

February 21, 2021- 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.

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

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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 20

8 a.m. Arthur Straus [living]

12:05 p.m. Maurice and Rosa Vermersch

5 p.m. Dorothy Lee

Sunday, February 21

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8 a.m. Bogdan Koscinski

12:05 p.m. Robert DeNapoli

Tuesday, February 23

Saint Polycarp

8 a.m. Helena and Andrew Straus

12:05 p.m. Baby Nicholas A. Ferrucci

Wednesday, February 24

8 a.m. Br. Silverster Liang

12:05 p.m. Jan Gregotowicz and Jozesa Kowalewska

Thursday, February 25

8 a.m. Helen Jelinek

12:05 p.m. Frances Capasso

Friday, February 26

8 a.m. William T. Clancy

12:05 p.m. Serafin C. Fule

Saturday, February 27

8 a.m. Rosemarie and Peter Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Irma Goray

5 p.m. Felice and Francesca Pacchiano

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, Mary Dillon, 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 21

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, February 25

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**

Friday, February 26

7:30 p.m., church: Stations of the Cross

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.

Remember Our Deceased

Marco Colalella
Josephine Ezeorah
Stephanie Feldman
Elias Kalimian
Tom Konchalski



James Milione
Rev. Kevin J. O'Reilly
Maximiana Sequeira
Paul Ndi Shei
Sadie Thompson

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 from Catholic Social Teaching Pope Benedict on Conversion

*Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel
(Liturgical Formula for Ash Wednesday)*

REFLECT: “Theology is based upon a new beginning in thought which is not the product of our own reflection but has its origin in the encounter with the Word which always precedes us. We call the act of this new beginning conversion.” (The Nature and Mission of Theology)

“The appeal to conversion lays bare and denounces the facile superficiality that all too often marks our lives. To repent [or convert] is to change direction in the journey of life: not, however, by means of a small adjustment, but with a true and proper about-turn. Conversion means swimming against the tide, where the ‘tide’ is the superficial lifestyle, inconsistent and deceptive, that often sweeps us long, overwhelms us and makes us slaves to evil or at any rate prisoners of moral mediocrity. With conversion, on the other hand, we are aiming for the high standard of Christian living, we entrust ourselves to the living and personal Gospel which is Jesus Christ....

“The ‘Repent and believe in the Gospel’ is not only at the beginning of Christian life but accompanies it throughout.... Every day is a favorable moment of grace because every day presses us to give ourselves to Jesus, to trust in him, to abide in him, to share his lifestyle, to learn true love from him, to follow him in the daily fulfilment of the Father’s will, the one great law of life.... ‘Humility is required to accept that I need Another to free me from ‘what is mine,’ to give me gratuitously ‘what is His.’ This happens especially in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.” (General Audience, February, 17, 2010)

ACT: Go to confession. Make a virtual zoom retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit (<https://bit.ly/3o0aZZc>).

LEARN: Read the USCCB’s pastoral exhortation and guide to confession, “God’s Gift of Forgiveness” (available at <https://bit.ly/35SwMvD>). Watch the YouTube video, “How to Live Lent This Year,” for three tips to deepen your relationship with God (<https://bit.ly/2KsVMIV>).

Order of Mass First Sunday in Lent Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #426—“All the Earth”

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

“Take Our Bread”

COMMUNION

Missal #437—“On Eagle’s Wings”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #728—“Lead Me, Lord”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online
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 grounds maintenance. There is also a catch-up envelope for your use.
- » Sunday, February 28, the second collection will be for Easter Music and Liturgy. There is also an envelope for Black and Indian Home Missions.
- » 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.

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

Fake phishing emails! Once again, fake emails are 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.



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 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](https://www.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. Visit holynameretreatcenter.com.

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Lenten Programs at OLQM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

February 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

Thursdays

After 12:05 pm Mass until Benediction at 7:30 pm

Use church ramp entrance only

GIVING OPPORTUNITY: CLOTHING DRIVE

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7

9 am to noon, *Sunday only*

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in front of the church accepting donations of new and gently used clothing for men, women, and children in need.

LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14

3 pm

Prayer Service with reflection by Deacon Greg Kandra

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21

3 pm

Prayer Service with reflection by Mr. Joseph Terry

Community News

NYPD 112 Precinct, Sector A, Build the Block Meeting: Tuesday, February 23 @ 6:30 p.m. Virtual on Zoom. Meet our Neighborhood Coordination Officers. Please RSVP to Daniel.Porcelli@nypd.org or Nicole.Atkinson@nypd.org for Zoom link information.

Black History Month: Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, February 28 @ 3 p.m. Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Brooklyn and televised live on NET TV. Black History Month recognizes past and present achievements. We'd like to take a moment to recognize the present and recent achievement of Amanda Gorman—American poet and activist, a Black Catholic and active parishioner of St. Brigid Church in Los Angeles, and the youngest poet ever to read at a U.S. presidential inauguration (President Joe Biden's).



THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns
proudly celebrates



Mass of Thanksgiving
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, February 28, 2021
3pm EST

Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
856 Pacific Street | Brooklyn, NY

CELEBRANT
Most. Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

SEATING WILL BE LIMITED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PARISH OFFICE
FOR ATTENDANCE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (718) 924-2549



WATCH LIVE ON NET TV
FIOS CHANNEL 48
OPTIMUM CHANNEL 30
SPECTRUM CHANNEL 97

ABOUT OUR SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every week, we offer Sunday Mass virtually, but our live-stream production process is evolving. During Christmas, we experimented with Facebook Live but discovered limitations in replaying the video on our website. We are now installing webcams in church that will allow us to do live-streaming through our YouTube channel. We intend to have the Sunday Mass viewed live weekly on our parish homepage at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org and remain accessible on demand during the week (click the link for the “Sunday Mass Webcast”). We are hopeful that this new setup will permit more of you to participate in Sunday prayer and spiritual communion with us. As we begin using a live-stream, we may need to make adjustments. Remember, this is an evolving process. Thank you for your patience.

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.

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.

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal: A Look Back in Thanks. . . and a Look Forward. The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) begins soon. We want to thank all those generous individuals who gave last year. The final reporting is in: Our parish ACA goal for 2020 was to raise \$109,112. A total of 340 donors pledged \$131,993. As of February 2, the total amount paid is \$128,278, exceeding our parish goal. Thank you.—*Bishop Sanchez and Fr. Passenant*

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Feb 14
Candle Offerings	441.00
1st Collection	6,142.00
2nd Collection (<i>Major Repairs</i>)	1,504.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (472 attending)</u>	<u>8,087.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	1,856.00
Parish Giving Online	4,108.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>14,051.00</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,199.00)

*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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Facebook and Instagram:
@OLQMChurch

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Q&A ABOUT LENT

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter, which this year is Sunday, April 4.

Why do we say that there are 40 days of Lent?

When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46 days. If Sundays are excluded from the count, the season lasts 40 days. The 40-day length of Lent is rooted in the biblical significance of the number 40. In the New Testament, 40 days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep, or pigs—all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, chicken broth and soups cooked or flavored with meat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians traditionally teach that we should abstain from all animal-derived products except foods such as butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste. Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish and shellfish are permitted.

What exactly are the rules for fasting?

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means that Catholics ages 18 to 59 can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. Common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

What is almsgiving?

Almsgiving means donating money or goods to the poor and performing acts of charity. Just as Lent asks more of our prayer, it also asks more of our generosity. We are called not only to fast and abstain from luxuries during Lent; we are called to an inner conversion of heart to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need and reach out and help them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

Source: Adapted from USCCB Catholic Currents

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:30 P.M.

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.



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.

