

July 12, 2020 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



During major church repairs, the convent building is home for Daily Mass. Photo by Michael Perlman.

Daily Masses in Convent Chapel Sunday Masses in McLaughlin Hall

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

Watch the Sunday Mass at
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, July 11

Saint Benedict

8 a.m. Chief Henry Tse
12:05 p.m. Alberto Pardo Farin
5 p.m. Barbara Hageney

Sunday, July 12

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, July 13

Saint Henry

8 a.m. Dorothy Patt Dougherty [anniversary]
12:05 p.m. Violeta Marini [anniversary]

Tuesday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8 a.m. Tom Adamo [living]
12:05 p.m. Clementina Cuadrado

Wednesday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure

8 a.m. Tom Adamo [living]
12:05 p.m. Beatriz Nelmidia [anniversary]

Thursday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8 a.m. Alonzo Melandez [living]
12:05 p.m. Modesto DiRaino

Friday, July 17

8 a.m. David and Jessica Morales [living-wedding anniv.]
12:05 p.m. In Honor of St. Benito

Saturday, July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis

8 a.m. Roberto Silva Sr.
12:05 p.m. Nora Mullin
5 p.m. Victor Maldonado

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Anna Caccavalla, MaryAnn Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Danielle D'Agostino, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Estrela Feliciano, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Ogan Gates, Kathleen and Brian Gordon, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Philip Hassialis, Sean Harrison, Giles Houghton, Sandy Imperante, Michael H. Jordan, Migdalia Leon, Maria Leon Santiago, James Lung, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 12 – Saturday, July 18

WELCOME BACK!

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
public celebration of Mass resumes in a limited capacity.

Thank you for your prayers and your patience!

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Daily Masses this week at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel.

Sunday Masses at 5 p.m. (Sat), 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.
will be celebrated in McLaughlin Hall
while the church undergoes repairs.

We will follow procedures for the safety of all!

Confession Times (until further notice)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door



Video Recorded Sunday Mass

We will record the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass every week and post it online Sunday morning to watch from home. The Sunday Mass will appear on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org and on the parish YouTube channel. Please subscribe.

A direct link to the prerecorded Mass will also be made available on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/olqmchurch. Please like and share.

Remember Our Deceased

Fr. Eugene Coyle
John Dumbra
Jose Duque



John Monaghan
Richard A. Santelli
John Verá

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, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

WELCOME! 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

USCCB on Christians in the Middle East

From the OLM Social Action Committee—Over seven weeks in June and July, our reflections focus on Religious Freedom and Religious Persecution, in solidarity with Religious Freedom Week.



“Great concern arises from the condition of life faced by Christians who in many parts of the Middle East suffer gravely as a consequence of the current tensions and conflicts underway...We must not resign ourselves to thinking of a Middle East without Christians, who for 2,000 years have confessed the name of Jesus, and have been fully integrated as citizens into the social, cultural and religious life of the nations to which they belong.” (Pope Francis)

REFLECT: Our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East need our solidarity, and the Middle East needs our Christian brothers and sisters. A concern for our Christian brethren is inclusive and does not exclude a concern for all the peoples of the region who suffer violence and persecution, both minorities and majorities, both Muslims and Christians. A recent visit by an USCCB delegation to Iraq confirmed once again that what has happened—and continues to happen—to Christians, Yazidis, Shia Muslims, and other minorities in Syria and Iraq, at the hands of the so-called Islamic State, is genocide. It is important for Syrians and Iraqis of all faiths to recognize this as genocide, for that recognition is a way to help everyone come to grips with what is happening and to form future generations that will reject any ideology that leads to genocidal acts and other atrocities.

ACT: Solidarity with people of faith in other countries begins with learning about their struggles. Stay informed by signing up for the USCCB's religious liberty newsletter, First Freedom News.

