

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.



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information and form

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11:15 a.m.
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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 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8 a.m. Rosemarie Bailey

12:05 p.m. Mary Cully

5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

8 a.m. Faris Haddad

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco

8 a.m. Timothy Josep Schneider

12:05 p.m. Connie Gennaro

Wednesday, February 1

8 a.m. Hernando Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Donna Sorensen

Thursday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8 a.m. George Hellmers

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Friday, February 3

Saint Blaise

Saint Ansgar

8 a.m. Timothy Josep Schneider

12:05 p.m. Joan Sibilla Staples

Saturday, February 4

8 a.m. Emy Sequeira

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

5 p.m. Thomas Clarke

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 29

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. rectory: Baptism Instruction

Monday, January 30

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, January 31

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, February 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, February 2

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

Blessing of Candles

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass Exposition and Benediction

Evening Benediction returns February 23, 2023

Friday, February 3

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

Blessing of Throats

6:30–9 p.m. McLaughlin Hall (enter at red doors at parking lot):

MAYO Youth Group Sports Night

Saturday, February 4

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Elizabeth Cordova, 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, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, 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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after six (6) months, unless our office is notified.

Remember Our Deceased

Fr. Coleman Costello
Bishop Matthew H. Clark
Concepcion Kane



Mary Petrocelli
Beatrice Rem
Ivette Rodríguez de Dorta

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, please 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

Walking with Moms in Need

Today's Intention: May Catholic parish communities strive to provide compassionate, tangible support to expectant moms needing assistance.

REFLECT: In *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life), Pope John Paul II applauds the daily heroism of mothers who selflessly devote themselves to their children. This modern-day saint also highlights the unfortunate reality that “these heroic women do not always find support in the world around them.” He goes on to say, “On the contrary, the cultural models frequently promoted and broadcast by the media do not encourage motherhood. In the name of progress and modernity the values of fidelity, chastity, sacrifice, to which a host of Christian wives and mothers have borne and continue to bear outstanding witness, are presented as obsolete” (EV 86).

A culture that fails to truly value motherhood naturally becomes hostile to the gift of new life. When the Church compassionately serves mothers, it witnesses to the beauty of human life. There is a great need for real, tangible assistance for expectant mothers. Christ calls us to serve those most alone and in need. In a world that often turns it back on mothers who sacrifice so much of themselves, may we, the Church's members, rise to help mothers in need of assistance and support.

PRAY: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be.

ACT (choose one)

- Do you regularly enjoy a meal out during the week? Or do you typically stop to get a cup of coffee each morning? Give up one of these small pleasures this week. Use the money you saved to make a donation to a local pregnancy center, food pantry, or charity that provides assistance to mothers in need.
- Pray the “Prayer for Pregnant Mothers” (<https://bit.ly/3WnYh8S>) throughout the next month. Consider adding it to your morning or evening prayers each day.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER: Join the Church's effort to serve pregnant and parenting women in need called, Walking with Moms in Need. Take the pledge to prayerfully support pregnant women in your community (<https://bit.ly/3ViItD0>).



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.nycatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #302—“Gather Us In”

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Seek Ye the Lord” (*J. V. Roberts*)—Choir

Missal #383—“Servant Song”

COMMUNION

“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether” (*H. Friedell*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #601—“Christ, Be Our Light”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #603—“We Are the Light of the World”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for snow removal. There is also an envelope for Religious Education Release Time.
- » On February 5, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for Black and Indian Home Missions.
- » 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. Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

G O D K N O W S
*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

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.



Prayer Focus

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.

Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of goodwill, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Saint Pio, Pray for us!



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).

Bereavement Support Is Available

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 (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.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP by email to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

"He is a light to reveal God to the nations."

**Spend some quiet time with the Lord.
Exposition and Adoration Thursdays after
12:05pm Mass and all afternoon.**

Winter Calendar at OLQM

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick.
Anointing of the Sick. *12:05 p.m. Mass.*

February 20

Alleluia Sunday. On the last Sunday before Lent we will sing hymns with lots of Alleluias! *All Masses.*

February 22

Ash Wednesday. First day of the Holy Season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at these designated times only: *8 a.m. Mass, 12:05 p.m. Mass, 4 p.m. Prayer Service & 7:30 p.m. Mass.*

March 5

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations. The SVP truck visits to accept gently used and new clothing. *On Sunday (3/5) only, from 9 a.m. to noon.*

March 11 to March 19

St. Joseph Novena. *12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon-Sat); after 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sundays 3/12 & 3/19.*

February Feasts

Blessing of Candles Thursday, February 2

At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

February 2 is forty days after the Nativity of Jesus, December 25. Jewish law dictated that the child be consecrated to God, so Mary and Joseph presented their Son in the Temple. Luke's account of the Presentation of the Lord highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, with Simeon declaring Jesus "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." That is the origin of blessing candles on this day and why the day is also known as Candlemas (the Feast of Light).

