

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

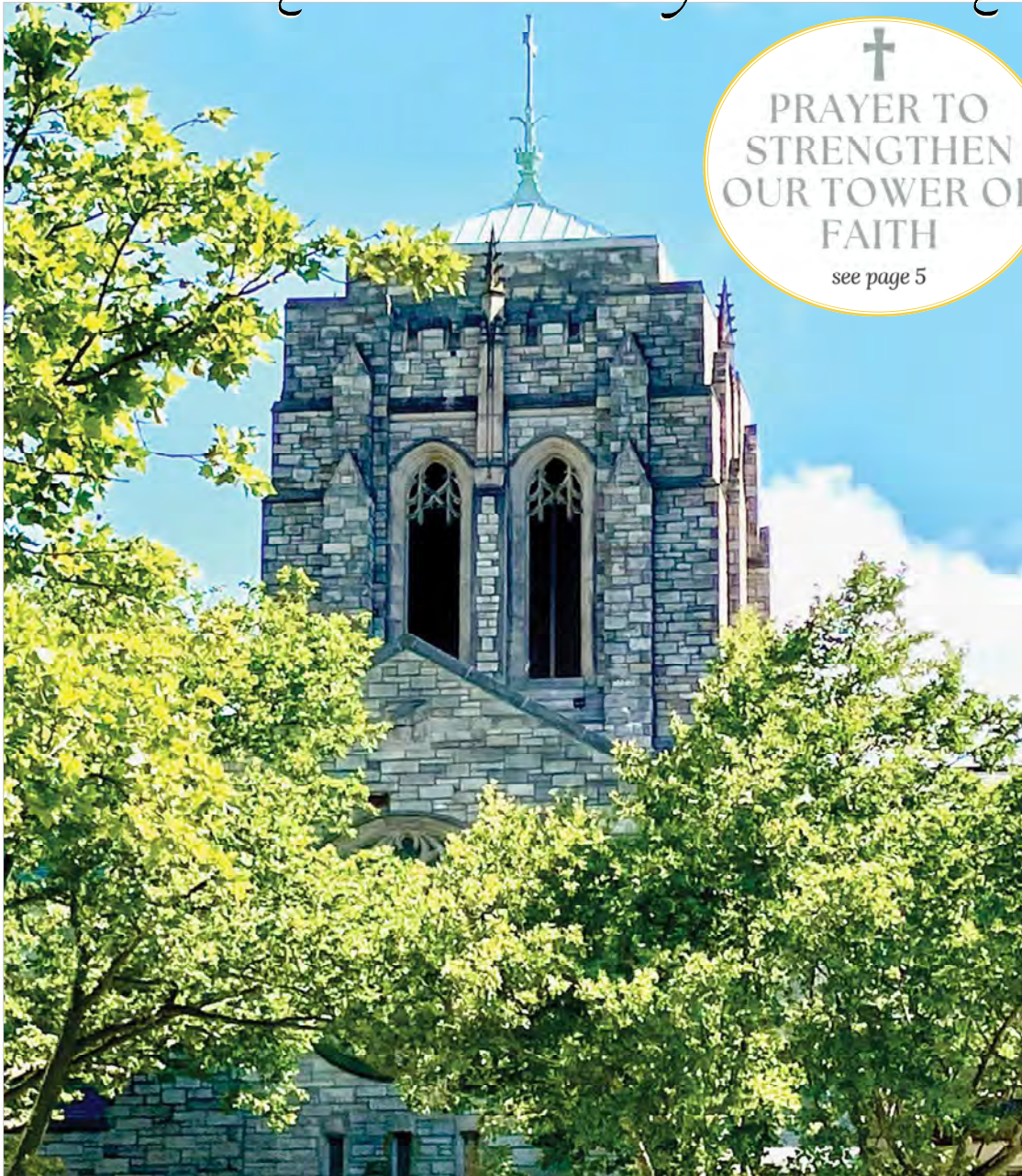


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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**

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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, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne

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

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

Sunday, July 27

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 a.m. Mass Saint John Vianney Novena

Monday, July 28

8:05 a.m. Evelyn Meehan

12:05 p.m. Patricia Smith

Tuesday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:05 a.m. James W. Breslin

12:05 p.m. Marie Morgan [living]

Wednesday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:05 a.m. Dida Cruz [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. John Castino

Thursday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

8:05 a.m. Patrick Sheridan

12:05 p.m. Clara Mei-Yee Tse

Friday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Noila Johnson family [living]

Saturday, August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

12:05 p.m. Matthew Patsos [3rd anniversary]

5 p.m. Marilyn and Charles Chow

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 27

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Summer Break

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

After 11:15 a.m. Mass:

Start of the Novena to St. John Vianney

Join us in praying for the seminarians in our diocese.

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

Monday, July 28

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, July 29

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 30

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, July 31

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, August 2

12:45 a.m. church: Confessions

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, Millie Lorenzo, Theresa Manino, Matilda Munoz, Roger Mejia, Sandy Norona, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Teruko Secor, Debbie Seechan, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Ida Sumprer, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jacqueline 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

Luis Chan
Lourdes Concha Cruz
Herman Czaster
Vivian Garcia



Gladys M. Jaquez
Azela Lambatin
Rodolfo E. Ordenez
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

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

As part of the year-long celebration of the Jubilee, multiple groups have been invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome to meet with Pope Leo XIV and receive the pilgrimage indulgences. They include youth groups, ecclesial movements, associations and new communities, sports groups, government representatives, seminarians, bishops, and priests. The days from July 28 through August 3 are dedicated to young adults and young people.



