

February 23, 2025 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
has been designated a
Shrine Church for this Jubilee Year
by Bishop Robert Brennan



*Join the Lenten and Jubilee pilgrimage during this
historic time at our church on March 13, 2025*

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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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 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

12:05 p.m. Maryellen Beaugard [living]

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 24

8:05 a.m. Austine E. Olson

12:05 p.m. Renato S. Ilawan

Tuesday, February 25

8:05 a.m. Robert DeNapoli

12:05 p.m. Serafin C. Fule

Wednesday, February 26

8:05 a.m. Maria Del Socorro Salcedo

12:05 p.m. Carol Aikman and family [living]

Thursday, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Ignacio Calleja, Jr.

Friday, February 28

8:05 a.m. Anthony Monteverdi [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Anna Maria Saglio

Saturday, March 1

12:05 p.m. Giovanni Wong [living]

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Khalid Jalajel, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Ernny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, 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 23

10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):

Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. rectory meeting room: **Baptism Instruction**

Monday, February 24

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45 p.m. rectory meeting room: **Bereavement Support Group**

Tuesday, February 25

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

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

Wednesday, February 26

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, February 27

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes next Thursday, Mar. 6)

Friday, February 28

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: **MAYO**

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, March 1

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

1–4 p.m. rectory meeting room: **Single Adults Group**

Sunday Only, March 2

9 a.m.–12 noon front of church on Ascan Ave:

St. Vincent de Paul Truck visits

accepting drop-off donations of used clothing

Remember Our Deceased

Deacon Paul C. Dorsinville

Cathy Flannery

Gaye Fruscione

Juan D. Martinez

Rev Msgr Joseph C Mulqueen

Rev. Angelo Pezzullo

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

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

What Is a Plenary Indulgence?

In last week's column, we discussed indulgences. The New York State Catholic Conference provides us with another reflection on a plenary indulgence, stating:

“A plenary indulgence is a Catholic grant that removes all temporal punishment for sin, provided the person meets certain conditions, like confession, Eucharist, and prayer for the Pope's intentions. It is typically granted for specific acts of devotion, such as during a Jubilee year, and differs from absolution, which forgives sin itself. The Vatican decree [outlined] the different ways Catholics may obtain the Plenary Indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year:

1. Pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site
[our church has been designated a sacred Jubilee site by Bishop Brennan—a shrine church—for the Jubilee of Hope 2025]
2. Pious visits to sacred places
3. Works of mercy and penance”



The Archdiocese of Boston reminds use that “a pious visit to a Jubilee site, cathedral, co-cathedral, or basilica must include engagement in Eucharistic adoration for a suitable time, the recitation of an Our Father and a profession of faith, and the invocation of Mary's intercession. Or, if unable to travel for serious reasons (cloistered, infirm, or imprisoned), one must piously unite oneself to those who make pious visits and pilgrimages, recite an Our Father, make a profession of faith, [recite] other prayers related to the Jubilee, and offer up their sufferings and hardships.”

Make a Pious Visit to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: A Sacred Jubilee Site/Shrine Church

We invite you to participate in Mass or in devotional prayers or penance here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, especially on **Thursday, March 13** (there is an indulgence attached for visiting). Our schedule will be as follows:

8:05 a.m.	Daily Mass
10:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross (with pilgrims and OLMCA students)
11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Confessions
12:05 p.m.	Daily Mass, followed by Exposition and the Rosary; Adoration until 7:30 p.m.
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:30 p.m.	Benediction and Closing

Order of Mass

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #553—“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation

Missal #841—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (*M. Ippolitof-Ivanof*)—Choir
Missal #425—“Christians, Let Us Love One Another”

COMMUNION

“If a Man Loves Me” (*J. Roff*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #374—“Bread of Life”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #394—“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

