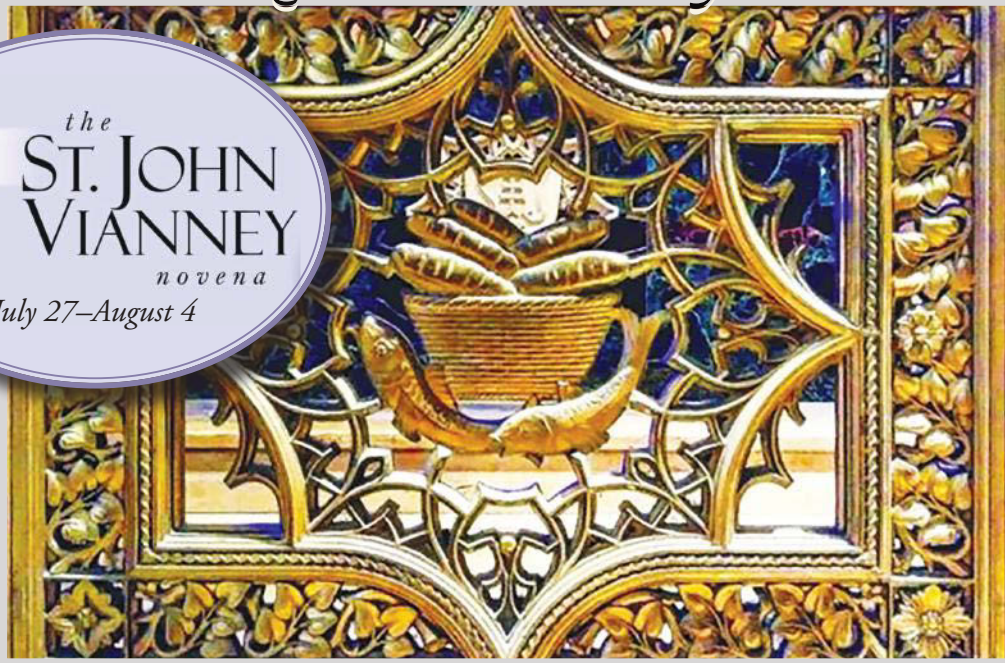


July 28, 2024 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

the
**ST. JOHN
VIANNEY**
novena
July 27–August 4



Brass gate at the St. Joseph Altar with representation of the loaves and fishes

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

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 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

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



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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 27

8:05 a.m. Octavio Colina
12:05 p.m. Lydia Strano Rojas
5 p.m. Robert G. Sorsaia

Sunday, July 28

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

Monday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
8:05 a.m. Margaret P. Kelly
12:05 p.m. Maria Cristina Solis

Tuesday, July 30

Saint Peter Chysologus
8:05 a.m. John Castino
12:05 p.m. Dida Cruz [anniversary]

Wednesday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola
8:05 a.m. Ramon Mariazeta, Jr.
12:05 p.m. Blessed Solanus Casey [thanksgiving]

Thursday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori
8:05 a.m. Sadiri Castaneto [living]
12:05 p.m. Clara Mei-Yee Tse

Friday, August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli
Saint Peter Julian Eymard
8:05 a.m. Sadiri Castaneto [living]
12:05 p.m. Alice R. Jennings

Saturday, August 3

8:05 a.m. Thomas Trott
12:05 p.m. Manuel Miguel
5 p.m. Marilyn and Charles Chow

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 28

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Summer Break
Study resumes Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room

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

Monday, July 29

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 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

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 3

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

2:30 p.m. **WEDDING**

Monika Balaban/David Michael

Sunday, August 4

11:15 a.m. **Mass**: *celebrant, Fr. Toby Offiah*
followed by conclusion of the St. John Vianney Novena
and First Blessings

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 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

Conrado A. Cabuay
Nicole Merino
Michelle Onofrio



Regina Prusinowska
Robert Sorsaia
Yannic Williams

Fr. Gerald J. Fitzimmons, SMM
Fr. Peter D. Gillen

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

The Parable of the Merciful Father

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."
(Luke 15: 32)

REFLECT: In words and deeds, Jesus reveals God's forgiveness. Perhaps most clearly expressed, writes Pope St. John Paul II, in the "sublime parable, which is usually called the prodigal son, but which should be called the merciful father. Here God's attitude is presented in terms that are truly overwhelming in comparison with human criteria and expectations.... The younger son's decision to be emancipated, squandering the goods he had received from his father and living a dissolute life, is a shameless rejection of family communion. Leaving the father's house clearly expresses the meaning of sin as an act of ungrateful rebellion," one calling for "an appropriately severe punishment...."

