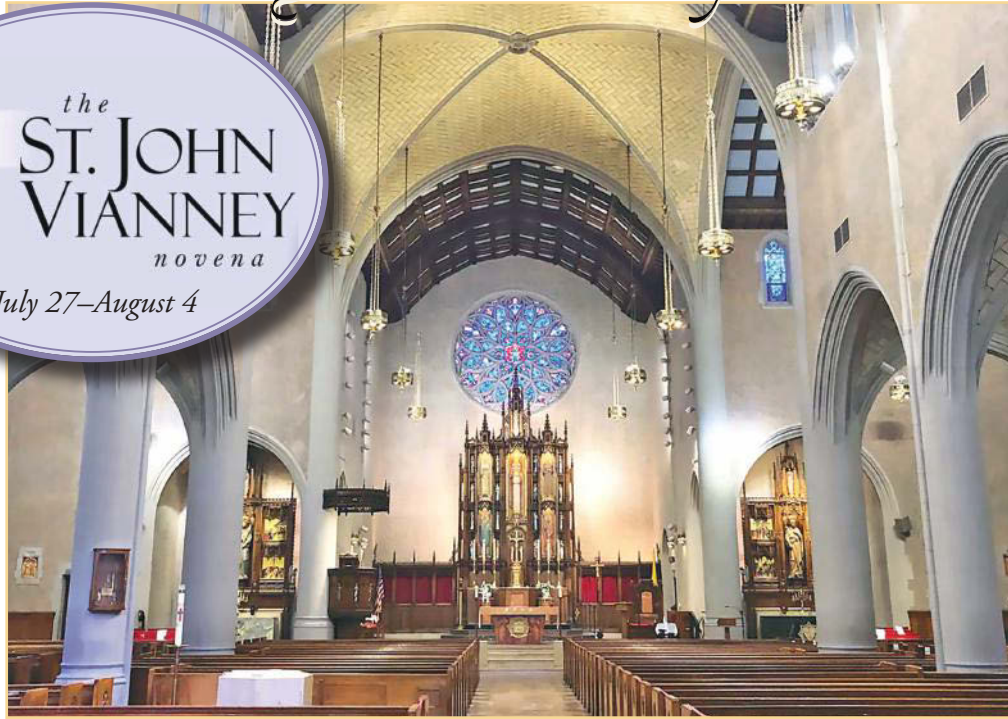


July 21, 2024 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

the
**ST. JOHN
VIANNEY**
novena

July 27–August 4



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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)
8:05 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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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, July 20

Saint Apollinaris

8:05 a.m. Elisa A. Fule

12:05 p.m. Fernando Muñoz

5 p.m. Mark Farray

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

8:05 a.m. Bohdan Kozak

12:05 p.m. Al Maher

Tuesday, July 23

Saint Bridget

8:05 a.m. Zoraida Saavedra Miranda

12:05 p.m. Nicholas Reina

Wednesday, July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhlūf

8:05 a.m. Lawrence J. Curreri

12:05 p.m. Francesca Maniscalco-Crook

Thursday, July 25

Saint James

8:05 a.m. Nadine Ho-Sin Burton [living]

12:05 p.m. Rubin Almendral

Friday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne

8:05 a.m. Deceased members of the Clancy family

12:05 p.m. Razelo DeAsis

Saturday, July 27

8:05 a.m. Octavio Colina

12:05 p.m. Lydia Strano Rojas

5 p.m. Robert G. Sorsaia

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 21

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break

Study resumes Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room

Monday, July 22

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

“Through the Word” Bible Study—Summer Break

Study resumes on Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 25

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**

Friday, July 26

Rectory office closed

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

2 p.m. church: **WEDDING**

Malwina Pelczar/Szymon Szwinge

Saturday, July 27

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

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

July Prayer Intention

Pope Francis dedicates the month of July for the pastoral care of the sick. Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Guello, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Ernny Ordonez, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, 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.

Remember Our Deceased

Cobrado A. Cabuay

Nicole Merino

Michelle Onofrio

Robert Sorsaia



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

Responding to the Universal Call to Holiness: Part 2

"But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5: 8)

REFLECT: Last week, we discussed responding to the universal call to holiness with fundamental moral attitudes of reverence, gratitude, and humility based on our awareness of God's infinite majesty as creator and the subsequent awareness of our littleness as creatures. Today, we address the more profound reason for our response of reverence, gratitude, and humility based on our awareness of ourselves as sinners and the subsequent awareness of God's merciful love.

