

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 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

8 a.m. Aurora dela Rosa

12:05 p.m. Patricia Hemosura

5 p.m. Susan Rooney

Sunday, February 7

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani

8 a.m. Margaret Mauro

12:05 p.m. Paulette Sironneau

Tuesday, February 9

8 a.m. Bishop John Bai

12:05 p.m. Michael Sadaka

Wednesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica

8 a.m. Loyalda Castanar

12:05 p.m. Loyalda Castanar

Thursday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick

8 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes

12:05 p.m. Dr. Geraldine M. Chapey

Friday, February 12

8 a.m. Antonio Perez

12:05 p.m. Marie Christine Battesti

Anointing of the Sick at the 12:05 Mass

Saturday, February 13

8 a.m. Edward Celon

12:05 p.m. Diane Sorbera

5 p.m. Martinez Lavardies

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, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, Anna Jimenez, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, 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 7

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

2:30 p.m., church: Baptisms

Monday, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, February 11

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

National Marriage Week (February 7-14)

SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we will have a Mass posted on our website. You can join in prayer and spiritual communion at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. The Sunday Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

Until Further Notice

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

Charles Carlisi
Martha Escudero
Stephanie Feldman
Rev. Carlo Graziano



Elias Kalimian
James Milione
Thu Duc Pham

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

Prudent Catholic Social Action

*I, Wisdom, dwell with prudence, and useful knowledge I have.
(Proverbs 8: 12)*

REFLECT: “The lay faithful should act according to the dictates of prudence, the virtue that makes it possible to discern the true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means for achieving it... Prudence makes it possible to make decisions that are consistent, and to make them with realism and a sense of responsibility for the consequences of one’s action. The rather widespread opinion that equates prudence with shrewdness, with utilitarian calculations, with diffidence or with timidity or indecision, is far from the correct understanding of this virtue. It is a characteristic of practical reason and offers assistance in deciding with wisdom and courage the course of action that should be followed, becoming the measure of the other virtues. Prudence affirms the good as a duty and shows in what manner the person should accomplish it. In the final analysis, it is a virtue that requires the mature exercise of thought and responsibility in an objective understanding of a specific situation and in making decisions according to a correct will. Thanks to this virtue, moral principles are applied correctly to particular cases.” (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church)

“There are three stages which should normally be followed in the reduction of social principles into practice. First, one reviews the concrete situation; secondly, one forms a judgment on it in the light of these same principles; thirdly, one decides what in the circumstances can and should be done to implement these principles. These are the three stages that are usually expressed in the three terms: look, judge, act.” (Mater et Magistra)

LEARN: Listen to Deacon Omar Gutierrez’s “Discerning Hearts” podcast on living out Catholic Social Teaching using Pope Saint John XXIII’s principles of “look, judge, act” (at <https://bit.ly/2L3fyUI>).

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

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for winter fuel.
- » Next Sunday the second collection will be for Major Repairs.
- » 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.

Order of Mass Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #549—“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

FIRST READING—Job 7:1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

SECOND READING—1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL—Mark 1:29-39

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Take Our Bread”

COMMUNION

Missal #612—“The Cry of the Poor”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #385—“City of God”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

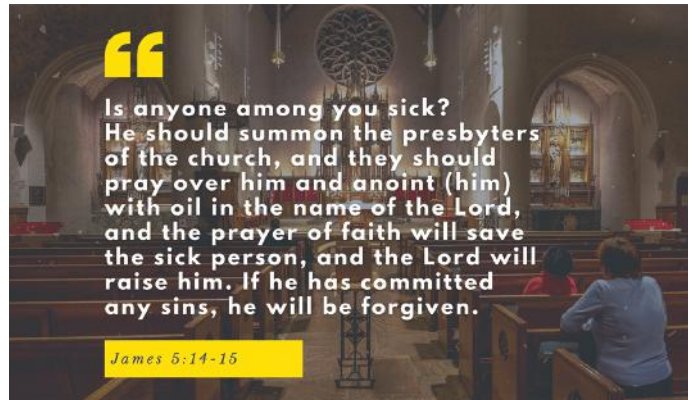
Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
at netny.tv/masses

Anointing of the Sick

12:05 p.m. Mass on Friday, February 12

With this week’s observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, we devote special attention to the sick and those who provide them with care. At Friday’s noon Mass, anointing with the oil of the sick will be offered for those who wish to receive it, including anyone preparing for surgery and those experiencing physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges. Please pray for all the sick, especially those suffering the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.



