

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

  
**Happy Father's Day!**  




**Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — PASTOR**  
**Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — PASTOR EMERITUS**  
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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

 **JOIN THE PARISH**  
Scan for parish registration  
information and form

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

**GIVE NOW**  
Scan for online  
parish giving



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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, June 15

8:05 a.m. Lawrence and Lillian E. Marmion

12:05 p.m. Dennis Rhinow

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Sunday, June 16

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

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Monday, June 17

8:05 a.m. Thelma Pargas

12:05 p.m. Edgar Marcelo Arboleda

Tuesday, June 18

8:05 a.m. Mary C. Twomey

12:05 p.m. John McGarrity

Wednesday, June 19

**Saint Romuald**

8:05 a.m. Luciano Abes

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Thursday, June 20

8:05 a.m. Yolanda Simon

12:05 p.m. Ellen Lowry

Friday, June 21

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**

8:05 a.m. Maria Loundes Tinio

12:05 p.m. Faustina Lopez

Saturday, June 22

**Saint Paulinus of Nola**

**Saints John Fisher and Thomas More**

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Aida Almendral

5 p.m. Sebastian Bartolotto

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, June 16

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



All Masses: Weekend #2 of Baby Clothes Drive

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, June 17

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

6:45 p.m. *rectory meeting room:* **Bereavement Support Group**

7 p.m., *Zoom:* "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

**JUNETEENTH**

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

Thursday, June 20

**First Day of Summer/OLQMCA Last Day of School**

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, June 22

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

Sunday, June 23

9 a.m.–12 p.m. *front of church on Ascan Avenue:*

**St. Vincent de Paul Truck will accept drop-off donations of new and gently used clothing**

## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Marco Benitez, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Guello, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Theresa A. Houseman, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Grace Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Maria Rodin, Romilda Roesler, Valerie Rizzo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—**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

Zultan Bermudez

Paul Fabre

Eleanor Kinahan

Anne Lauro



Dr. D. Li

Lillian Minton

Katherine West

Antonio Wong

## 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### The Universal Call to Holiness: Part 2 God's Radical Immanence

*"We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6: 69)*

**REFLECT:** Last week we discussed the universal call to holiness by focusing on God's transcendence. Today we will discuss how God is in the world with an unthinkable intimacy and intensity. We find this imminence throughout the Old Testament. God walks in the garden with Adam and Eve, he shakes Mt. Sinai, and he tents among his people as fire and smoke as they walk with Moses to the promised land. He is terrible and tender, but always intensely intimate.

We see this radical intimacy in how Jesus comes to us as the incarnate Word of God. Yes, Jesus reveals who the Father is and who we are. But Jesus also astonishes those around him by how he is so intensely present to them. He embraces the unclean, the leprous, the filth of society. His healing miracles are often earthy; He heals the deaf and mute man by sticking his finger in the man's ears, and spitting, touching his tongue (see Mark 7: 32-35). Jesus didn't have to do that. He could have healed the man with a word, with the nod of his head, and from a hygienically safe distance.

Then Jesus goes so far as to say that anyone following him has to eat his very flesh and drink his blood so that Jesus remains in them, and they in him. He's not just in our face; he wants to be us. This is radically imminent and the call to this unfathomably intimate holiness is so disturbing that many disciples leave.

The few that stay do so not because Jesus is tame or nice, he's anything but. They stay because they've surrendered their hearts to this awesome mystery, this Holy One of God who alone has the words of eternal life. More on this next week.

**LEARN:** Read the Gospel accounts of Christ's miracles and reflect first on how earthy and intimate they are, and then on what this says about the Holy One who calls us to holiness.

**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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## Order of Mass

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

*Missal #612—"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*Missal #345—"Seed, Scattered and Sown"*

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #344—"Gift of Finest Wheat"*

CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #506—"Faith of Our Fathers"*

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » June 23, the second collection is for Peter's Pence. There is also an envelope for air conditioning.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.

## Happy Father's Day

*We lovingly remember all our dads, grandfathers, godfathers, living and deceased, and others who have mentored and guided us with fatherly love, whose intentions are named on the Father's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes.*

*And we ask for God's special blessing on all fathers present at today's Masses!*

## - June Clothing Drives -

*We need double your help this month!*

**BABY ESSENTIALS REQUESTED**—Today we are accepting donations of essential items for infants. This donation drive is undertaken at the request of Father Ed Mason, a pastor in Brooklyn who works with migrant women with babies. They have need for many basic baby necessities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help the little ones to have a comfortable start to life.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK**—Clean your closets, help the poor! The truck returns on **Sunday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to noon**, to accept donations of clothing and shoes for men, women, and children. Go through your closets and set aside some items that you don't need or wear anymore, then bring them to church with you next Sunday only during the designated times. Gently used items must be clean and in wearable condition. The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Avenue.

