

July 20, 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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, July 19

12:05 p.m. Abdul Bodden

5 p.m. William V. Delaney, Jr.

Sunday, July 20

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

Monday, July 21

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

8:05 a.m. Fernando Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Elisa A. Fule

Tuesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

8:05 a.m. Antonia Pollini

12:05 p.m. Aida Almendral

Wednesday, July 23

Saint Bridget

8:05 a.m. Jose Maria Rodriguez Flores

12:05 p.m. Charles Puglisi

Thursday, July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhlūf

8:05 a.m. Barry Dunn

12:05 p.m. Maria Teresa Enright

Friday, July 25

Saint James

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Razelo DeAsis

Saturday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne

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

5 p.m. Nadine Ho-sin Burton [living]

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 20

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Summer Break

Return date for the 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study to be announced.

Monday, July 21

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, July 22

11:30 a.m. *church:* Confessions

7-8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship (*see p. 6*)

Choir Rehearsals - Summer Break

Tuesday rehearsals resume September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, July 24

11:30 a.m. *church:* Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. *church:* **Benediction**

Saturday, July 26

12:45 a.m. *church:* Confessions

Sunday, July 27 to Monday, August 4

NOVENA TO ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Join us in praying for the seminarians in our diocese. See page 6.

*The novena prayers and a prayer sign-up sheet
will be in the church.*

Remember Our Sick

Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanias, Aurora Balthazar, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Luis Calatayud, Rob Champion, Noreen DeCaul-Thomas, Gabby De Leon, Michelle De Leon, Myrna Mimi De Leon, Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Babu Easow, Ronda Esser, Alexander Guttierrez, Spyro Harisiadis, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Christopher Henderson, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Roger Mejia, Sandy Norona, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Teruko Secor, Debbie Seechan, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Ida Sumpner, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jacquenline Vallejo, Marilyn Viggiano, Teresa Wong, Mariana Zapata—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.



Remember Our Deceased

Aurora G. Castro
Gloria Correal
Lourdes Concha Cruz
Herman Czaster



Gladys M. Jaquez
Azela Lambatin
Fabiola Trujillo

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 the Catholic Teaching Committee

No One Grows Old Alone

We have been reflecting on the US Catholic Bishops' 1999 document "Pastoral Message on Growing Older Within the Faith Community." Below are some additional reflections.



Finding Community

"Many older people turn to parishes and parish-based small groups to find community. As a family of families, the parish connects older adults with each other and with other generations. The parish provides spiritual and sacramental nourishment as well as social and service opportunities. Even here, however, some older people feel isolated or excluded. If you are confined to home or to an assisted living facility, parish visitation teams can keep you connected with the faith community. The staff and residents of such a facility might become another community for you.

"Some may feel isolated [if they] lack transportation to parish activities. Perhaps someone you know simply needs a personal invitation, a reassurance that he or she is wanted and welcomed. Especially during transition times, people need the support of a caring community, but they can hesitate to reach out for it.

Reaching Out

"If you have received the gift of such a community, we ask you to share it with other older adults. Invite them to attend Sunday Mass and, if possible, offer them a ride. Offer to introduce them at the next meeting of the parish seniors group. Reach out to another person, and draw him or her into a caring community.

"The faith community can be the fertile soil in which life-giving friendships blossom. Here you often find men and women who share your values and experiences—people who understand the particular losses and fears of later life but whose faith gives them strength and courage. These friendships, often unexpected, can lighten the cares and multiply the joys of later life.

The Call to Service

"Older persons have a responsibility, commensurate with health, abilities, and other obligations, to undertake some form of service to others. . . . You can be tempted to turn inward or focus solely on pursuing hobbies and leisure activities as the well-deserved fruits of your labor. But you also have the opportunity to . . . make a significant contribution to your Church and community and, in doing so, to enrich your own life."

We are blessed to have a pastoral outreach ministry here at OLQM under the leadership of Dennis Portelli. Contact Dennis at dfport@gmail.com if you have the time or energy to visit the sick. Remember also that your prayers and sacrifices benefit the needs of all those who are suffering.



Order of Mass

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C — Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m. resumes on Sept. 7

ENTRANCE

Missal #313—"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #312—"Table of Plenty"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #477—"We Remember"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #532—"O God beyond All Praising"

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » July 20, the second collection is for air conditioning.
- » 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.
- » **Traveling this summer?** Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or use online Parish Giving.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

—
Luke 10:42

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

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

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Rosary and 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

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

Celebration of Marriage

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

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Time-Sensitive

Brooklyn Pilgrimage Heads to Rome Sept. 1 for Historic Canonizations

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens invites the faithful on an eight-day Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and Vatican City from **September 1–8** to witness the canonization of **Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. Led by Msgr. Thomas Machalski, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bayside—home to a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo—this spiritually rich journey includes a general audience with Pope Leo XIV, Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter, and the Canonization Mass at St. Peter's Square. Pilgrims will also explore sacred sites across Rome, Vatican City, and optionally Assisi; deluxe accommodations, guided tours, and daily breakfasts included. **Cost:** starts at \$2,600 (land only, double occupancy, paid by check), with add-ons like the Assisi day trip for \$150. For more details or to register, email Peter's Way Tours at peter@petersway.com or call 800-225-7662.

