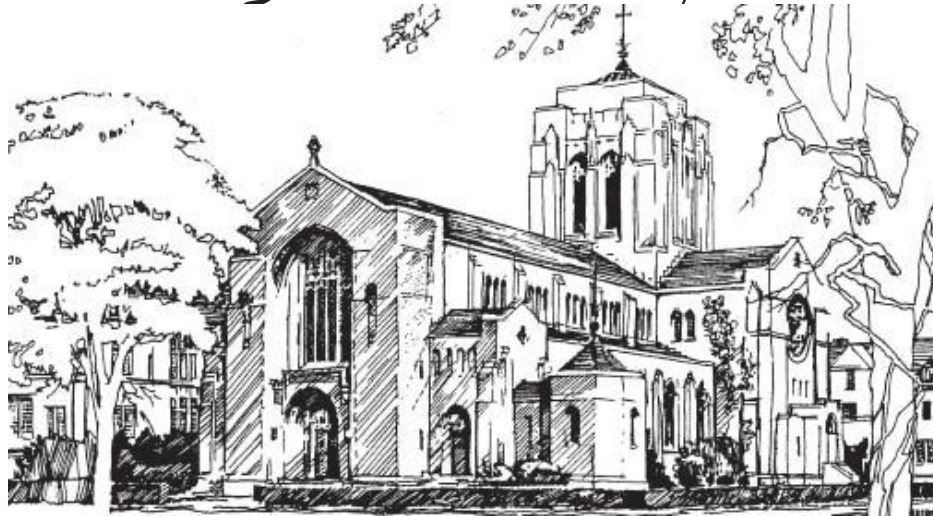


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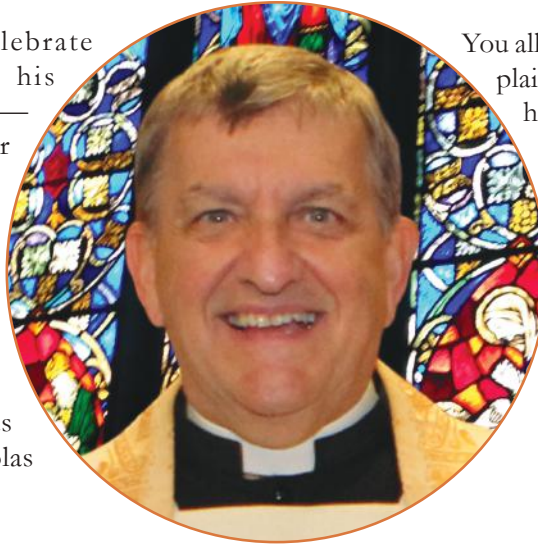


Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**
Rev. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

Happy Anniversary, Father Passenant!

Congratulations to the Very Reverend Francis J. Passenant. Ordained 40 years ago on February 24, 1979! Join us for a reception in McLaughlin Hall after the 1 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving to greet and congratulate him for his service to the church.

We are pleased to celebrate with Fr. Passenant his 40th anniversary as a priest—and to extend to him our congratulations and support in his new role as regional dean for the nine Catholic parishes in Queens North Deanery #6. Even while he continues to serve at our parish, he is assuming these additional duties in 2019, as appointed by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.



You all know Fr. Passenant from his plain-spoken style of delivering homilies each week that speak to the day-to-day concerns of parishioners. He has spent the last 14 of his 40 years as a priest here with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, but he has an exceptional history in the years before his arrival at our parish in 2004.

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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 23

Saint Polycarp

8 a.m. Jane Gebert

12:05 p.m. Maurice and Rosa Vermersch

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

Sunday, February 24

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 25

8 a.m. Gloria Bartels

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Tuesday, February 26

8 a.m. Nicholas Georgiou

12:05 p.m. Olga Mendez

Wednesday, February 27

8 a.m. Felice and Francesca Pacchiano

12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

Thursday, February 28

8 a.m. William E. Clancy

12:05 p.m. Anthony Monteverdi

Friday, March 1

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Nicholas Miguel

Saturday, March 2

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Braulio Cusicanqui

5 p.m. Rev. Daniel Weiscopf

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 24

2:30 p.m., *rectory*: **Baptism Instruction**

Tuesday, February 26

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

Wednesday, February 27

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m.: *levels 1, 2, 3, and 4*

7–8:15 p.m.: *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI*

3 p.m., *Queens Community House (108-25 62nd Drive)*:

