent

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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
 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

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

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
 Mondays after 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

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



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 information and form

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 11:15 a.m.
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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 18

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Thomas MacBride
5 p.m. Karen Chesleigh

Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian
8 a.m. Willy Lao Uy
12:05 p.m. Dorothy Lee

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Ashes distributed at these Mass & Prayer Service times only.

8 a.m. George Buxter
12:05 p.m. Thomas Konchalski
4 p.m. Prayer Service
7:30 p.m. Anna Kocurkova

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp

8 a.m. Nemesio Rollo Bandiang
12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Friday, February 24

8 a.m. Sam Mansueto
12:05 p.m. Ignacio Calleja, Jr.

Saturday, February 25

8 a.m. Kenneth Lee Nuñez
12:05 p.m. Maureen Piatt Maraj
5 p.m. Dionicia M. Sotelo Rodriguez

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 19

ALLELUIA SUNDAY

10 a.m. *Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study*

Monday, February 20

★ **PRESIDENTS' DAY** ★

Rectory offices closed for the federal holiday.

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 21

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

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

Ash Wednesday, February 22

LENT BEGINS

(see schedule on facing page)

Religious Education

4 p.m. *Prayer Service Attendance*

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

Thursday, February 23

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 24

6:30–9 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall: MAYO Meeting*
(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)

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

Saturday, February 25

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

3 p.m. **WEDDING**

Jennifer Marin/John Michael Casem

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, Jacqueline 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

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.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for the week of February 12

was offered in loving memory of

Natividad Jumalon

—requested by *Leah Cruz*

Remember Our Deceased

Marie F. Gibson
Anna Kocurkova



John Pensabene
Caridad Villar

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.**

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching
Pope Benedict on Holiness

“Do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct.” (1 Peter 1: 14-15)

REFLECT: “Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy Spirit, we model our whole life on his....

“Holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full.... God has poured out his love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us; therefore the first and most necessary gift is charity, by which we love God above all things and our neighbor through love of him. But if charity, like a good seed, is to grow and fructify in the soul, each of the faithful must willingly hear the word of God and carry out his will with deeds, with the help of his grace. He must frequently receive the sacraments, chiefly the Eucharist, and take part in the holy liturgy; he must constantly apply himself to prayer, self-denial, active brotherly service and the exercise all the virtues....

“I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God’s heights; let us not be afraid that God will ask too much of us, but let ourselves be guided by his Word in every daily action, even when we feel poor, inadequate, sinners. It will be he who transforms us in accordance with his love.” (General Audience, 4/13/2011)

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict entire general audience of April 13, 2011, at <https://bit.ly/3ZKNR50>.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

First Day of Lent



Ashes will be distributed at the following times on Wednesday, February 22:

Masses at 8 AM & 12:05 PM
Prayer Service at 4 PM
Mass at 7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday is to be observed as a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means abstaining from meat.

Order of Mass

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #732—“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Missal #858—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“If a Man Love Me” (*J. Roff*)—*Choir*

Missal #486—“Christians, Let Us Love One Another”

COMMUNION

“Creation Will Be at Peace” (*A. Page*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #329—“I Am the Bread of Life”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #171—“Alleluia! Alleluia”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for church grounds maintenance.
- » February 26, the second collection is for the Easter Music & Liturgy.
- » At any time, use the blue 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.

All loose bills and change given in today’s second collection will be used for earthquake relief for Turkey and Syria.

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.



SCAN ME
for Catholic School
financial aid info

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 start the registration process, head to olqmca.org/how-to-apply

Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for honors earned at KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Honor Roll: **Addison Hamilton**



**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).

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.

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.

Lenten Calendar at OLQM

Take home the 2023 Lenten calendar, which you can find near the church doors. It explains the general practices for all Catholics over the 40 days of Lent, with dates and times for worship services in our church during Lent and Holy Week, leading to the greatest Catholic season of the year: Easter!

Thursday Evening Devotions

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday after 12:05 p.m. Mass, with Adoration all afternoon, concluding with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Friday Stations of the Cross

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion during Lent and a way of offering witness to Jesus' passion and death. We pray the stations every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, the Courageous Migrant

(Prayer Service at 4 p.m. on March 19)

We invite all to a Sunday Prayer Service and Benediction on St. Joseph's feast day to ask his intercession for migrants and refugees. A novena to St. Joseph will be prayed at Masses from March 11–19.

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage Day

(11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on March 21)

Join us and friends from nearby parishes for a day of Eucharistic Adoration. Day begins with confessions at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass, Holy Hour from 1–2 p.m., and concluding with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

A Message for Lent and the Eucharistic Revival

by Bishop Paul R. Sanchez

It gives me great joy to be able to welcome you during the beginning of this holy season of Lent, which we celebrate year after year in the Universal Church. In addition to being a season in which we grow closer to the Lord through prayer and almsgiving and fasting, it's also a season in which we pray for those who will receive the fullness of the sacraments at the fount of baptism and receive their confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. We pray for our catechumens and our candidates in a special way during this season.