**TWO WEEKENDS  
JUNE 8/9  
& JUNE 15/16**

**DONATION DRIVE**

**Essential  
BABY GEAR**

**Diapers (sizes 1 & 2)**    **Booties & socks**  
**Baby wipes**                    **Bibs**  
**Baby lotion**                    **Bottles**  
**Baby/infant clothes**        **Pacifiers**  
**Onesies**                         **Receiving blankets**

**DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE MARY ALTAR  
ON JUNE 8/9 & JUNE 15/16 WEEKENDS**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETS MONDAY** The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They will meet this **Monday, June 17, at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). The group will not meet during July and August. Meeting dates for fall and winter will be announced soon. For more information or questions, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT —Weekly Collections—

	<b>June 9</b>
Candle Offerings	\$1,673.00
1st Collection	8,340.02
2nd Collection (CCD, Rel Ed materials)	2,261.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,274.02</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,485.87
Mail In	2,037.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,796.89</b>
Weekly Income Needed *	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,703.11)

\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, 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 Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

### MAIN PHONE AND EMAIL

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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

**LIVESTREAM MASS**  
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

# From Our Pastor

My Dear OLQM Family,

This week marks my twentieth anniversary with this parish. Wow. How time flies!

I first arrived at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in 2004 as a parochial vicar to assist Msgr. Joseph Funaro. In 2013, I became parish administrator, working alongside Bishop Paul Sanchez in the day-to-day operations of the parish. Last year, I was honored to be named your pastor. Three roles, and thankfully, all without having to move!

As I complete my first year as pastor, I want to outline and share with you a few plans that we have for various parish programs.

The evangelization of prospective converts remains an important agenda item. The program previously known as the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is now renamed the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA). In consultation with Veronica McCarthy, our director, we are committed to guiding inquirers, the unbaptized, and the baptized but not catechized into full communion with the Church. Our team of catechists works with these individuals to learn, pray, and support each other through the various stages of their entrance into the Church. The time from inquiry to full entrance takes place typically over two years.

Also in the realm of evangelization, we are enhancing our Religious Education program starting in September. In consultation with Deacon Thomas Jorge, the director, we will introduce a two-year program for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation classes. The first year will be the Pre-Sacrament Class; the second year will be the Sacrament Class. This new structure will give the young learners more time to fully absorb the class teachings, develop their spiritual habits, and gain a better grasp of the faith, all in preparation for receiving the Sacraments.

We have begun to more actively engage young adults in the parish, particularly those aged 20 to 40, by encouraging their involvement in the Diocesan Young Catholic Professionals program. Fr. Henry Torres gave a presentation here this past April and was pleased with the response that he received during his visit. Since then, we have been recruiting interested members for this program.

The preservation of the parish facilities remains a critical endeavor and long-term project. You have taken ownership of this effort by sharing your treasure so that we can proceed with necessary repairs and improvements. The list of accomplishments is long, as are the items still needing attention. This past year, we completed the roof repair on the rectory. This month, we began work on the sidewalk along Queens Boulevard. Our summer projects also include addressing the small roofs at the front of the Church on Ascan Avenue.

Your support of requests from outside the parish is always commendable. From providing food and baby supplies for parishes assisting migrants to contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul clothing drives, the food drives at Thanksgiving, and the Christmas Toy Drive, your generosity toward those less fortunate is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Lastly, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Bishop Sanchez, our pastor emeritus, and to Fr. Antonin, the members of the parish staff, the Catholic Academy, and the many volunteers who step up to serve the parish in many ways to make this a vibrant parish. And I thank you, our parish family, who come regularly to share your faith and to be refreshed at the table of the Lord with his love and grace.

God Bless!

FR. PASSENANT



## Sidewalk Repair Project

The \$75,000 overage from the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is allowing us to repair the sidewalk on Queens Boulevard. Check our website and Facebook page regularly and listen for announcements in church for updates on how the means of entering and exiting the rectory or the church will be affected this summer.

## Summer Style Tips for Church

We all like to relax in the summer when the temperatures get hot, and we want everyone to stay cool and comfortable during services. However, church remains a place of worship and reverence. We kindly request that you choose church attire that reflects both comfort and respect for the church and for others attending services. We encourage apparel that is neat and not overly tight, short, or revealing. Because the church is air-conditioned, bringing a light sweater or cardigan might be a practical choice, both for your personal comfort while also aligning with our values of modesty within a sacred space. Thank you.



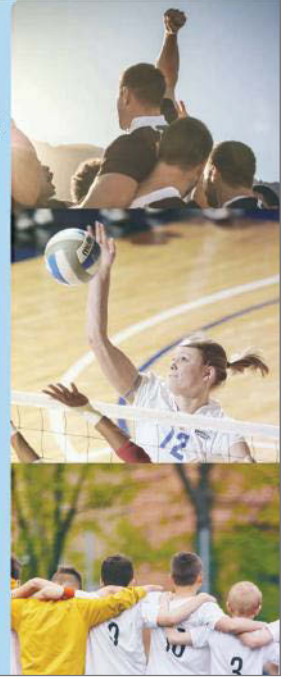
## CYO DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALL YOUNG ATHLETES

*Celebrating 2023-2024 Championships*

**June 29, 2024**

**12:05PM**

**Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs**  
110-06 Queens Blvd  
Forest Hills, NY 11375



## Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM



Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** on Zoom. Current study: Acts of the Apostles. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry ([josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian).

**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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).



## Prayer Focus

### *A Prayer for the End of the School Year*

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life and for saving us in Christ.

We give thanks for the students, the faculty, the administrators, and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.

Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit, and bless us, according to Your will, with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams. Amen.



God bless you for your generous giving

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024 UPDATE

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 (same as last year) for the 2024 diocesan appeal. So far, 206 donors having pledged or made a gift. We are asking all families to consider a contribution, payable over the next six months. Please take an Appeal envelope near the church doors or scan the QR code here with your phone to donate online. Thank you.