LEARN: Read about [Christians of the Middle East](#) from the USCCB and view the video on [Religious Freedom and Middle East Christians](#). Links to this material and other resources are on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/Religious-Freedom.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for “Action Alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference at www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Readings and Mass Options

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE

Missal #199—“Praise to the Lord”

FIRST READING—*Isaiah 55:10-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING—*Romans 8:18-23*

GOSPEL—*Matthew 13:1-23*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #327—“I Am the Bread of Life”

COMMUNION

Missal #322—“Gift of Finest Wheat”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #544—“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLMQ is viewable on our church website

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn at netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Major Repairs (read Father Passenant's update on our repair projects on page 4).
- » Sunday, July 19, the second collection will be for Pastoral Care.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope. At our online Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ushers & Lectors
Leaders of Song

WE THANK EVERY ONE OF YOU
WHO IS WITH US TODAY!

Major Church Repair 2020 - Parishioner Report #4

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

Since the last report written about ten day ago, two of the projects have been completed. The lighting enhancement and the exterior work were both completed before the start of the Fourth of July weekend.

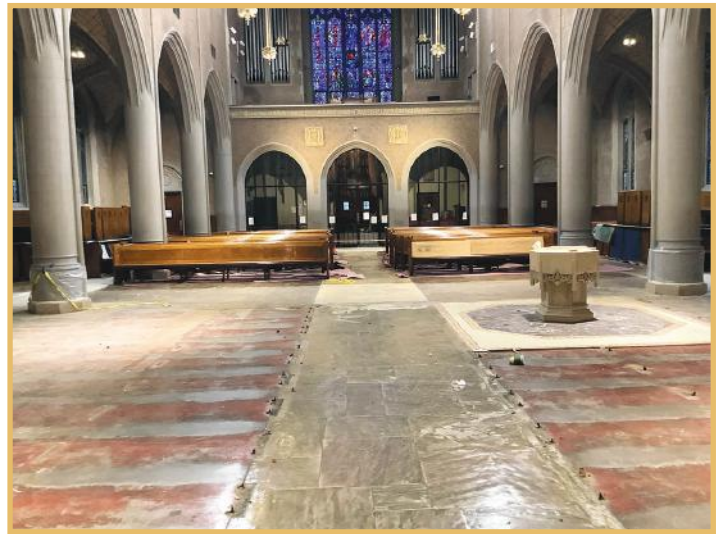
Last week you saw pictures of the electrician and the floor contractors at work. This week the pictures are of the floor work—including a “before and after” photo—and the workers power washing with special detergents the front of the church building.

The stone restoration work included the Queens Boulevard side of the church, the front of the church, and the side of the church facing the school building. The workers also cleaned the limestone to eye-level on the remainder of the 1938 church/rectory structure. This project has been completed.

The lighting enhancement will brighten the section of the church where the congregation gathers; the better lighting will make it easier for people to read the missal and hymn sheets and participate in services. The new improvement will also

allow for more versatile lighting, depending on the need and occasion. This project has been completed.

The work on the church floor, which is the major project of this renovation, continues. The lobby and the back half of the church are completed. Next, the pews, which were previously relocated to the front of the church, had to be moved to the back. It is a time-consuming process to lift and place the pews while protecting the work already done. This work began on Monday, July 6th. In the meantime, as we enter phase 3, the Convent Chapel and McLaughlin Hall are receiving parishioners until the church major repair is completed. MORE NEXT WEEK.



Above—The church floor: before and after cleaning. Right, top—With the back of the church completed, the pews are now moved to make way for work to begin on the floor at the front of the church. Right, bottom—The power washing of the church exterior is completed.

FOR THE WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE: When attending Mass, please abide by these guidelines: Wear a face mask (required). Bring your own hand sanitizer or wear gloves. Use the bathroom at home before coming to Mass. Arrive 20 minutes before Mass start time. Use the designated entrance only. Remain six feet apart. Follow the instructions of the ushers on seating in the hall, Communion distribution, and exiting the hall. If you are sick, please continue to pray in the privacy of your home and watch Sunday Mass on our website. Thank you for your cooperation.



Masses Temporarily in Convent Chapel and McLaughlin Hall

During repairs, Daily Masses and limited Sunday services are being celebrated in the Convent Chapel (*pictured below*) while McLaughlin Hall (*not pictured*) is the worship space for Sunday Masses. It is a little unsettling for some of you, but let's stay focused. Repair work is progressing so that in several more weeks we can look forward to gathering together again for Daily and Sunday Masses in our beautiful church.



KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Income from Weekly Collections 2020 (May 24 to June 28) vs. 2019

	2020	2019
Collections/Votives	\$13,159.72	\$86,048.01
Mail-In	46,103.00	22,339.00
Online Parish Giving	32,467.07	7,889.63
Total	91,729.79	116,276.64
Percentage 2020/2019	79%	

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant: 718-268-6251.

NOTE: Since we are back to public worship, we will resume reporting the weekly collections in this space starting next week.

Returning to Mass During the Pandemic

For Sunday Masses at 5 p.m. (Sat.), 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m., we can accommodate 150 participants for each Mass in McLaughlin Hall. Please note that McLaughlin Hall is not air-conditioned but fans will be placed around the hall. There will be limited singing and short homilies.

If you do not feel well or have any of the symptoms affiliated with Covid-19, **please stay home**. The Mass dispensation is still in effect and you can join us virtually by watching Sunday Mass on our website.

For everyone's safety it will be necessary to follow the procedures here when we gather in person. **There can be no exceptions; we must continue to protect everyone.** Centers for Disease Control (CDC) norms are expected, as are masks, social distancing, individual hand sanitizing, gloves, etc.

All must have a face mask and wear it! **NO MASK NO ENTRY.** All must adhere to the "Planned Pattern" for entering McLaughlin Hall, Communion distribution, and exiting.

(1) Congregants planning to attend Mass **must line up at the McLaughlin Hall door in the schoolyard closest to the church 20 minutes before the start** of the service, maintaining social distancing. The first 125 attendees will fill the seats in the hall. There is space for 25 additional standees. Everyone is expected to sit where assigned.

(2) All attending must enter through the designated door of the hall. **Everyone entering the worship space must be ushered to a seat.** Ushers will seat attendees according to a configuration set up in the worship space ahead of time.

(3) Because there are stairs to reach the worship space, we ask that those in wheelchairs and with canes go to the convent, using the ramp, for Sunday service.

(4) Communion distribution will be "in the hand" ONLY, ushered by staff members keeping the CDC six-foot distancing guideline. **Please wait to be ushered from your row.**

(5) After the Final Blessing, the standees will leave first, followed by those seated. **All must exit the worship space being escorted out by staff** (no staying after Mass). Rest rooms will not be available as per CDC guidelines.

We are confident that everyone will patiently cooperate with these directives, which in charity are for everyone's safety. These are small inconveniences to be able again to attend Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We ask God through the intercession of Our Lady as the Queen of Martyrs to guide us in these endeavors.

In Christ,
Bishop Paul R. Sanchez, Pastor
Fr. Francis J. Passenant, Administrator



**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

DID YOU KNOW? OLQM came in third place in last year’s Annual Catholic Appeal out of 112 parishes. We missed second place by only \$100! Let’s make it our goal in 2020 to come in first.

Visit our website for instructions on how to give online:
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal

ABOUT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports the important daily work of our Church in Brooklyn/Queens—work that no one parish can accomplish alone. ACA funds provide support Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative; Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

The ACA is different from a one-time special collection. It is a **pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments until December 31. All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Faith Sharing Groups Meet via Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Then Join Us.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10AM to 11AM
discussing St. John’s Gospel. To join please contact
Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com

Tuesday Evenings: 6:30PM to 8PM *Through the Word*
(Bible Study). To join please contact Joseph Terry:
josephterry@gmail.com

**2020–2021 School Year
Religious Education Registration**

Registration is open and online only at our parish website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re. Children’s religious education at OLQM is for students grades 1 through 8 and high school students up to age 16. Each family is asked to complete the online registration form.

For parents enrolling their children, fees are \$130 for one child, \$180 for two children, \$200 for three children. For students receiving First Communion, there is an additional fee of \$50 for sacramental preparation; for students receiving Confirmation the additional fee is \$90.

For new students, parents must also submit a copy of the child’s Baptism certificate to olqmreled@gmail.com.

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www.olqmca.org

**Adult Confirmation
and RCIA**

We want all who want to form a connection with our Church to feel welcome, even during this difficult time. If you have questions about classes for Adult Confirmation, contact RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) by email (olqmrcia@gmail.com) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