Setup for Evening Food Pantry

Thursday, February 28

After 12:05 p.m. **Mass**, *church*: **Benediction**

(Evening devotions resume next Thursday, March 7)

Friday, March 1

6:30–9 p.m., *McLaughlin Hall*: **MAYO**

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization) Karaoke Night

7:30 p.m., *rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road)*:

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Sunday, March 3

9 a.m. to noon, *front of church at Ascan Ave.*:

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck

accepting drop-offs of new and used clothing

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Msgr. Vincent A. Keane

Egdalia Mercedes Ramirez

Ellen Rouse

Kathy Semble

Paul Tse

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 Moïse, 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.**

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Mark Bradley, Luis Fernando Cardenas, Augustine Cisneros, Dr. Robert Cospito, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Lidia Flores, Anne Gorin, Alice Fromer, Gaye Fruscione, Alex Gutierrez, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, Henry Johnson, Lynne Keeley, Santa Maria, Liz Maryon, Veronica Nissan, Richard O'Keeffe, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Veronica Pulanski, Nora Radocea, Gail Whelan, Brittany Zaita—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.

WELCOME! If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of the parish, please email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

February 24, 2019 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham

Lectors: Sandy Singh, John Doyle

Leader of Song: Jennifer Gliere

EMHCs: Joseph Pollini, Yorke Mizelle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: Aldison Andrade, Alejandro Caycedo

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Jack Butera, Roger Aguinaldo, Theresa Bryant

10 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham

Lectors: Celeste Zervas, Lenny Rodin

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Theresa Bryant

EMHCs: Margarita Forero, Eileen Corrado, Gerald Abes

11:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Anita Das

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Jonathan Rodriguez, Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Dorothea Brady, Noila Johnson

Leader of Song: Jennifer Gliere

EMHCs: Maria de Jesus Aguirre, Eddy Eng, Beth Barretto

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Order of Mass

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Cycle C—Choir Mass at 1 p.m.
for Fr. Passenant's 40th Anniversary*

ENTRANCE

*Missal #476—“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”
“Enter His Sanctuary Singing” (H. Hopson)—Choir*

MASS PARTS:

Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul (*Schiavone*)—Choir

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 74—1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Missal pg. 74

SECOND READING

Missal pgs. 74-75—1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL: *Missal pg. 75—Luke 6:27-38*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #475—“Christians, Let Us Love One Another”

Missal #554—“Laudate, Laudate Dominum”—Choir

COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Franck*)—1 p.m. Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #369—“Bread of Life”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #382—“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Missal #443—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”—Choir

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for our holiday church cleaning.
- » Sunday, March 3's second collection will be for winter fuel.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. More at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.



TASTE OF THE WORLD TICKETS \$25
on sale at back of church today. Ask about raffle tickets too!
See p. 6 for restaurants participating in our March 10th food festival.

***Bishop Paul Sanchez Cordially Invites You
to a presentation by
Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama
of Jos, Nigeria***

**OLQM Academy Auditorium
Sunday March 3, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Archbishop Kaigama will speak about the situation of the Church in Nigeria. This event is not a fundraiser but an opportunity to educate ourselves about the Catholic Church in this area of the world and to raise awareness of efforts to increase religious freedom globally. Please join us. Enter the Academy auditorium by the door facing the parking lot. Thank you.

Congratulations, Fr. Passenant! 40th Anniversary of Ordination

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To start, the day he was ordained, February 24, 1979, was extra special because, coincidentally, it was his parents' wedding anniversary!

Pre-OLQM Years

A Brooklyn native, Fr. Passenant served during his first 12 years as a priest at Holy Family, Canarsie; St. Mary Star of the Sea, Far Rockaway; Blessed Sacrament, Cypress Hills; St. Patrick's, Bay Ridge; St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Richmond Hill; and St. Brendan, Midwood. Then an accidental—or providential—encounter with a Sister of Mercy, who asked him to celebrate Mass at a prison, turned into a nearly 13-year assignment (1991–2003) as a chaplain for the New York City Department of Corrections (NYCDOC).