"But the father, catching sight of him while still a long way off, runs to meet him full of compassion [and] embraces him lovingly and wants everyone to celebrate with him. The father's mercy is even more apparent when he tenderly reprimands the elder brother for demanding his own rights, and invites him to the communal banquet of joy. Mere legalism is surpassed by the father's generous and gratuitous love ... and calls both brothers to be seated again at the father's table.

"Forgiveness consists not only in taking back under the paternal roof the son who has left, but also in welcoming him with the joy of restored communion, bringing him from death to life." The merciful Father is the "definitive icon of God" revealed by Christ. "It is God the Father who extends his arms in blessing and forgiveness, always waiting, never forcing any of his children.... In the light of this revelation of the face and heart of God the Father, we can understand Jesus' saying, so disconcerting to human logic: "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.'"

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's audience from September 8, 1999, at <https://tinyurl.com/545pw4m9>.

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

Order of Mass

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #316—"As We Gather at Your Table"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #358—"God's Holy Gifts"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #344—"Gift of Finest Wheat"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #545—"O God beyond All Praising"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for air conditioning.
- » On August 4, 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.

RCIA is becoming OCIA

The mission remains the same, but the name is changing. **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the new name for our program of religious education for adults age 18 or older who are wishing to join the Catholic Church or need to complete their Sacraments. The program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. For catechumens (unbaptized adults), the formation period is two years. We will have more information coming soon about the curriculum and dates.

Also: Stay tuned for online registration for Religious Education classes for the 2024–2025 school year.

A Call to Devotion

In the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival, we invite to 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 moment to 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.



Welcoming New Perspectives and New Faces in August

Next month, we are rolling out the welcome mat for some 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, see facing page),

at the end of August, we will welcome **seminarian Louis de Rohan Chabot**, who is joining us for his 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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	July 21
Candle Offerings	\$1,751.00
1st Collection	8,077.00
2nd Collection (<i>Pastoral Care</i>)	2,941.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,769.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,642.86
Mail In	2,071.00
TOTAL	19,482.86
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,017.14)

* 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

July 27 to August 4 Saint John Vianney Novena

Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Masses, Monday through Saturday, and the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses

Saint John Vianney was an eighteenth-century priest in France known for his devout life and deep commitment to the sacrament of confession. He was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius X and declared the patron saint of parish priests. He remains a source of spiritual strength and encouragement for priests, seminarians religious, and all the faithful. His feast day is celebrated on August 4.

Encouraging Priestly Vocations

When we pray the novena to Saint John Vianney, we ask our parishioners to make the seminarians in our diocese their special prayer intention, to support their spiritual growth and perseverance while preparing for the priesthood.

Every year during the novena, we also invite a newly ordained priest to celebrate Mass at OLQM and offer first blessings. Next Sunday, we will welcome Father Tobechukwu “Toby” Offiah, who was ordained on June 1 by Bishop Brennan and now serves as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bayside.




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

An “American Dream of Becoming a Priest”

Father Toby grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, the youngest of five children. By 2008, he realized he wanted to become a priest but decided to go to college first and earn a degree in accounting. In 2011, he entered the seminary in the Diocese of Akwa in southern Nigeria. By 2017, he moved to the US to join family members who were already living here. Grappling with the secular allure of American culture, he waited two years before entering St. Joseph’s Seminary in 2019. A conversation with

a seminary friend from Akwa reaffirmed his calling to the priesthood. His mother’s unwavering faith during illness also profoundly influenced him; she passed away in 2022, and that same year, Toby became a naturalized U.S. citizen.

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 helped me continue.” With his American dream of becoming a priest realized and a future ministry awaiting, he says, “God will reveal what he wants me to do.”



Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thanks to 276 donors, we have received \$135,474 in pledges as of July 22, exceeding our parish goal! These generous contributions will support the pastoral, charitable, and educational programs in our diocese, including Catholic Charities and seminarian formation.

Please continue to fulfill your pledges. We want to be able to report our goal met in *paid contributions* by our Parish Feast Day on September 15. If you have not contributed, consider making a gift in any amount. Appeal envelopes are near the church doors. Funds collected above our goal amount will return to our parish.

\$135,474 Pledged!
\$114,568 Goal Met!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

August 18, 2024
9:15am – 3:15pm

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church
72-55 Austin St. Forest Hills, NY 11375

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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. OLOM Parish summer tradition hosted by Pastoral Care!

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: Free if you bring a dish to feed 4 to 6 people, or \$15 to attend

SIGN UP: Fill out this short form, then tear it out and place it in the collection basket to let us know you'll be joining us and what dish you'll bring. You may also email your RSVP to Pastoral Care, which is coordinating the luncheon. Email dfport@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'm bringing: # of People _____

Appetizer _____

Main Dish _____

Side or Dessert _____

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 members 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 online form at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyu7um7>. Questions? Email precana@diobrook.org.

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).

**The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.
(Psalm 145: 18)**