

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
 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.



JOIN THE PARISH
 Scan for parish registration
 information and form

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 25

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

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek
8 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais
12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

Tuesday, February 28

8 a.m. Joseph Antonellis
12:05 p.m. Pedro Cervini

Wednesday, March 1

8 a.m. Eomann Kerr
12:05 p.m. Gladys Courrau

Thursday, March 2

8 a.m. Jonathan Paul Clegg
12:05 p.m. Antoinette D'Argenio [living]

Friday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel
8 a.m. Jonathan Paul Clegg
12:05 p.m. Cecila Vighi Scudellari

Saturday, March 4

Saint Casimir
8 a.m. Ena Chuck
12:05 p.m. Raz DeAsis
5 p.m. Elaine Trubia

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 26

10 a.m. **Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study**
2:30 p.m. *rectory*: **Baptism Instruction**

Monday, February 27

After 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses church:
Miraculous Medal Novena
7-8 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*
Bereavement Support Group

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

Tuesday, February 28

11:30 a.m. *church*: **Confessions**
7:30 p.m. *choir loft*: **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, March 1

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, March 2

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 3

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

Saturday, March 4

12:45 p.m. *church*: **Confessions**
1 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room*: **Single Adults Group**
Wearin' of the Green Gathering

Sunday Only, March 5

9 a.m.-12 noon *front of church (Ascan Ave)*:
Clothing Drop-offs Accepted
by the St. Vincent de Paul Truck

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Antonio Cordova, 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, Elaine M. Kuzlik, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Aracelis Phansaitong, 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.

Remember Our Deceased

Pedro Flores
Marie F. Gibson
Bishop David O'Connell



Charity TJoe
Caridad Villar
Juliana Widjaja

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 Conversion

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8: 34)

REFLECT: "Lent is an opportunity to become Christian anew, through a constant process of inner change and progress in the knowledge and love of Christ.... In this perspective, for each Christian, Lent is the favorable spiritual season for training ourselves to seek God with greater tenacity, to opening our heart to Christ.... We are further inspired in Lent to tear out the roots of vanity from our desires, to teach the heart to desire, that is, to love God...."

"We might say that conversion consists precisely in not considering ourselves as our own creators.... To be converted is not a work for self-fulfillment.... We did not make ourselves. Therefore, self-fulfillment is a contradiction and is also too little for us. We have a loftier destination...."

"Conversion consists in freely and lovingly depending in all things on God, our true Creator.... To be converted thus means giving up all human security, treading in the Lord's footsteps with simplicity and trust so that Jesus may become for each one, as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta liked to say, 'my All in all.'..."

"God is love, and his love is the secret of our happiness. So it is that there is no other way to enter into this mystery of love than to lose ourselves, to give ourselves: the way of the Cross.... Prayer, fasting and penance, and charitable works for our brethren thus become spiritual paths on which to start out in order to return to God.... This is why the Lenten liturgy, while it invites us to reflect and to pray, spurs us to hold penance and sacrifice in greater esteem, to reject sin and evil and to conquer selfishness and indifference.... May the Lenten Season be a renewed experience of the merciful love of Christ." (General Audience, February 21, 2007)

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI's entire general audience of February, 21, 2007, at <https://bit.ly/3wbQgIw>.

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 First Sunday in Lent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #126—"Led by the Spirit"

MASS PARTS: People's Mass (*Vermulst*)

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Since by Man Came Death" (*G. F. Handel*)—*Choir*
Missal #649—"You Have Called Us"

COMMUNION

"Turn Thy Face from My Sins" (*A. Sullivan*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #325—"Eat This Bread"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #412—"Christ before Us"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the Easter Music & Liturgy.
- » March 5, the second collection is for 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

Next Sunday Only: March 5th ~ 9 a.m. to noon

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations

Make the St. Vincent de Paul Society the recipient of your almsgiving this Lent. Bring new or gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children to church next Sunday morning. Drop off your donations at the SVDP truck that will be parked in front of the church during the designed hours. You will be making a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you. For future donation dates, see:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule



CYO TRI-M Boys Swim Team Celebrates 2022–2023 Season Success

Congratulations to the CYO TRI-M boys swim team for finishing 5th place in the Brooklyn/Queens division. The boys not only had success in the pool but have built a community of friends within the team. Holy Child, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Margaret's, and OLQM parishes participate in TRI-M. If any youth in our parish has an interest in the boys CYO swimming program, please email trimswimteam@gmail.com. *Let's Go TRI-M!*

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement support group meets 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.** The bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. If you wish to attend a meeting, please RSVP to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

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. 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.



