

February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)

8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**

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



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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 24

8:05 a.m. Jose Lago

12:05 p.m. Renato Ilawan

5 p.m. Edward Wronski

Sunday, February 25

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

Monday, February 26

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

Tuesday, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

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

Thursday, February 29

8:05 a.m. Patrick Sarubbi

12:05 p.m. Joseph and Doris Crane

Friday, March 1

8:05 a.m. Kol Gjela

12:05 p.m. Jose Miguel

Saturday, March 2

8:05 a.m. Giovanni Wong [living]

12:05 p.m. Mary and Manuel Lima

5 p.m. Josephine Fay

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, Carmen Rosa Crow, 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, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Ospina, Rafaela 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, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 25

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN-PEW COMMITMENT

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Monday, February 26

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45–8:15 p.m. *rectory*: Bereavement Support Group meeting

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

Tuesday, February 27

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

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

Wednesday, February 28

Religious Education

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

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

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

Thursday, February 29

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, March 1

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall*: MAYO Youth Group meeting

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

Saturday, March 2

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

Next Sunday, March 3

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. *front of church*:

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck visits

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Maria Fatima Teh Danzil

—requested by Maria Lourdes Teh

Remember Our Deceased

Carol Ann Gibson
John Nash



Virgelina Villanueva

**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 2

"But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5: 8)

REFLECT: In our last reflection we considered the seriousness and foolishness of deliberate venial sin. Today, we consider the sinner's perverse willfulness. From the beginning, writes Pope St. John Paul II, "sin has appeared as an act of the will of the creature-man contrary to the will of God; indeed, sin has appeared in opposition to the truth.... Man has followed the 'father of lies,' setting himself up in opposition to the Father of life and the Spirit of truth" (Dominum et Vivificantem).

Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange describes this as a "profound evil of the will. Indeed, however great his blindness may be, the conscience of the sinner is aware that the [sinful] act he is about to accomplish is contrary to the law of God, to his own interest, to that which is better and nobler in himself, to right reason, and to charity." What's more, writes Lagrange, sin is not only a profound evil of the intelligence and will, "but considered in relation to God it is also the blackest ingratitude." After all, God has given us everything, including his Son. "What we have said should be sufficient to make us hate [sin], make us understand how much God himself detests it, and how much His infinitely delicate love is wounded by it."

Yet each Lent, John Paul writes, "God himself invites us to undertake a journey of penance and inner purification in order to renew our faith. He calls us ceaselessly to himself, and whenever we experience the defeat inflicted by sin he shows us the way back to his house, where we find again that unique loving care which he has lavished on us in Christ. Thus, gratitude fills our hearts because of the experience of love which the Father shows us" (Pope St. John Paul II, October 15, 1998).

ACT: Consider regular confession.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's message for Lent, at <http://tinyurl.com/3z6ynhaf>. Read Father Garrigou-Lagrange's Last Writings, available online at <http://tinyurl.com/ysuu2bvc>.

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

Order of Mass

Second Sunday in Lent

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #141—"The Glory of These Forty Days"

MASS PARTS: *Vermulst*

FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-34

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Come to the Table of the Lord" (*J. Althouse*)—Choir
Missal #125—"Transfiguration"

COMMUNION

"Shine Jesus Shine" (*G. Kendrick*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #498—"Transfigure Us, O Lord"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #407—"Be Thou My Vision"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's special collection is for Easter music and liturgy.
- » March 3, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the church grounds.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.
followed by Benediction

Declutter with a Lenten Purpose

Next Sunday Only

March 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck

Use your extra day this leap year to go through your closets and fill a bag (or two) with clothes that you no longer need or wear. Then bring them to church next Sunday to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul donation truck. Gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children must be clean and in wearable condition. (Please do not give stained, ripped, worn-out clothes.) Tell your friends and neighbors, so they can drop off items too. The truck will be parked in front of our church on Ascan Avenue next Sunday only, during the designated hours.

living Lent through



Almsgiving (donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity) is one of the three pillars of Lent. We thank you for your kind giving next week.

The SVdP truck visits four times a year. Future dates are posted on our website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule/



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.

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) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at 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 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. They meet next this Monday, **February 26**. All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. Upcoming dates are March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17. For additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Make a Commitment

On this commitment weekend, we are asking for the support of all who are able to make a financial gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. As parishioners, friends, and Catholics, you can help 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 2024 parish goal is to raise \$114,568. Thanks to the generosity of 335 donors, we were the top contributor in 2023. Let's keep the momentum going.

Please use the pledge cards that we are distributing at Mass. Pledges made today are payable over the next 10 months. You may also make your gift online right now using the QR code or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.

"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)



God bless you for your generous giving to the AnnualCatholicAppeal.org



HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to our Pastor,
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F.
Celebrating his 45th Anniversary
of Ordination

Special Requests

During Lent, please pray for our catechumens, their sponsors, and families, and give thanks to God for the growth in our faith community. Please also refrain from leaving flowers in the church and on the altars. The Fourth Sunday of Lent, 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.

Contact Us

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

—Weekly Collections—

	Feb 11	Feb 18
Candle Offerings	\$3,836.00	\$1,915.00
1st Collection	9,098.00	8,371.00
2nd Collection	2,964.00	1,402.00
	(major repairs)	(school bldg main.)
Ash Wednesday	-	6,640.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>15,898.00</u>	<u>18,328.00</u>
Online Giving	5,217.00	4,144.33
Mail In	2,617.00	1,185.00
TOTAL	23,732.00	23,657.33
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	582.00	507.33

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does 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.

Special Collection (Feb 18)

Black and Indian Missions \$1,973.00

* Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

—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.

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.

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. 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, extends an invitation to all to attend their thought-provoking lecture and dinner series or enriching retreats.

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

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; 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 either the Dinners with Passion series or the retreat experiences, call 929-357-6700, ext. 205. Thomas Berry Place is located at 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard (Jamaica Estates); 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 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 Zalak at 646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com or Thomas McCabe at 718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com.