This Lent of 2023 is made special for other reasons, too. The diocese will sponsor a Lenten pilgrimage, inviting people to go from church to church to pray during a year of Eucharistic revival. Our church will be open to receive those pilgrims on Tuesday, March 21st, beginning with the opportunity to go to confession in the morning at 11:30 a.m., to celebrate the Eucharist with us at noon, and then to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the rest of the day until 7:30 in the evening. The adoration of the Eucharist is—as one Benedictine friar called it—the Mass held in contemplation.

We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity on Tuesday, March 21st, to contemplate the Eucharist, and on

the Thursdays of Lent. We offer this opportunity not only during Lent but on Thursdays throughout the year as well, during our weekly Thursday devotions dedicated to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The bishops of our country are inviting us to spend this year in a type of Eucharistic revival—that is to say, contemplating the gift of the Eucharist, cherishing the gift of this sacrament, and seeking really to live this sacrament and to take advantage of its grace.

The Eucharistic revival is an invitation, if we have been away from the Mass, to come back to Mass and to share its riches, listen to God's Word, and celebrate with the people of God the great sacrifice and Eucharistic prayer. We encourage you to make this Lenten season special and to make the Eucharist a continued center of your spiritual life.

Join us Sunday after Sunday here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs; pray with us and deepen your understanding of the presence and the call of Christ in your heart. We pray that you may enjoy a blessed Lenten season. We join with you in prayer, and we rejoice with you in the many gifts that God gives his people. Amen.

Weekly Collections

	Feb 12
Candle Offerings	\$1,715.00
1st Collection	8,273.00
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	2,740.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>12,728.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,193.00
Mail In	3,918.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>21,839.00</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,311.00)

**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.*

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.

“FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA” SUNDAY

During today's Masses we will say goodbye to the word *Alleluia*, which we refrain from using during the penitential season of Lent. At Easter, we again sing Alleluia to praise Jesus' resurrection!

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www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

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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.



Contemplative Prayer Retreat

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

Lenten Retreats in the Diocese

Women’s Retreat Fri–Sun, Feb 24–26. Topic: “The Life-Changing Joy of Being Unoffendable.” \$100/person | “Life in the Spirit” Retreat Fri–Sun, Mar 10–12. \$100/person. | Men’s Retreat Fri–Sat, Mar 17–18. Topic: “Going from Overwhelmed to Fulfilled.” \$40/person. All three retreats are being held at the Spirit Retreat Center (62 Bay 47th St, Brooklyn), sponsored by Most Precious Blood Saints Simon & Jude parish. For more information and to reserve a room, call 718-372-8022 or visit MPB-SSJ.org.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Irish Night, Sat Mar 4 @ 6–11 p.m. @ St. Margaret’s Parish (66-05 79th Pl, Middle Village). \$70. Includes an Irish dinner (catered by Franks’ Deli of Maspeth), beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, dessert, entertainment by the Cunningham Brothers. For tickets and information, please contact Susan at 646-330-8451.

St. Patrick’s Day Dance, Sun Mar 12 @ 4–8 p.m. @ Resurrection Ascension Gym (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park). Irish food, drink, dancers, pipers, music, raffles, lots of fun. \$35/person, \$300 table of 10, children under 12 free. Call 718-424-5212 or email rarectory@gmail.com for reservations.

Radio Bingo, Sat Mar 11 @ 7 p.m. @ Our Lady of Hope Gym (parking lot Eliot Ave & 72nd St, Middle Village). Bingo meets “Name That Tune.” Must be 21 or older. \$35/person. Includes bingo games, beer, wine, soda, snacks. RSVP by March 4 to the OLH Holy Name Society: contact Anthony Zalak at 646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com or Thomas McCabe at 718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com.

Attention Music Lovers

Sedalia to Harlem: A Celebration of Black History through Song. Sat Feb 25 @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Church-in-the-Gardens. Maestro David Close and Musica Reginae Productions will host this concert of jazz, opera, and African American spiritual genres, tracing the rich tradition of Black music, art and culture in America. Jay Aubrey Jones, (baritone), one of our OLQM leaders of song, will be among the performers. Tickets available at the door (cash or credit card). \$20 adult/\$10 student/kids 12 and under free.

Free Speech & Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call **St. John’s University Speech & Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Tpk, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a free screening with a hearing professional. Through Apr 27. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Save the Dates: St. Vincent de Paul Truck

Make the St. Vincent de Paul Society the recipient of your almsgiving this Lent and all year. Four times a year, the St. Vincent de Paul clothing donation truck visits our parish to accept new and gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children. Drop-off donations will be accepted on these designated days and times only (all dates are Sundays, from 9 a.m. to noon): March 5, June 25, September 24, November 12.



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