As "innocent" creatures, we might consider making some claim to the Creator's care; after all, he made us as we are. As sinners, we've negated all such claims. This helps account for the fear-based contrition experienced by those advancing in the spiritual life. We start with a sense of God as all powerful, realize our sinfulness, and fear his justice.

Even among the saintly, contrition continues as a holy sorrow. As St. Teresa teaches in the Interior Castle, such an advanced soul "does not think of the punishment threatening its offences but of its great ingratitude towards Him to Whom it owes so much." Its past sinfulness "seems a madness which it never ceases to lament" as it remembers how it neglected, even rejected, so great a Love.

But, as Hildebrand writes, "contrition does not paralyze the Christian, nor does it deprive him of fortitude. In his act of penitence he will contemplate, not so much his own weakness as the merciful arms of God that are extended to receive him into His holiness." What is required, what is at the "core of humility belongs a gesture of holy audacity." Aware of God's personal appeal—as the prophet Isaiah states: "I have called thee by name, thou art mine"—we "jubilantly assent to our own insignificance" and "throw ourselves into the arms of God," resolving to do his will.

LEARN: Read Dietrich Von Hildebrand's *Transformation in Christ: On the Christian Attitude*, available at your favorite Catholic bookstore.

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

Rectory Office Summer Hours

The rectory will be closed on Fridays in July as we make the most of the summer to recharge and prepare for a busy August and fall. Daily Masses are at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Order of Mass

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #321—"Gather Us In"

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #470—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #614—"Like a Shepherd"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #601—"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 Pastoral Care.
- » July 28, 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.



Be a Lifesaver. Donate to the Summer Blood Drive




The New York Blood Center mobile bus will be conveniently parked in front of our church. Tell your friends. Walk-ins welcome.

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| SUNDAY August 18 <i>(new date)</i> | TIME 9:15 am to 3:15 pm | WHERE NY Blood Center Busmobile @ Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church |
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Your blood donation can make a difference! Donating blood is nearly painless, takes about an hour, and can save up to three lives. You can schedule your appointment time in advance at donate.nybc.org (search by date and zip code to find the OLQM church listing).

**GIVE BLOOD
GIVE LOVE**



Welcoming New Perspectives and New Faces in August

Next month, we are rolling out the welcome mat for two special occasions. On the weekend of August 24/25, we will continue our annual tradition of hosting a **Summer Missionary** at all Masses. A visiting missionary will give us an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Catholic Church and to offer our prayerful and financial support to his particular mission cause.

In addition to praying for seminarians during our St. John Vianney Novena (July 27 to August 4), at the end of August, we will be preparing to welcome **seminarian Louis de Rohan Chabot** from St. Joseph's Seminary/Dunwoodie, who will be joining Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for a pastoral year. This assignment, which is supported by Annual Catholic Appeal funds, is a ten-month internship that includes parish living and ministry to gain first-hand experience in a parish community and develop the seminarian's pastoral skills. We look forward to sharing more information about Louis soon and encourage everyone to offer him a warm and joyful welcome.

pot*luck

/noun/ 1. meal to which everyone invited brings food to share; 2. meal for a guest that is prepared from whatever is available; 3. OLQM Parish summer tradition hosted by Pastoral Care.



Hosted by Pastoral Care

**SUMMER
POTLUCK
LUNCH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 @ 2:15PM

Meet us in the OLQM Rectory
Air-Conditioned Basement
Meeting Room

Summer Potluck Lunch

When: Sunday, August 11, starting at 2:15 p.m. (right after the last Sunday Mass) in the air-conditioned rectory basement. Buzz for entry at the glass door near the statue of Mary.

Entry fee: \$15 or a dish that you bring to feed 4 to 6 people.

Sign up: Please complete and tear out this sheet, then place it in the collection basket to let us know that you'll be joining us and what you'll bring. You may also email your RSVP to Pastoral Care at dfport@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'm bringing: # of People _____

Appetizer _____

Main Dish _____

Side or Dessert _____

St. John Vianney Novena: July 27 to August 4

During our novena program for St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests and seminarians, we will welcome Father Tobechukwu “Toby” Offiah. He was ordained on June 1, 2024, by Bishop Brennan, and is now serving as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bayside.



Father Toby will celebrate the 11:15 a.m. Mass with us on Sunday, August 4, and afterward, offer first blessings.

Father Toby’s journey to become an ordained priest had twists and turns. He grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, in a devout Catholic family and was the youngest of five kids. His mother cleverly instilled a love for attending Mass by treating the children to ice cream afterward, associating Sundays with sundaes.

