

February 28, 2021- Second Sunday in 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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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 27

8 a.m. Rosemarie and Peter Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Irma Goray

5 p.m. Felice and Francesca Pacchiano

Sunday, February 28

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, March 1

8 a.m. Sr. Elvia Mojica

12:05 p.m. Sonya Popovic

Tuesday, March 2

8 a.m. John P. Clements

12:05 p.m. Nicholas Miguel

Wednesday, March 3

Saint Katherine Drexel

8 a.m. Gladys Cuestas Jimenes

12:05 p.m. Jose Miguel

Thursday, March 4

Saint Casimir

8 a.m. Thomas and Gladys Magier

12:05 p.m. Elaine Trubia

Friday, March 5

8 a.m. Stephanie Ruth Feldman

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Hickey family

Saturday, March 6

8 a.m. Roberto Llamas

12:05 p.m. Lillian Gracia

5 p.m. Henryk Gorny

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, Christina Gamble, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, Anna Jimenez, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavashaeva, Artur Mavashvili, Louie Mavashvili, 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 28

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, March 1

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

7:30 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, March 4

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, March 5

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

Next Sunday Only, March 7

9 a.m. to noon, front of church, Ascan Avenue:
Drop-offs of new and gently used clothing
will be accepted at the
St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck

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

Josephine Ezeorah
Deacon Anwar Iqbal
Tom Konchalski
Tracie McManus



Paul Ndi Shei
Rev. Paul Palmiotto
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 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.**

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 USCCB on Fasting

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke? (Isaiah 58: 6)

REFLECT: “Christ is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, ‘When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry.’ Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: ‘On what does my life depend?’ Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, ‘Man does NOT live by bread alone.’ This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as ‘fight’ and ‘effort’ is an essential aspect of fasting...

“From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.” (<https://bit.ly/3qIffyb>).

ACT: Fast and donate the cost of those meals for others, such as the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl (<https://bit.ly/2NfjYEs>).

LEARN: Read the USCCB pastoral statement on fasting and penance (<https://bit.ly/390bCxE>). Watch Archbishop Gomez’s video on Solidarity in serving others (<https://bit.ly/2YfaeRy>).

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

Order of Mass Second Sunday in Lent Cycle B

ENTRANCE

“Yes, I Shall Rise”

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

Missal #130—“Transfiguration”

COMMUNION

Missal #331—“Taste and See”

CLOSING HYMN

“These Forty Days of Lent”

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 Easter Music and Liturgy. There is also an envelope for Black and Indian Home Missions.
- » Sunday, March 7, the second collection will be for winter fuel.
- » 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.

Sunday Mass Webcast

The 5 p.m. Vigil Mass is now live-streamed weekly on our parish homepage at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. The broadcast will remain available for viewing afterward so that you can all participate in Sunday prayer and spiritual communion with us (click the link for the “Sunday Mass Webcast” to find the week’s video). In the event the live-stream Mass time changes, we will post an announcement on our website and Facebook.

Clothing Drive

One day only - Sunday, March 7

♥ 9 a.m. to noon ♥

Bring your donations of new or 'like new' clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Truck

The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Avenue in the morning hours only next Sunday.

Please **DO** clean out your closets this week (we know you have time!) and set aside items that are clean and in wearable condition to give to other men, women, and children in need.

Please **DO NOT** bring any bags of clothes to the church before the morning of March 7th. We do not have storage space. Thank you for your kindness.

Pray | Fast | Give

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Lenten Programs at OLQM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

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

Drop off items at the St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck

LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14 @ 3 pm

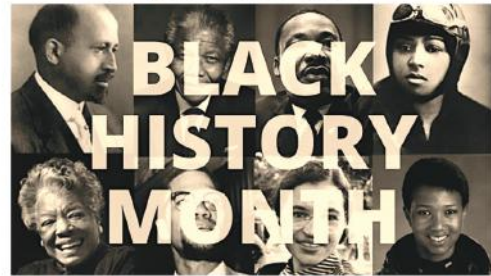
Reflection by Deacon Greg Kandra

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21 @ 3 pm

Reflection by Mr. Joseph Terry



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



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

TODAY: Blood Drive at Our Lady of Mercy (70-01 Kessel Street), Sunday February 28 @ 8:45 am to 2:45 pm. Walk-ins will be accommodated only if safe procedures and distancing can be maintained. Give if you can.

