

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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**Annual Catholic
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The 2023 final
report is out.

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Details next week.

Amount contributed: \$192,066

Our parish goal: \$114,568

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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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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 3

Saint Blaise

Saint Ansgar

8:05 a.m. Anna Kocurek [1st anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Emy Sequeira

5 p.m. Leonilda Lourenco de Oliveira

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

Saint Agatha

8:05 a.m. Blessed Carlos Acutis [in thanksgiving]

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

Tuesday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8:05 a.m. Alice Burke

12:05 p.m. Rafaela Robles

Wednesday, February 7

8:05 a.m. Alejandro Pichion

12:05 p.m. Cesar Lopez

Thursday, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani

Saint Josephine Bakhita

8:05 a.m. Saint Anthony

12:05 p.m. Marek Dobrowolski

Friday, February 9

8:05 a.m. James A. Pina

12:05 p.m. Theresa Bartolotto

Saturday, February 10

Saint Scholastica

8:05 a.m. Loyald Castanar

12:05 p.m. Brandon Boria

5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, February 4

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study
(enter at glass door behind the Mary statue)

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, February 5

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

7 p.m., Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study
New study topic—the Holy Spirit (see p. 5)

Tuesday, February 6

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, February 7

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 8

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Evening Benediction returns February 15 at 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, February 10

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions



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, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Ruth Henry, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, James Leung, Elyse Locurto, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, 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—and **all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes**

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after six (6) months, unless our office is notified.

Remember Our Deceased

Patricia Brennan
Alejandra Chappell
Andy Clarke
George E. Divine



Jo-Ann Henry
Elsa Payumo
Fr. James Reynolds
Paul Vallone

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.**

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.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

St. Josephine Bakhita
(Feast Day February 8th)

"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian today. . . . The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone." (St. Bakhita)

REFLECT: February 8th is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking. It is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of human trafficking survivors.

St. Bakhita was born in Darfur, Sudan, around 1869, to a loving family. Sometime around the age of eight, she was kidnapped by slave traders and repeatedly sold. During this period, she was beaten, chained, and intentionally scarred.

Bakhita's life changed dramatically in 1882 when an Italian consul purchased her and later brought her to Italy. After so many years of torture, she was now treated gently and kindly. In Italy, noted Pope Benedict XVI, Bakhita heard that there was a "master above all masters, the Lord of all lords," and that this Lord knew her, that he had created her, that he actually loved her. What's more, she learned that her Lord had himself been tortured and crucified, and that he was now waiting for her.

In 1890, Bakhita received the sacraments of initiation. From then on, she was often seen kissing the baptismal font and saying: "Here I became a daughter of God!" Six years later, she took her vows in the Congregation of the Canossian Sisters. St. Bakhita died on February 8, 1947.

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that to come to know God, the true God, means to receive hope. He illustrated this with Bakhita's own story and how she had come to find this hope in finding her loving God. It was through this love that she was "redeemed, no longer a slave, but a free child of God." As St. Bakhita said, "I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this Love. And so, my life is good."

ACT: Pray to St. Bakhita to assist all who are tortured and trafficked; considering making a private Novena for Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking.

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI's account of St. Bakhita in his 2007 encyclical *Spe Salvi* (at <https://tinyurl.com/3bumas9e>), and his 2012 message to the Pan-African Congress (at <https://tinyurl.com/7jjxhmj>).

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #557—"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"How Beautiful upon the Mountains" (*E. Butler*)—Choir
Missal #673—"Healing River of the Spirit"

COMMUNION

"Seek Ye the Lord" (*J. V. Roberts*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #519—"You Are the Healing"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #412—"Lord of All Hopefulness"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for snow removal.
- » February 11, the second collection is for major repairs.
- » 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.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Masses with Ashes: 8:05am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm

Prayer Service with Ashes: 4pm

Thursday Evening Devotions

Resume February 15

Adoration begins at 12:40pm, Benediction at 7:30pm

See p. 6 for a Lenten season preview

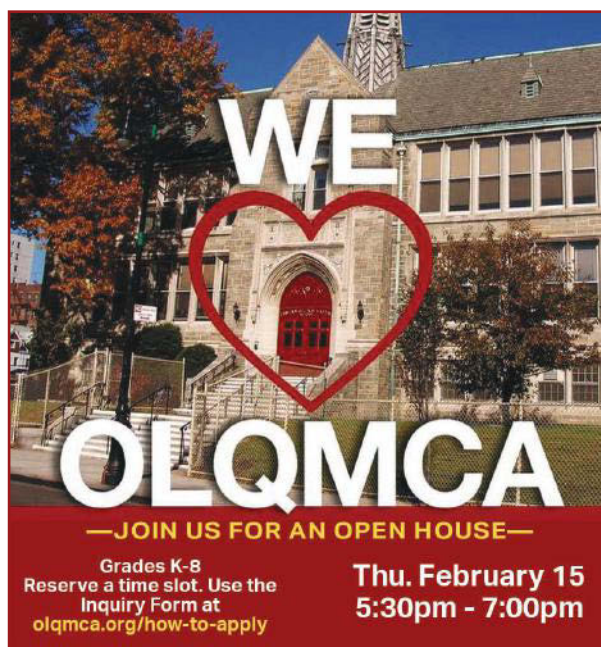


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 15 | 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Prospective families are invited to meet teachers, other parents, and administration while exploring the halls and classrooms of our beautiful school building with a student tour guide. OLQMCA has a long tradition of academic excellence and provides children grades K-8 with the skills for long-term success in a nurturing environment where students feel free to express their God-given talents. We look forward to showing you all that our Catholic Academy has to offer!

Reservations are suggested. For more information, visit the academy's website at olqmca.org/how-to-apply (select the Inquiry Form link) or call 718-263-2622 with any questions.



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. Upcoming meeting dates are **February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17**. All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. For more information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



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. A new study topic begins on February 5 on the Holy Spirit. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. 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).

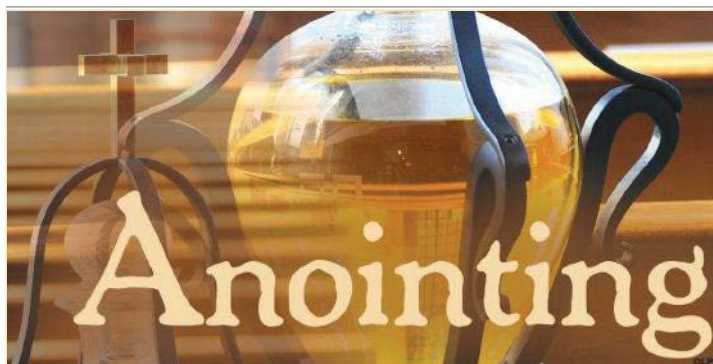
RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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.

Life and Times of Mother Cabrini

Advanced screening of **"Cabrini," February 13 @ 6pm at the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture** (18 Bleeker Street). Cardinal Dolan will introduce the film from Alejandro Monteverde, the award-winning director of Sound of Freedom. It is an epic tale of the people's saint. Francesca Xavier Cabrini, an Italian immigrant, arrived in New York City in 1889 and set off on a daring mission to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. This event is free, but an RSVP is required. Reserve a spot at www.sheencenter.org/events.



Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Monday, February 12 | 12:05 p.m. Mass

Coinciding with World Day of the Sick and the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, who gives healing and hope, we will offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The anointing is for all who wish to receive it, especially those preparing for major surgery, those whose age or physical condition has begun to limit their independence, anyone who has been diagnosed with a serious illness or endured a serious accident, or anyone feeling pain or suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well.

— James 5:14-15

Request a Prayer

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe

This online prayer community is available to anyone and encourages visitors to pray for each other and the special intentions that we share. In addition, the Sister Servants of the Lord, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted through this website from 5:45 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

Memorialize a Loved One

Consider honoring a deceased loved with a memorial of the Wine and Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, or Altar Flowers. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial of any kind, call or visit the rectory during business hours.