In 2008, he wanted to become a priest but decided to go to college first, earning a degree in accounting from the University of Nigeria. The pull to serve God remained strong, however, and in 2011, he entered the seminary in the Diocese of Akwa in southern Nigeria.

Also in 2008, his family moved to the United States, and by 2017, he decided to join them. Once here, he grappled with the secular allure of American culture, which caused him to wait for two years before entering St. Joseph’s Seminary and College in 2019. He worked various jobs, including as a customer service

agent at JFK Airport and a shelf stocker at Target. His discernment process wavered until a conversation with a seminary friend from Akwa reaffirmed his calling to the priesthood. His mother’s unwavering faith during illness profoundly influenced him—she passed away from cancer in 2022—extending to his devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. That same year, he became a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Father Toby’s journey also took him to Omaha, Nebraska, to study at the Institute for Priestly Formation. He was ordained a transitional deacon in October 2023 at St.

Joseph’s Seminary and began serving at Sacred Heart in Bayside.

He acknowledges the challenges and the divine interventions that have guided him. As he told *The Tablet*, “God in His mercy and love placed the right people at the right time at the right place to give me the right counsel that has helped me continue.” As for his aspirations, “My American dream is becoming a priest,” he said. With the realization of that goal and future ministry awaiting him, he adds that “God will reveal what he wants me to do.”

Source: *This profile is adapted from an article by Paula Katinas that originally appeared in The Tablet on May 7, 2004.*

Contact Us

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT
—Weekly Collections—

| | July 14 |
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| Candle Offerings | \$1,555.00 |
| 1st Collection | 7,585.00 |
| 2nd Collection <i>(major repairs)</i> | 2,588.00 |
| <u>Subtotal - In Church</u> | <u>11,728.00</u> |
| Online Parish Giving | 4,244.08 |
| Mail In | 1,687.00 |
| TOTAL | 17,659.08 |
| Weekly Income Needed* | 24,500.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (6,840.92) |

* 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.

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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

A Call to Devotion

Today is the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, the crowning event of the National Eucharistic Revival. This three-year initiative, launched by the U.S. bishops in 2022, has been a journey to inspire greater love for and understanding of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. In unity with the congress, we at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs invite you to deepen your own Eucharistic devotion. Every Thursday, immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass, our church offers Eucharistic Adoration until Benediction at 7:30 p.m. Take a pause from your workday or stop by after work to spend some peaceful, reflective time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Let this sacred time nourish your spirit and bring you closer to the heart of our faith.



Community Services

Assisted Living and Respite Care

Lunch & Learn Open House at Dominican Village (565 Albany Ave., Amityville). Thursday, August 15 @ 12 noon. This independent living retirement community was founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic. Call 631-842-6091 to RSVP. For more information, email jford@dominicanvillage.org.

Free Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? **St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Turnpike) is offering free hearing and speech screenings through August 1. Free hearing aid help is also available. Call 718-990-6480 to arrange an appointment with a specialist.

Bereavement Support Group: Fall 2024 Meeting Schedule

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. Meetings are scheduled for **September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** For more information, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

For Parents with Little Children

We cherish having young children at Mass, even when they cry at inopportune times. To maintain a peaceful atmosphere during worship, we will not be upset if parents feel they need to make their child comfortable. If your child is restless, you can use the church vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a designated comforting area at any time during Mass. These areas can accommodate parents and children while still allowing them to hear the Mass. Ushers are on hand, too, for direction and assistance.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 28 @ 11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (1550 Hendrickson St, Brooklyn). All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to renew their vows. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. Bring your family to witness your continued commitment to one another. Registered couples will receive a personalized certificate; those in attendance can have their picture taken with the bishop presiding as celebrant. Fee: \$35/couple. Registration with payment must be received by September 15; use the form at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyu7um7>. Questions? Email precana@diobrook.org.



Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As of July 15, thanks to 251 donors, we have exceeded our parish goal in pledges. These contributions support the pastoral, charitable, and educational programs in our diocese, including Catholic Charities and seminarian formation. Please continue to fulfill your pledges. We aim to convert all pledges into paid contributions by our Parish Feast Day on September 15. If you have not contributed, consider making a gift in any amount. Appeal envelopes can be found near the church doors. Funds collected above our goal amount will return to our parish.

Catholic Charismatic Prayer on Zoom, Wednesdays @ 7:45-9 p.m. 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).