Natural Family Planning Awareness

The United States Bishops have designated July 20 as the start of "Natural Family Planning Awareness Week." NFP reflects a Catholic understanding of openness to life, mutual respect, and shared responsibility in marriage. There is a flyer available in the church that provides basic information. Thank you for taking home a copy. You may also visit the US Bishops' website at USCCB.org and type in "Natural Family Planning" for additional resources.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Jul 13
Candle Offerings	\$1,834.00
1st Collection	7,729.13
2nd Collection (major repairs)	2,944.13
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,507.26</u>
Online Giving	4,090.82
Mail In	2,129.00
TOTAL	18,727.08
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,772.92)

** 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.

Restoration and Repairs in Progress

The church **ramp entrance will be temporarily closed** for two Sundays—July 27 and, potentially, August 3—while the door is being carefully restored. We appreciate your understanding as we undertake this important work. The photo here shows one of our recently restored doors, now beautifully finished in the original color of the wood.

As part of our proactive maintenance efforts, the school building is also undergoing necessary repair work. The school roof (pictured below) had developed low areas where water was pooling, creating the potential for leaks and long-term damage. The completed repairs involved leveling those low spots with cement and installing a new waterproof roofing layer to prevent future water buildup.

In addition (not pictured), the steps of the school building along Ascan Avenue were properly repointed. The deteriorated mortar was raked out, and new mortar and caulking were



added to restore the integrity and appearance of the steps.

We are grateful to all who contribute to the Major Repairs and Academy Building Maintenance collections throughout the year, whether using the designated envelopes or Parish Giving. Your continued generosity makes important and timely repairs such as these possible.

Thank you for helping to preserve the beauty, safety, and integrity of our parish buildings.



Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith”

Gracious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care
all those who will work on this project.
Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts
manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness,
the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Project Planning in Motion for Tower Repair

Last Monday, we met with the representatives of the stewardship committee and the finance committee to strategize a program to present to the parish. This meeting focused on the preparation of program materials, the case statements, and the social media presentations. After they are edited and reviewed, they will be sent to the printer for publication.

We have another meeting planned for July 28 to discuss the timetable of the project.

Please continue to include the prayer for “Strengthening Our Tower of Faith” in your daily reflections.

More updates later. . . .

— FR. PASSENANT

Beginning Next Sunday

Novena for Seminarians

From July 27 to August 4, we invite you to join us in reciting the **St. John Vianney Novena** as we lift up our seminarians in prayer. Prayer sign-up sheets will be available in church. We encourage you to choose the name of one seminarian from the diocese and commit to praying for him.

On Sunday, August 3, we will have a special celebration at the 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass. **Fr. Alvaro Morales Sanchez**, who was newly ordained last month, will preside and offer a First Blessing after Mass. All are invited to attend and receive this beautiful grace.

Who Is St. John Vianney?

Known as the patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney was a humble and holy French priest renowned for his tireless ministry and dedication to the confessional. He is a powerful intercessor, especially for priests and those discerning the priesthood. Let's follow his example by supporting the seminarians with prayer and encouragement.

OLQM Summer Calendar

Sunday, July 27

Start of the St. John Vianney Novena *Prayed after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass and Mon-Sat at the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

Sunday, August 3

St. John Vianney Novena Choir Mass 11:15 a.m., celebrated with newly ordained priest, followed by a First Blessing

Monday, August 4

Close of the St. John Vianney Novena 12:05 p.m. Mass

Friday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) *Vigil Mass on Thur. 8/14 at 7:30 p.m. will be celebrated in memory of Msgr. Joseph Funaro on the twelfth anniversary of his passing. Holy Day Masses on 8/15 will be at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m., with a blessing with seawater at the 12:05 Mass.*

Weekend, August 23/24

Summer Missionary Appeal *A visiting missionary will speak at all the Masses, giving us an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Church and to offer our support to his particular mission cause.*

Xavier Society for the Blind has **FREE** bibles and missalettes in large print for people living with vision loss from macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, and other conditions. Call them at 212-473-7800 or toll-free at 800-637-9193, or visit xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Thanks to 230 donors,
we have surpassed our
goal in pledges.

— \$118,596 Pledged

— \$110,076 Goal



Update as of July 14, 2025:

We have 18 new donors from a week ago!

Paid pledges stand at \$93,149.

We look forward to reaching 100% of our goal amount through fulfilled pledges by Labor Day so that we can successfully bring the ACA to a close! Please continue to fulfill all pledges. Surplus amounts pledged and paid above goal will be returned to our parish. For those who wish to contribute to the ACA, use the envelopes in church or give online. Use link on our website:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

Big City Catholic Podcast

Bishop Brennan's weekly podcast gives listeners insight into the heart of our bishop as he walks with the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens to learn more about their personal stories, celebrate Catholic life, and discuss the challenges we all face in our everyday lives. **New episodes are available every Friday.** Listen wherever you get your podcasts or go to <https://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org>.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. This group is on summer break for July and August. Stay tuned for a future announcement about a resume date for their weekly, in person gatherings in the rectory basement.

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location.

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