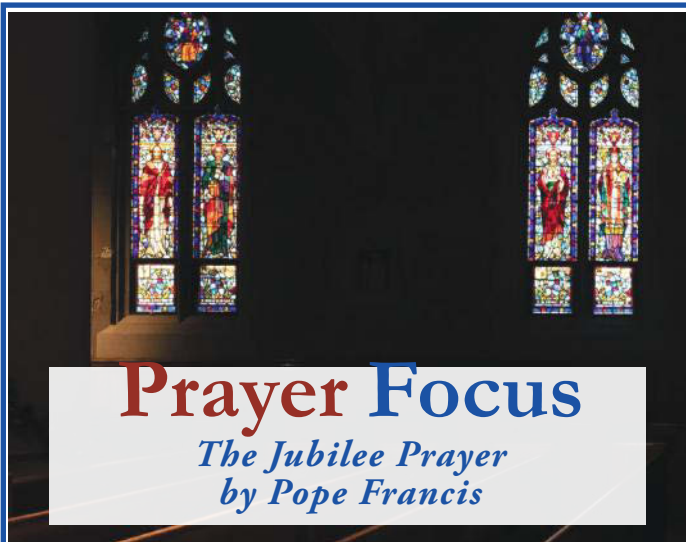
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Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the church grounds.
- » March 2, the second collection is for Black & Indian Home Missions. There is also an envelope to help with the cost of fuel.
- » 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.

NEW MASS INTENTION STIPEND TAKES EFFECT MARCH 1, 2025.

A Mass intention will be \$25 (\$20 for an intention, \$5 for the Mass card). This increase has been approved by the Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.



Prayer Focus

*The Jubilee Prayer
by Pope Francis*

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

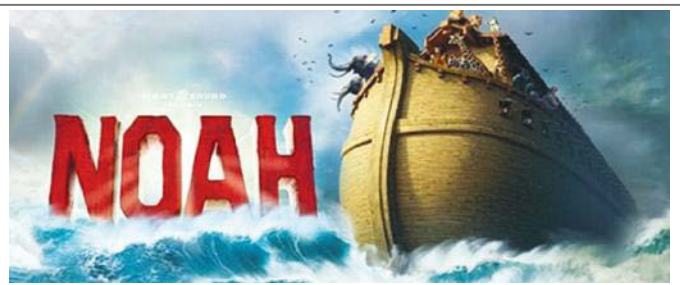
Amen.

Game Day with the Single Adults Group

Saturday, March 1, from 1–4 p.m. This meeting will also be a Game Day! Feel free to bring board or other games and some snacks and beverages to share to the rectory basement meeting room. We will have our usual Master of Ceremonies overseeing the latest trivia games. If you are interested in attending or have questions about the group, contact Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com.

Weekly Collections

Because of an unanticipated early close, the collection figures for Sunday, February 16 were not available in time for this week's bulletin deadline. The collection figures will appear in next week's bulletin.



Prayer Group Bus Trip to Sight & Sound: Noah

Enjoy the heritage of our Catholic faith with fellow members of the parish. Join the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group on a day trip to Lancaster, PA, to experience *Noah* at the Sight & Sound Theatre—an unforgettable stage production that brings the story of Noah's Ark to life.

WHEN: Saturday, May 31

TIME: Departing at 6 a.m. Showtime: 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Bus will be in front of Queens Center Mall.

COST: \$200 per person (includes transportation, buffet lunch, and show ticket).

Reserve your seat early! Tickets are first come, first served. To request a ticket, contact any of these prayer group members:

Araceli De Borja: 347-743-2304

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897

Cecille Mendoza: 347-453-4147

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LIVESTREAM MASS
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

OLQM Winter into Lent

Save these dates & watch for more information in future bulletins.

Weekend, March 1/2—"Alleluia" Sunday

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will bid farewell to this sacred word for the duration of Lent.

Weekend, March 1/2—Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

An in-pew appeal to support this diocesan cause will be made at all the Sunday Masses.

Sunday only, March 2—St. Vincent de Paul Truck will accept drop-off clothing donations. 9 a.m. to noon.

The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Avenue during these designated hours only. As we prepare for the 40-day Lenten season and reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us, consider making a small sacrifice to help those in need. Sort through your closets and storage spaces this week and set aside some gently used, "like new" clothing you no longer need, then bring your bags to the truck next Sunday. Please ensure all items are clean and in good wearable condition.