SCAN ME
for Catholic School
financial aid info



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).

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

RCIA at OLQM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

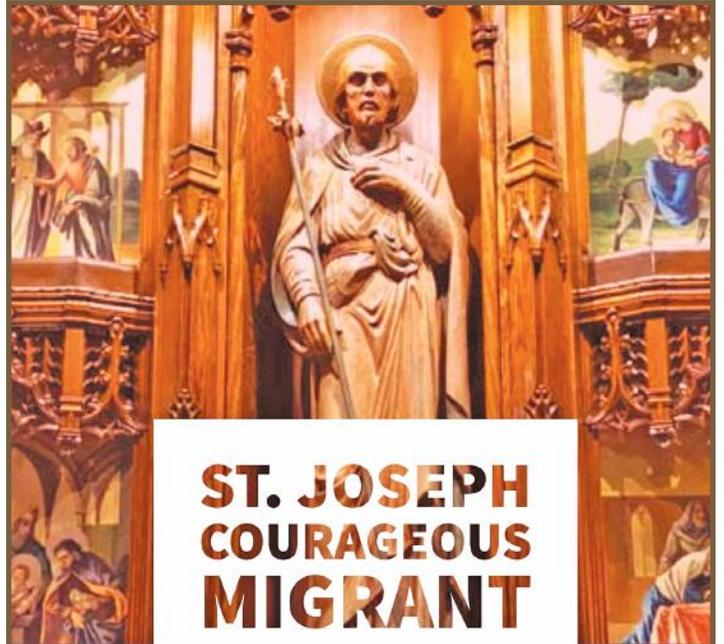


If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Diocese Lenten Pilgrimage Day March 21 at OLQM

Each day of the 40 days of Lent, one parish in Brooklyn or Queens is hosting a prayerful celebration of the Eucharistic Revival. Our parish will be a Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage site on Tuesday, March 21. The day will begin with confessions at 11:30 a.m., Exposition after 12:05 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour from 1–2 p.m., and Adoration and Benediction 12:40–7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Hope in Middle Village, the other participating parish in our deanery, will host a service on Monday, March 27. We have on our website the list of all the churches that are welcoming pilgrimages.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/lenten-pilgrimage2023



**ST. JOSEPH
COURAGEOUS
MIGRANT**

PRAYER SERVICE & BENEDICTION

Sunday, March 19
4 pm

Praying for Migrants and Refugees

*St. Joseph Novena
March 11 to 19*

Green Is the Theme for Next Single Adults Group Meeting



We will celebrate St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's feast days with our traditional **Wearin' of the Green** meeting, **Saturday, March 4, starting at 1 p.m., in the rectory basement meeting room.** Bring traditional dishes to eat, homemade or store-bought. Reply to Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or on the hotline at 718-361-3201 in advance so we can coordinate the menu. You can also call that number if you have any questions about the group.

Weekly Collections

	Feb 19
Candle Offerings	\$1,483.00
1st Collection	9,324.00
2nd Collection (<i>church grounds maintenance</i>)	1,341.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>12,148.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,293.35
Mail In	708.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>17,149.35</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,000.65)

*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.

Special Collection

Earthquake donations for Turkey & Syria \$2,714.00

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.

**A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
(Ps 51:12)**

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YouTube (Sunday livestream):
www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
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.

**United in Communion,
United in Charity**

This week begins the diocesan-wide launch of the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We encourage all to watch the ACA video online (we will have it posted on our website) to fully understand how the work and services made possible through your ACA donations help people in Queens and Brooklyn in ways that no one parish alone can accomplish.

Our parish goal for 2023 is to raise \$114,568 toward the Diocesan goal of \$8 million by December 21, 2023.

Last year, out of 175 parishes, OLQM was ranked #3 in the top 10 by amount contributed to the 2022 ACA. Let us again this year fulfill our responsibility as faithful members of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens and be united to the Lord and each other in the Communion we receive and the Charity we give.



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, 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. \$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.” \$35/person (must be 21+). Includes bingo games, beer, wine, soda, snacks. RSVP by March 4 to the OLH Holy Name Society. Contact Anthony Zalac at 646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com or Thomas McCabe at 718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com.

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.