Weekly Collections

Collection figures for Sunday, January 28, were not available in time for our deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

Through the Word Bible Study **Fresh Power: Reflections on the Holy Spirit**

Starting February 5, the "Through the Word" Bible Study group, which meets Monday evenings on Zoom, begins a new study topic. Drawing from a rich tapestry of scripture and theology, this study offers a fresh understanding of how the Holy Spirit shapes faith, fosters community, and empowers believers in their spiritual journey.

Each Monday meeting begins at 7 p.m. If you sign into Zoom a bit early, instructor Joe Terry will lead those in attendance in praying and meditating on two decades of the rosary. On Tuesday mornings following the study, participants receive the Zoom recording of the study by email. A brief "midweek reflection" is emailed sometime on Wednesdays.

To request to join a Zoom meeting, email instructor josephterry@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend weekly on Mondays, recordings of the bible studies are available to view on demand at YouTube.com/@bktheologian. There, select the Through the Word playlist.

BIG CITY CATHOLICS PODCAST: Tune in Fridays for a new episode of Bishop Robert Brennan's podcast. Each week, he and his guests explore questions of faith that affect our everyday lives. Subscribe on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or listen at podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.

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

Lent Begins February 14

As Ash Wednesday approaches, it is an opportune moment for deeper reflection on the purpose of Lent. Central to Lent is the focus on baptism. During the Easter Vigil, our catechumens (known as the elect) will undergo full initiation into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. On Easter Sunday, all of us will unite in the renewal of our baptismal promises.

The 40 days of Lent allow us to prepare diligently for this significant renewal. We will reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We will acquire a penitential mood and give more to God (prayer), less to self (fasting), and more to others (almsgiving).

Ashes remind us of our mortality and are used as a sign of repentance. On Ash Wednesday, February 14, Masses will be celebrated and ashes distributed at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at a 4 p.m. prayer service.

To have a meaningful Lenten season, you might consider the following:

Join one of our bible study groups. Spiritual growth starts with prayer and study. We encourage you to commit to spending more time in prayer and spiritual reading.

Find ways to serve others. Consider the generous giving of warm and clean clothes to those in need when the Saint Vincent de Paul donation truck visits on Sunday morning, March 3. We will be blessed with the opportunity to welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor to the Sunday Masses on the weekend of March 16 and 17. These devoted women are tirelessly committed to serving the elderly poor, embodying the spirit of selflessness and compassion. Extend our generosity to them when we take a special collection on behalf of the Queen of Peace Residence that they operate in Queens Village.

Spend quiet time with the Lord. Visit church any Thursday during Lent to find closer communion with God. Exposition begins after 12:05 p.m. Mass, with Adoration all afternoon until Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Contemplate the cross. Jesus transformed the cross from a symbol of suffering and despair into a reminder of his love and triumph over sin and death. We will pray the Stations of the Cross in church every Friday of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

Women's Brunch Retreat with Heart to Heart Ministry. Saturday, February 10 @ 9:45 a.m. to noon, at American Martyrs Parish, Sullivan Hall (79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside). Parking entrance at the corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Turnpike. Guest artist: Christian musician Alverlis. Bring a friend, daughter, and grandma. Please RSVP to Sister Ave Clark, OP, at 718-428-2471.



5-Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17-21. Led by Bishop Robert Brennan. Full package including airfare: \$1,780. For information on availability and an itinerary, contact Peter's Way Tours: www.PetersWay.com/1048.html. Payment deadline: May 1.

**Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases.
(Matthew 8:17)**

Change of Course

Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul

May 19-29. Led by Deacon Greg Kandra and Father Jeremy Canna. The previously planned 2024 pilgrimage to the Holy Land has changed course. Deacon Greg will take flight anew, this time guiding pilgrims to the places that figured in the life of St. Paul, including Corinth, Athens, Thessaloniki, with a three-day cruise to Patmos, where John wrote the Book of Revelation, and to Ephesus, believed to be the last earthly home of the Blessed Mother.

The pilgrimage, priced at \$4,695 from JFK or Newark, promises a profound spiritual experience. For enrollment, visit SelectInternationalTours.com or call toll-free at 800-842-4842 (Use code: 24RS05GRGK).

ATTENTION 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. \$16/hour. 25 hours per week. 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.