On Sunday, September 7, Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis, both fitting patrons for youth. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops describe Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati as “a global patron and companion for young adults, athletes and ordinary people.”

Man of the Beatitudes

As the Bishops note: “Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an Italian young person who was affectionately called the ‘Man of the Beatitudes’ by Saint John Paul II for his exemplary work of bringing comfort and happiness to those who were poor, suffering, meek, hungry, thirsty, and in need of mercy, and who was himself clean of heart, a peacemaker, and persecuted for the sake of the Gospel (cf. Mt 5:3-10). He died at the young adult age of 24 while in charitable service to the people who were sick and dying in his community.”

Service to the Marginalized

“Pier Giorgio was engaged in the life of the Church through regular worship and adoration, service to the poor and marginalized, advocacy for social justice for the disenfranchised and for religious liberty, regular participation in student and sports activities, devotion to his family, and joyful companionship with his friends and fellow Catholics in his community. He saw many parallels between Catholic life and his favorite pastime sport, mountain-climbing. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with his close friends with occasions for prayer, liturgies, and conversations about faith on the way up to or down from the summit. . . . The Catholic Church holds up Pier Giorgio Frassati as an excellent role model for young people and young adults, athletes, and ordinary people for their own journey through life. Just like Frassati, we are continually called to set out on a voyage in our everyday lives to go ‘to the heights’ to encounter Christ in all things, and in a particular way, through the community of the Church, those who are poor and marginalized, and the Eucharist.”

Frassati USA (frassatiusa.org) has more information. Pray in union with the Church throughout the world through the intercession of the soon-to-be Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis for the needs of young people.



Order of Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

ENTRANCE

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

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #348—“God’s Holy Gifts”

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #355—“I Am the Bread of Life”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #534—“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens”

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection will help air conditioning costs.
- » August 3, the second collection is for major repairs.
- » 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

The ramp entrance remains closed this Sunday—and possibly next Sunday—as we refinish the door.
We appreciate your understanding.

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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Last Chance to Register

Brooklyn Pilgrimage Heads to Rome on 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.

Urge Governor Hochul to Veto the Physician-Assisted Suicide Bill

The New York State Legislature recently passed the Medical Aid in Dying Act (A136/S138) in both the assembly and state senate. The Church opposes assisted suicide, and the last hope is asking Governor Hochul to veto the bill.

To voice your opposition to this legislation, call the Governor's Office at 1-518-474-8390. You may also sign the prewritten letter by the NY State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/action-center

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	July 20
Candle Offerings	\$1,765.00
1st Collection	7,897.00
2nd Collection (Pastoral Care)	2,753.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,415.00</u>
Online Giving	4,503.04
Mail In	3,315.00
TOTAL	20,233.04
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,266.96)

** 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.

July 27 to August 4

St. John Vianney Novena for Seminarians

Join us all this week in reciting the novena as we lift up our seminarians in prayer. We encourage you to choose the name of one seminarian from the diocese and commit to praying for him throughout the novena and throughout the year.

To be a prayer sponsor, use one of the sign-up sheets posted near the church doors. Also, take home with you the four-page novena prayer program.



Who is St. John Vianney? The patron saint of parish priests, John Vianney was a humble and holy French priest renowned for his tireless 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.

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.

Today's Bulletin Cover: The OLQM church bell tower has stood as a steadfast presence in Forest Hills for generations. As we prepare for the significant structural and financial undertaking of repairing the bell tower, we ask that you continue to include the "Strengthen Our Tower of Faith" intention in your daily prayers, reflecting on our church's place in our shared faith and community history.

Next Sunday, 11:15 a.m. Mass

Guest Celebrant: Fr. Alvaro Morales Sanchez

Father Morales's journey from tuning diesel engines to tending souls is vivid proof that every vocation begins with a spark.

Born in Mexico and raised in New Jersey, Father Morales was trained as a mechanic, but a deeper calling led him to trade tools for the sacraments.



Now as a newly ordained priest, fluent in three languages, he is ready to serve at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish on Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica.

Father Morales is a living testament to God's creative call. We are eager to hear what he brings to the altar when we welcome him as our guest celebrant on August 3, the second Sunday of our St. John Vianney Novena, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass with choir.


Please join us in welcoming him, and then stay after Sunday Mass to receive the beautiful grace of a First Blessing from Father Morales.



Fr. Morales will celebrate 11:15am Mass with us next week and, afterward, offer a First Blessing




Blood Drive






**August 17, 2025**
9:15am – 3:15pm
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

Location: Look for the bus on Ascan Avenue between Austin Street & Queens Boulevard

To sign up, scan the QR Code
OR
[Click here to save 3 lives](#)



Prepare to donate

-  Eat well and hydrate
-  Bring a photo ID
-  Feel good and symptom free
-  Must be 17+ with parental consent (if under 18)
-  Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [nybc.org/eligibility](#)

OLQM Calendar for August


Sunday, July 27 to Monday, August 3

St. John Vianney Novena *Pray for the seminarians in our diocese; program details are on page 5. Novena prayer sheets are in church.*

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.*

Sunday, August 17

Summer Blood Drive  9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. *It's a critical need because blood supplies drop in summer. The NY Blood Center busmobile will be parked near the church entrance Ascan Avenue.*

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.*

**Invitation for
Young Adult Catholics, Ages 18–35
Sign Up for an Exciting Fall 2025 Retreat**



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Thanks to 233 donors,
we have **surpassed** our
goal in pledges.

— \$124,204 Pledged

— \$110,076 Goal

Paid pledges stand at \$99,333.

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/



"Give us this day our daily bread."

Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.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.