This experience helped shape him as a portrayer of the sometimes funny, often poignant aspects of human nature. During this period he saw firsthand how “hope is a very powerful gift and faith is a powerful strength,” he says.

Fr. Passenant was part of the chaplaincy response after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, bringing the Mass and the sacraments and spiritual counsel to those deployed to ground zero.



From 10 years ago: Fr. Passenant with his parents, Susan and Frank Sr., and Msgr. Funaro on February 22, 2009, celebrating his 30th anniversary

Nearly 15 Years at OLQM

Fr. Passenant came to OLQM as an associate pastor under Msgr. Joseph Funaro. His first Sunday assignment was the 5 p.m. Mass on July 3, 2004. In 2009, he celebrated his 30th anniversary as a priest with us. In June 2013, he was named parish administrator by Bishop Paul R. Sanchez.

Last month Bishop DiMarzio named him regional dean for Queens North Deanery #6, which includes nine parishes in our area. These are additional responsibilities while he continues in the pivotal role as administrator at our parish.

Flashback to 2004: Fr. Passenant expressed his belief in all the untapped talent sitting in the pews of this church. Over these past 15 years he has tapped people's goodwill and helped to grow our ministries of lecturing, ushering, singing in the choir, and altar serving. He has inspired many of the youth and parents in our parish.



Most recently, at Christmas 2018 services at OLQM with Deacon Greg, Fr. Antonin and Bishop Sanchez.

Continued blessings for Fr. Passenant! We look forward to his next milestone and half-century celebration.

Faith and Action

Bishop DiMarzio offered these thoughts for our reflection at the recent Cathedral Club dinner on February 7, 2019. (The link to his full talk is posted on our website.)

“The malicious Reproductive Health Act recently signed into law does nothing to protect the lives and health of women in our state ... it is an extremist, pro-abortion piece of legislation.... It is infanticide.”

He goes on to say that the ultimate penalty for a politician is to vote that politician out of office. By saying this, he reminds us that we need to be registered voters who participate in the electoral process. He also reminds us that only five legislators from Brooklyn and Queens voted “no” on the Reproductive Health Care Act: Senator Joseph Addabbo, Senator Simcha Felder, Assemblyman Nicole Malliotakis, Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, and Assemblyman William Colton. Two elected officials here in this area of Queens voted in favor of this “malicious” act: Senator Toby Stavisky and Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi.

The Bishop further states that “years ago, the politics of abortion were defined by the Clintonian ‘safe, legal, and rare,’ but now we are at a point where the Democratic establishment of New York State promotes abortion.”

Let us pray for wisdom for our elected leaders and, as the Bishop says, “support candidates for political office that reflect good moral values.”—*Bishop Sanchez*

A Word from Bishop Sanchez

As you will read in this week’s *Tablet*, the Diocese of Brooklyn has published on its website a list of clergy who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor. Following is a shortened version of a statement the Diocese has released:

The majority of these priests who are credibly accused are already deceased. Those who are living have either been laicized or permanently removed from active ministry. The Church recognizes the pain that has been caused to those who are victims of child abuse, as well as to their families. The victims have been offered the opportunity for counseling as well as financial reparation through the special Compensation program (IRCP)...

Since 2002 and the “Charter for Protection of Children and Young People,” the Church has taken many steps to prevent such abuse from happening.... Every member of the clergy, every lay employee and volunteer who has contact with children is required to undergo a background check (which is now reviewed quarterly) as well as participate in a training program on abuse prevention. We also publicize the independent reporting line to facilitate filing reports of abuse within our Diocese, which immediately are communicated to civil authorities. That number is: **888-634-4499**

We ask God to watch over us, and to give us the fortitude to face the painful truth of abuse, as we move forward to healing and reconciliation.