March 5—Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins

Ashes will be distributed at these times only:
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.
4 p.m. Prayer Service. 7:30 p.m. Mass.



March 6—Thursday Evening Devotions resume

Exposition and Adoration weekly after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 to Wednesday, March 19—Saint Joseph Novena

Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Mass daily and after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on 3/16.

Thursday, March 13—Lenten and Jubilee Pilgrimage Day at OLQM

Begins at 8:05 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. A detailed schedule appears on page 3 of today's bulletin.

Our full Lenten Calendar will be available with the March 2 bulletin.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Bereavement Support Group at OLQM

The bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. Upcoming dates: **Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. Meetings begin at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement. Questions? Contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Bishop Brennan's Vocation Retreat

February 28—March 2, 2025

Open to young men who are high-school seniors and older (ages 16 and up), the retreat includes Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, interaction with the seminarian community, and presentations to help participants discern their vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The retreat will be held at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington** (440 West Neck Rd). Advance registration required. Email cdost@diobrook.org or call the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

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).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.



Saturday, March 1 @ 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Gym (parking lot is at Eliot Ave. and 72nd St). This ain't your grandma's bingo! It's where *bingo*

meets Name That Tune! Playing your favorite songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s to win bingo! Join for an evening of entertainment, prizes, and raffles. **Tickets: \$35 per person** (includes bingo games, beer, wine, soda, and snacks). You **must be age 21 and over**, please. Feel free to bring your own food for your table. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578 and the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Hope. To order tickets and get additional information, please contact:

- Anthony Zalak: 646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com
- Thomas McCabe: 718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com

Golden Age Club @ Our Lady of Mercy meets on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the OLM Parish Hall (elevator access). Join for bingo or bring your own games, puzzles, and cards. Free coffee and dessert every week! Contact Frances Coseglia at 646-248-0492.

Rosary and Altar Society @ Our Lady of Mercy welcomes men and women of all ages and interests who are devoted to Our Lady. They meet once a month in the OLM Parish Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass. Call Renate at 718-551-7986 for dates and more information. Our Lady of Mercy is located at 70-01 Kessel Street.

FREE Large Print Bibles & Missalettes

Xavier Society for the Blind has free offerings in large print for people living with vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. If you or anyone you know is interested in these free materials, get in touch. Call them at 212-473-7800 or toll-free at 800-637-9193; email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org; or visit the society online at xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Health Services from St. John's University

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a speech and hearing evaluation with a specialist. Free services are being offered from **through May 1**. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Mental Health Services. St. John's University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike) offers testing and specialized therapy for children, adolescents, and adults for most common mental health problems: anxiety, behavioral problems including ADHD, depression, and trauma. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income. The center does not accept insurance. For questions and to make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.

Assisted Living and Respite Care

Dominican Village—an independent living retirement community in Amityville, New York, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic—has openings. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org. More information is available at www.dominicanvillage.org.

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats

Hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope and Healing Mission, the retreats are for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. You are not alone. Upcoming meetings in the NYC area are scheduled for **March 15 and May 31**. For retreat locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

families that
PRAY TOGETHER
stay together.

Handicapped Encounter Christ

Volunteer Opportunity Available (for adults 21+)

Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. It is based on the Cursillo movement of the Catholic Church. HEC brings together the communities of disabled and enabled adults so they can get to know our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the year we have many events, and annually there is a three-day HEC retreat held in the spring. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry - those who are disabled and those who are not - so that together we are one community learning from each other, enjoying each other's company, and establishing many beautiful friendships as we all get to know our Lord.

2025 HEC Retreat - April 24-27

PLEASE join our HEC retreat planning meetings for enabled adults who wish to volunteer and be of service on the retreat weekend.

- Monday, February 10, 7 PM - St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
- Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM - St. Kilian, Farmingdale (Green Room)
- Monday, April 7, 7 PM - St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn

All are welcome. Please join us!
Call Bernice (516) 582-0302 or Bob (516) 241-4122