A Letter of Thanks

The following letter was sent to our parish from Robert Snell of the Juniper Valley Knights of Columbus:

“On behalf of the Juniper Valley Council #14578 of the Knights of Columbus and Sr. Roberta Kerins, SC, of the **Resurrection Ascension Food Pantry**, a grateful thank you for the overwhelming generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Over 70 bags of food were donated and collected [on January 16/17 weekend] and will be distributed to the needy at the RA Food Pantry each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

“In these challenging times the pantries are sometime the last resort for our hungry neighbors. As we approach Lent, we must all reflect on the true meaning of the fast for ourselves, giving up something we possess and have control over, versus those forced into a daily fast, wondering where their next meal is coming from. Once again, a heartfelt thank you for your support.”



“Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.” – Anonymous

“When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.” – Mother Teresa

“Leave no neighbor behind.” – Knights of Columbus

Please consider making your weekly offering using our online Parish Giving service. Look for this emblem on the parish website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org to sign up. Enrollment is fast, easy, and free. Thank you.



Join the Bishop Ford Guild & support the cause of his sainthood!
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/sainthood-for-bishop-ford

Faith Sharing on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.**

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11AM. The Sunday morning group is currently discussing St. John’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8PM. 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.

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.

Lenten Advice

- Fast From criticism, Feast on praise
- Fast From self-pity, Feast on joy
- Fast From ill temper, Feast on peace
- Fast From resentment, Feast on contentment
- Fast From jealousy, Feast on love
- Fast From pride, Feast on humility
- Fast From selfishness, Feast on service
- Fast From fear, Feast on Faith



Online Retreats

For anyone who'd like to sign up for an online gathering to pray with other Catholics, we have the following recommendations:

National Catholic Men's Conference (NCMC)

February 19–21 | Drill down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as fathers, husbands, sons, and disciples. A free weekend pass is available for this virtual event, but you must register in advance. go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021Registration

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.

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 are scheduled for April and July; fee \$100. For more information, visit holynameretreatcenter.com.

Lenten Calendar Preview

Lent begins in 10 days. This 40-day period of sacrifice and atonement prepares us for Christ's resurrection at Easter. We've had a difficult year adjusting to new ways of living and praying, and we pray that the situation with the pandemic will improve as the year progresses. Until then, we must continue to act prudently. Here is a preview of our Lenten schedule. More information will be shared in coming weeks.



Ash Wednesday (February 17). Ashes will be distributed at our scheduled liturgies only: **8 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.** (Masses) and **4 p.m.** (prayer service). To minimize the risk of spreading disease, our priests will distribute ashes by sprinkling the ashes over the head of each person who comes forward, rather than making a sign of the cross on each person's forehead. This method, while new to us, is within the tradition of the Church and is common practice in some other countries. You can refrain from receiving ashes if you are feeling unwell.