Our church will have a special blessing of the candles that we will use in the church during the coming year. **Parishioners are invited to bring their own candles from home to be blessed at the 8 a.m. and the 12:05 p.m. Masses.**



Presentation of the Lord – detail of the choir loft Mary window.



St. Blaise Throat Blessing Friday, February 3

At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

This blessing to protect us from sickness of the throat happens yearly on the feast of St. Blaise, patron of sore throats. One of the legendary acts of St. Blaise was his healing a young boy who had a fishbone lodged in this throat. While escaping persecution as a Christian in the 4th century, he hid in the mountains and cared for the wild animals he encountered. Because the animals would come to him for healing and blessing, he is also the patron of veterinarians.

Throats will be blessed at the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses. The custom is for the priest to give the blessing by holding two crossed candles (the candles blessed the day before, on the Feast of the Presentation) to your throat and to ask God, through the intercession of St. Blaise, to deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Jan 22
Candle Offerings	\$1,253.00
1st Collection	7,677.00
2nd Collection (CCD & Rel Ed)	1,612.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>10,542.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,003.80
Mail In	1,539.00
TOTAL	16,084.80
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,065.20)

*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 Collections

Churches in Need (Latin America, Africa) \$1,506.22

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 Passenat at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

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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.

Black History Month (February) Mass Celebrations

A National Day of Prayer for the African American Family will be celebrated with a Mass on **Sunday Feb 5 @ 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. Contact the Office of Black Ministry/Pierre Toussaint Guild, Archdiocese of New York at 646-794-2681 for more information.

The Vicariate Office for Black Catholic Concerns of Brooklyn Diocese with the Diocese of Rockville Centre will celebrate the Annual Black History Month Mass on **Saturday Feb 11 @ 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Agnes** (29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre). For more information, including about bus transport to and from Rockville Centre, email blackcatholicconcernsbk@gmail.com.

Heart to Heart Ministry

Women's Brunch Retreat, Saturday Feb 11 at American Martyrs (Sullivan Hall, 79-43 Bell Blvd/Union Tpk, Bayside) **9:45 a.m. to noon**. "Ordinary Is Wonderful" is the theme, with reflections. Music by Alverlis. RSVP to Sister Ave Clark, O.P. at 718-428-2471. (Donation basket will be passed.)

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Several of our parishioners volunteer at two local food pantries. One pantry operates weekly on Saturday mornings out of **Our Lady of Mercy Church** on Kessel Street. If interested in helping there, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at 718-268-6143 or ddobbins@diobrook.org.

The other pantry operates out of **Queens Community House** (108-25 62nd Drive) on Wednesdays. The volunteer shift is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; the pantry opens its doors at 5 p.m. to start handing out food to those in need. If interested in volunteering at QCH's pantry, please leave your name, phone number, and email and our parish coordinator will contact you. You can use this tear-out form and drop it in the collection basket, or call the OLQM rectory during the week to leave your information.

Thank you for your help.—BISHOP SANCHEZ

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Diocesan Vocation Events for Young Men

Bishop's Vocation Retreat Feb 24–26 at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (Huntington, NY). Open to young men age 16 and up discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Advance registration required. Please RSVP to cdost@diobrook.org or call 718-827-2454.

Fraternitas for Middle School Boys meets at Cathedral Prep School & Seminary (56-25 92nd St, Elmhurst) on **Saturdays Feb 11, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 17** for prayer, catechesis, sacraments; there's also pizza and sports. Contact the Diocese Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

Project Andrew for High Schoolers and Older arranges monthly Sunday evening gatherings at different parishes in the diocese so young men can meet for prayer, dinner, and conversation to learn about the priesthood. Full schedule and details at brooklynpriests.org/get-involved/project-andrew.

FREE Speech & Hearing Screenings at St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing). Call 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment. Free screenings will be offered from January 31 through April 27. Free hearing aid help is also available.



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