

January 26, 2025 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Veronica McCarthy
Roy Joseph

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Edward Torres

DAILY MASSES
Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. & 5 p.m. (Vigil)

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass



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information and form

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

SUNDAY MASSES
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.
CONFESSIONS
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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. and 12:05 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at least
six months in advance, **prior** to the
proposed wedding date

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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, January 25

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

12:05 p.m. Aurora G. Castro [living]

5 p.m. Eva Luna Fernandez Le Fur

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

Saint Fabian

Saint Sebastian

8:05 a.m. Wojciech Gnojek

12:05 p.m. Angelica Kare

Tuesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:05 a.m. Dominic DeNapoli

12:05 p.m. Agnes (Nancy) Schultz

Wednesday, January 29

8:05 a.m. Joseph Bonfiglio

12:05 p.m. Carmen A. Del Rosario

Thursday, January 30

8:05 a.m. Manuel Suarez

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Friday, January 31

Saint John Bosco

8:05 a.m. Robert Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Cecelia Ali

Saturday, February 1

12:05 p.m. Hernando Muñoz

5 p.m. Ricardo Del Rosario [anniversary]

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Alexander Guttierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update the prayers for the sick. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 26

10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

Monday, January 27

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, January 28

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7 p.m. rectory meeting room: Catholic Teaching Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 29

Religious Education

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

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, January 30

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6)

Friday, January 31

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO Meeting

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, February 1

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions



Remember Our Deceased

Taylor A. Calder
Cesar Castillo
Dr. Renato A. de Leon
Frederick Marks
Paloma Martinez



Kaitlyne Mendoza
Evelyn Dolores Mora
John Ostling, Sr.
Amelia Perdomo
Celina Uribe

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

On Care for Our Common Home

We have been reflecting in past bulletins on the challenge that Pope Francis has extended to us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* concerning our care for the environment. Please see the insert in today's bulletin, which summarizes the themes of the Pope's encyclical and provides a prayer for our meditation.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Teaching Committee at our parish and learning more about their work, please try to attend their next meeting which is this **Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m.** in the rectory.

Remembering Msgr. Reilly: Pro-Life Advocate

Monsignor Philip J. Reilly (1934–2024), a retired priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn and the founder of Helpers of God's Precious Infants, passed away on November 30, 2024, after a lifetime dedicated to the pro-life movement and priesthood. Many of you may remember his visits to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church over the years as part of the organization's peaceful, prayerful method of pro-life advocacy in both the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York. A four-page memorial to him, written by his niece Susan Moore and her husband Kevin, is available for your further reading on our website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/msgr-reilly.

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

New Mass Intention Stipend

Starting March 1, 2025, the stipend for a Mass intention will be \$25 (\$20 for an intention, \$5 for the Mass card). This increase has been approved by the bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.

Memorial Altar Gifts

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To make your request, visit the rectory during business hours.

Order of Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #551—"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation

Missal #841—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant—*Choir*

FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Now Let Us All Praise God" (*G. Young*)—*Choir*
Missal #523—"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

COMMUNION

"Spirit of God" (*arr. P. Kern*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation

Missal #347—"I Received the Living God"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #725—"Lead Me, Lord"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for CCD and Religious Ed programs. There is also an envelope for churches in need in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa.
- » February 2, the second collection will help offset the cost of 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.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
AFTER THURSDAY'S 12:05 P.M. MASS

Winter Celebrations at OLQM

Save these dates & watch for more information in future bulletins.

Tue, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12:05 p.m. *(details to follow)*

Weekend, March 1/2—“Alleluia” Sunday. On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will bid farewell to this sacred word for the duration of Lent.

Weekend, March 1/2—Annual Catholic Appeal 2025. An in-pew appeal will be made at all the Sunday Masses.

Sunday only, March 2—St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations. The truck will visit during the designated hours of 9 a.m. to noon to accept drop-offs of gently used clothing.

March 5—Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins. Ashes will be distributed at these times only: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses; 4 p.m. Prayer Service; 7:30 p.m. Mass.

March 6—Thursday Evening Devotions resume. Exposition and Adoration weekly after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Tue, March 11 to Wed, March 19—St. Joseph Novena. Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Mass daily and after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on 1/16.

Thu, March 13—Lenten Pilgrimage Day at OLQM Begins at 8:05 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. *(detailed schedule to follow)*



OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

Little Learners, Big Hearts

by Amy Snorteland, Math Support Teacher

On January 13, OLQMCA students had the rare privilege of a NUT day. NUT stands for No Uniform Today. We asked students to contribute \$1 or more to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, recognizing the heroic efforts of LA firefighters battling the devastating wildfires. We are overwhelmingly grateful to the students and families who helped us raise over \$2,600 to donate to this cause. With 326 students in our academy, it's clear that many of our little learners went above and beyond in their compassionate generosity!

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Jan 19
Candle Offerings	\$1,618.00
1st Collection	7,939.19
2nd Collection <i>(Pastoral Care)</i>	2,116.00
Catholic Academy Bldg maintenance	1,036.19
<u>Subtotal - In church</u>	<u>12,709.38</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,086.41
Mail In	2,561.00
TOTAL	19,356.79
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,143.21)

* 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.