For the full statement, please visit our parish website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/DiocesanStatement-021519

PARISH VIDEO PROJECT: MARCH 10TH. Have a story to share about your faith? OLQM is working on a video project highlighting different ways parishioners contribute to OLQM and what it means to them personally. We’d also like to feature stories about personal journeys in faith. Have you been away from the church and recently returned? Perhaps you needed to lean on your faith to endure difficult circumstances? Sharing your story may help others. If you’d like to participate, **we’ll be conducting videotaped interviews on Sunday, March 10th** during the regular Sunday Mass schedule. If you’d like to speak with us either before or after Sunday Mass, email mcatherinesnow@gmail.com and we can schedule a time.

Weekly Collections

| | February 17 |
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| Candle Offerings | 1,270.00 |
| 1st Collection | 9,785.00 |
| 2nd Collection (<i>snow removal</i>) | 2,561.00 |
| Online Parish Giving | 1,179.00 |
| Mail In | 225.00 |
| TOTAL | 15,020.00 |
| Weekly Income Needs* | 21,250.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (6,230.00) |

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures are unaudited.

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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**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage | Sunday, April 28
with the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group**

Bus departs 6:30 a.m. (sharp) from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church for the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. **Cost: \$55/person.** Wear good walking shoes and reserve early. Tickets are first come, first serve. To request tickets, 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; Nellie Milite 718-704-3862; Marlyn Pagmanua 347-791-4398.

All Parishioners Invited

**Parish Lenten Mission
March 17–21 (Sun–Thur)**

*Conducted by the
Montfort Missionaries Preaching Team*

The Mission is a spiritual week of renewal and reflection. It is not an individual's retreat or a series of talks. It is a communal prayer experience with our whole faith community praying together, to listen more attentively to God's word and His call to each one of us.

Fr. Gerry Fitzsimmons, SMM, of the Montfort Missionaries will guide us in spoken and sung prayer, with the OLQM Choir performing a program incorporated into the mission teachings. He will preach at each Sunday Mass on March 17. Prayer cards will be given out to every family. During the week the times are:

Morning Mission Mass: 12:05 p.m.

Evening Mission Hour: 7:30 p.m.

Mission themes to be explored: God's overwhelming love for us, God's plan for our happiness, God's forgiveness, Eucharistic celebration and renewal of baptismal vows.

**We hope everyone will participate as fully as you can.
Come one day, all days, or twice during one day!**

**OLQM Catholic Academy
Registration (Nursery to Grade 7)**

March 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

March 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

More information at olqmca.org/admissions

**Financial Aid for Catholic Elementary Students
may be available. Contact 718-965-7340 or email
Scholarships@FuturesinEducation.org.**

Taste of the World



**Sunday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m.
McLaughlin Hall**

\$25 | TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Our 8th Annual Taste of the World Food Festival is fast approaching, and our committee is busy signing up restaurant and bakery participants. Already confirmed are: **Jack and Nellie's, Rove, Tuscan Hills, Portofino, Matiz, La Dolce Italia Bakery, La Vigna, Rimtin, Cipollina Gourmet Italian Market, Keuka Kafe, La Boulangerie, Chipotle, Agra Palace, Bund, Violet's Vietnamese Shoppe, Guantanamera, Alba Pizzeria and Restaurant, new restaurant Deasura, and Starbucks Coffee. We also have great raffle prizes from Foodtown, Panera Bread, Austin's Ale House, The Wine Room of Forest Hills, Nick's Bistro, and Young Chefs Academy of Forest Hills.** More will be announced next week.

Purchase your admission tickets after Mass in the back of the church or in the rectory office at a reduced price of \$25 (\$30 at the door). Sweepstakes tickets are \$60 each or 3/\$100. Please spread the word and invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend too!

Bereavement Support Is Available

Our parish support group is a place to find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are always **Monday evenings, 7–9 p.m.** in our church rectory. **March 4 & 18 are the next meeting dates.** If you are interested in attending, please call ahead. Contact the rectory (718-268-6251) or email the group's facilitator, Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle, at ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.

Deanery Corner

**Anointing of the Sick Mass at Our Lady of Hope
Saturday, March 3 @ 1 p.m.** (61-27 71st Ave., Middle Village, 718-429-5438). Light refreshments afterward.

**St. Patrick's Day Dance at Resurrection Ascension
Sunday, March 10, 4–8 p.m.** \$35, children 12 and under free. Call 718-424-5212, ext. 12; ask for Heather.