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

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.

RCIA Ceremonies of Lent

During Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through RCIA, which is a process of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. Please keep our RCIA candidates and catechumens in your prayers as they prepare for the Easter celebration.

2021 Taste of the World Sweepstakes

Please support our parish fundraiser

Even though it is not possible to have our early spring food festival this year, we are appealing to you to participate in a raffle to raise needed funds for the parish.

We have mailed to you a sheet of five raffle tickets, with a chance to win one of three cash prizes: \$1000, \$250, or \$100. Tickets are \$25 each; the full sheet of five chances is \$100.

The drawing will be on Sunday, March 14, which would have been the usual day of the event. The proceeds will help offset the cost of further major repairs that are planned for summer 2021.

We know we will receive your cooperation, and we appreciate your enthusiasm in supporting this effort.

—Bishop Sanchez and Fr. Passenant

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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT Weekly Collections

	Feb 21
Candle Offerings	588.00
1st Collection	7,190.00
2nd Collection (<i>grounds maintenance</i>)	1,461.00
<u>In Church Subtotal</u> (<i>584 attending</i>)	<u>9,239.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	3,282.00
Parish Giving Online	4,955.00
Ash Wednesday (Feb 17)	3,686.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>21,162.00</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(88.00)

**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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ONLINE

Website:
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook and Instagram:
@OLQMChurch

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for their academic achievements and honors earned.

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Honor Roll

Zara Abraham, Madelena Browne,
Joshua Jazmin, Marqus McIntosh, Daniel Morales,
David Nasser, Nathaly Perezmalonado, Isaiah Sharpe,
Esmeralda Vulaj, Aidan Youngman

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
Second Honors
Jared Isea

K-8 Tuition Assistance Available for School Year Beginning September

Financial aid is available for eligible students who are registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need (submitting proof of income; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarships are awarded on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. To apply, go to www.futuresineducation.org. There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

Deadline: April 30 for new families

Questions? Call 718-965-7340 or email scholarships@futuresineducation.org

OLQM Catholic Academy (olqmca.org/admissions) currently has rolling enrollment as space allows for nursery and kindergarten to grade 8.



International Gift of Life Walk

Thursday, March 25 @ 9 a.m. Thomas Paine Park (Lafayette and Worth Streets), Manhattan. A pro-life walk to bring awareness to the gift of human being in all of its stages, because we are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Online registration at PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc.

Rachel's Helpers, Post-Abortion Ministry

If a past abortion is weighing on your heart and soul, Rachel's Helpers, a diocesan post-abortion ministry, invites you to participate in a confidential reconciliation program this Lent. Forgiven and Set Free is a 12-week, small-group Bible study experience. Sessions have already begun, but new participants are welcomed. For details, call 347-702-2352.

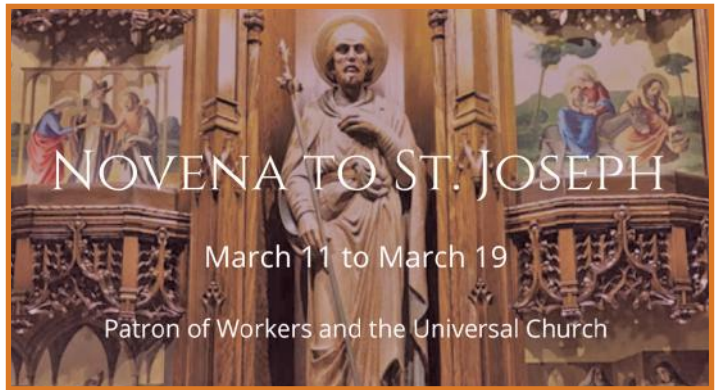
Deanery Corner

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.

Free Speech and Hearing Screenings

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center, located at 152-11 Union Turnpike (Flushing), is offering speech and hearing screenings AND hearing aid help, free of charge, through May 4. Call 718-990-6480 to make an appointment.



Online Retreats

If you'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.

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.

Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Virtual zoom retreats on Saturdays. Suggested donation \$45. www.trappist.net/virtual-zoom-retreats-2021

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 scheduled for April and July; fee \$100. Visit holynameretreatcenter.com.