For the **six Fridays of Lent** at **7:30 p.m.**, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** to reflect on the last moments of Jesus' life. **Lenten Sunday Prayer Services (March 14 and March 21)** will be at **3 p.m.** At all services in church, we will require the wearing of face masks and social distancing, with a limit of three people per pew.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Jan 31
Candle Offerings	649.00
1st Collection	4,104.00
2nd Collection (snow removal)	1,361.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (495 attending)</u>	<u>6,114.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	4,462.00
Catch-up Envelope	365.00
Parish Giving Online	5,926.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>16,867.00</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,383.00)

*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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www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook and Instagram:
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org



OLQM Catholic Academy Registration for Nursery and Grades K-8

If you are interested in enrolling your child at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy, the first round of registration ends **February 10th**. There will be rolling enrollment after that based on availability. Visit the academy website for more information: olqmca.org/admissions



Futures in Education
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education

2021–2022 Tuition Assistance Available

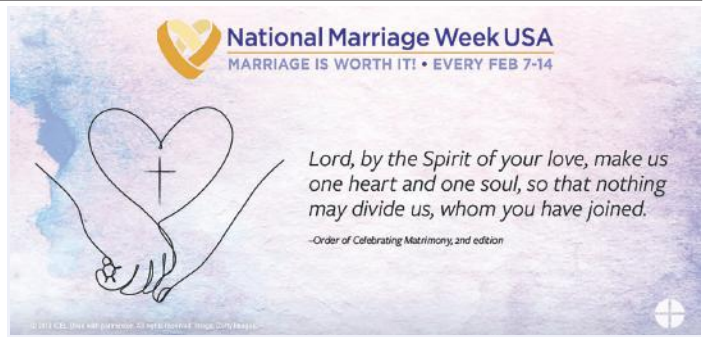
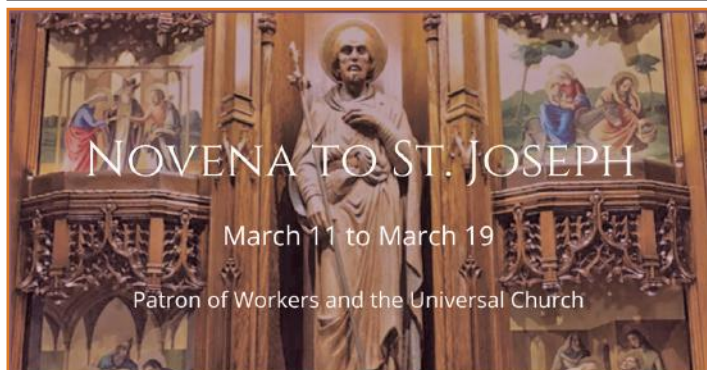
Financial aid is available for eligible students in grades K-8.

ELIGIBILITY: Your child(ren) must already be registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need by submitting required documentation (proof of income for 2020; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarship awards are assessed on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. Families are required to pay a minimum of 25% of the tuition rate and must be up-to-date with their tuition.

TO APPLY: Go to www.futuresineducation.org. From the main menu, click Scholarships and then Apply. There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2021, for new families

Questions? Email scholarships@futuresineducation.org or call 718-965-7340.



To Have, To Hold, To Honor

Resources for National Marriage Week (February 7 – February 14)

Marriage is a gift, and the annual observance of marriage week is an opportunity for our parish to pray for healthy marriages and the families among us who are the domestic church.

For those of you who wish to build up your good marriages, consider spending dedicated time in prayer and reflection this week by making a seven-day at-home marriage retreat. Use each day to read and meditate on a passage from Scripture and then reflect on how you can renew your commitment “to have, to hold, to honor” your spouse. For example:

To Have: “To have and to hold” is hugely different from “to trap and to devour.” How do I shield or protect my spouse from falling into traps set for them by others or by their own weaknesses?

To Hold: In our relationship as a couple, when have I pounced rather than protected? How can I speak the truth with tenderness and kindness, and not with brutality?

To Honor: During this pandemic, many couples are experiencing new constraints and close confines that have tested the relationship. Have I attacked my spouse verbally, emotionally, or physically? How can my words, my thoughts, and my actions be transformed by God’s grace to better honor my spouse?

Our parish also has members active in Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME), which offers virtual weekends and virtual experiences called Restore-Rekindle-Renew (3RE). Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/marriage-encounter for more information about WWME. There, you can also find a link to a resource guide, with Scripture guidance and meditations, for making an At-Home Marriage Retreat for National Marriage Week 2021

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