Consider a Legacy Gift

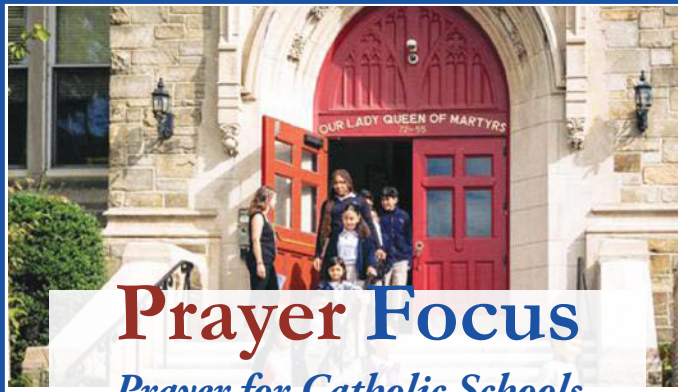
Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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LIVESTREAM MASS
 Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



Prayer Focus

Prayer for Catholic Schools

Heavenly Father,

Your light shines brightly in your children.

You have inspired us to do
good deeds in your name.

Bless our school and all who work to
make your will known in the world.

Bless all of our students, teachers, administrators,
staff, volunteers, and parents.

Thank you for the parish community
that sustains our schools.

May all learn, serve, lead, and succeed
in your name. Amen.

Apply for 2025–2026 School Year at OLQM Catholic Academy

Applications are open for kindergarten through 5th grade! Families are encouraged to apply online for a streamlined process and the ability to track application status. Visit olqmca.org/announcements for the Click to Apply link and detailed instructions. Questions? Call 718-263-2622 or email admissions@olqmca.org.

Financial Aid Deadlines for 2025–2026

Futures in Education offers partial financial aid for students in grades K-8 at Catholic schools and academies in Brooklyn and Queens. Returning families who received aid last year must apply by March 31. Deadline for new students and families applying for the first time is April 30. Complete the financial aid application at futuresineducation.org/scholarships and submit all required documentation.

FEBRUARY FEASTS

— Blessing of Candles — Sunday, February 2

*Bring your candles from home to Mass
next Sunday to have them blessed*

Forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, following Jewish law, to dedicate Him to God. In the Gospel of Luke, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah, calling Him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles,” inspiring the tradition of blessing candles on this day. At the 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass, we will have a Candlemas Blessing and Procession and a communal blessing of candles at all Masses.

— St. Blaise Throat Blessing — Monday, February 3

*Communal blessing of throats at the
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses*

This annual blessing for protection from throat ailments is held on the feast of St. Blaise, the patron of sore throats. According to legend, St. Blaise healed a boy choking on a fishbone. A fourth-century bishop and Christian martyr, he also cared for wild animals while hiding in the mountains, which is why he is also the patron saint of veterinarians.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with
others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke’s Gospel.

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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word Bible Study: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

Catholic Schools Week 2025 January 26 – February 1

Bishop Brennan's Vocation Retreat

February 28–March 2, 2025

Open to young men who are high-school seniors and older (ages 16 and up), the retreat includes Mass, communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, interaction with the seminarian community, and presentations designed to help participants discern their vocation and consider whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Those attending will have an opportunity to meet personally with Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The retreat will be held at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington** (440 West Neck Road). Advance registration required. Email cdost@diobrook.org or call the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454.

Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming and comforting community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. They meet once a month, usually the third or fourth Monday. Meetings are scheduled for **Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. For more information or questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmcchurch.org.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact olqmrca@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.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news at nearby parishes

Golden Age Club @ Our Lady of Mercy meets on Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., in the OLM Parish Hall (elevator access). Join for bingo or bring your own games, puzzles, and cards. Free coffee and dessert every week! Contact Frances Coseglia at 646-248-0492.

Rosary and Altar Society @ Our Lady of Mercy welcomes men and women of all ages and interests who are devoted to Our Lady. They meet once a month in the Parish Hall after 9 a.m. Mass. Call Renate at 718-551-7986 for more information and dates.

Our Lady of Mercy is located at 70-01 Kessel Street.

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe

ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY

Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted from 5:45 AM until 10 PM every day.

Big City Catholics Podcast

Every Friday, Bishop Robert Brennan releases a new episode, discussing events in the diocese and exploring questions of faith that affect us as parents, friends, and professionals. Listen at podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org or on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music).

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats

Hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope & Healing Mission, the retreats are for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are **March 15 and May 31**. For locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Community Services

Assisted Living and Respite Care

Dominican Village—an independent living retirement community in Amityville, New York, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic—has openings. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org. More information is available at www.dominicanvillage.org.

Health Services

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a speech and hearing evaluation with a specialist. Free services are being offered from **February 3 through May 1**. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Mental Health Services. St. John's University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike) offers testing and specialized therapy for children, adolescents, and adults for most common mental health problems: anxiety, behavioral problems including ADHD, depression, and trauma. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale based on income. The center does not accept insurance. For questions and to make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.