

June 23, 2024 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
(Monday–Saturday)  
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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Anne Zuschlag

**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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ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 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

Sunday, June 23

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

Monday, June 24

**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

**8:05 a.m.** Mr. Rosini

**12:05 p.m.** Anna D'Ambrosio

Tuesday, June 25

**8:05 a.m.** Peter Ballerini

**12:05 p.m.** Dr. Lorenzo Palladino

Wednesday, June 26

**8:05 a.m.** Marianne Ilaw

**12:05 p.m.** John and Alma Ilawan [living]

Thursday, June 27

**Saint Cyril of Alexandria**

**8:05 a.m.** Araci Cardoso De Araujo

**12:05 p.m.** Veronica and Anthony Lizzul

Friday, June 28

**Saint Irenaeus**

**8:05 a.m.** Hilda Sanchez

**12:05 p.m.** Nicola Monti

Saturday, June 29

**Saints Peter and Paul**

**8:05 a.m.** Jordan Kenna

**12:05 p.m.** Anna Estornel

**5 p.m.** Christine Norton

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, June 23

**9 a.m. to noon** front of church on Ascan Avenue:

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

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, June 24

**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, June 25

**Altar Server Trip to Great Adventures**

*bus leaves from church at 7:30 a.m.*

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

Wednesday, June 26

**7:45–9 p.m. Zoom:**

**Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

Thursday, June 27

**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 29

**12:05 p.m. church: Diocesan CYO Mass**

**Fr. Kuroly, Vicar for Youth Ministry, celebrant**

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



## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Marco Benitez, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, 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, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Robert Sorsaia, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone—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

Fr. Ralph J. Caputo

Paul Fabre

Michael Claus

Anne Lauro



Dr. D. Li

Lillian Minton

Katherine West

## 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; the *Mysterium Tremens et Fascinans*

*"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."* (St. Augustine)

**REFLECT:** Let's turn to how people have experienced the holy throughout history to see if we can use that to understand what it means to say that God alone is holy. In his spiritual classic *The Idea of the Holy*, philosopher Rudolph Otto articulated the experience we have when we experience God without the scaffolding of doctrine or religious affiliation. In other words, how would someone without a religious education describe experiencing God?

First, he says that the experience is numinous, which he defines as a spiritual experience that we have of something that is outside of ourselves. It's not a good feeling, not a fantasy, not a reflection of my narcissism. In the numinous experience of God, I have no doubt that this is not me, and that this experience is not in my head.

Second, he describes the experience of God as experiencing the *Mysterium Tremens et Fascinans*. *Mysterium tremens* refers to the experience of God as a mystery that confronts me with its tremendous awe and majesty. We saw that in our earlier reflections on God's transcendence and immanence.

Third, the experience fascinates ("fascinans") and captivates. Recall how Moses, upon encountering God at the burning bush, or the apostles, upon encountering the Trinity at the transfiguration, fall on their knees in fear and awe. This begs the question, then: Why don't they run away? Why instead, as Otto notes, does the experience captivate us?

The answer is surprisingly simple; it is because we are children of God. As the catechism states, "the desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself." Our hearts are restless, St. Augustine discovered, until they rest in our awesome God, who is always calling us to holiness.

**LEARN:** Read Rudolph Otto's *The Idea of the Holy*, available at <https://tinyurl.com/y3wzdk5>.

**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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #455—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Job 38:1, 8-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #399—"Stand By Me"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #439—"Be Not Afraid"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #430—"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for air conditioning. There is also an envelope for Peter's Pence.
- » June 30, the second collection is for maintaining the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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.

## Ramp Entrance Temporarily Closed During Sidewalk Repair on Queens Boulevard

While the ramp is temporarily inaccessible, ushers will be available at the main church entrance on Ascan Avenue to assist those needing help entering or exiting the church. Visit our website or Facebook page for updates on how long the ramp entrance will be affected this summer while work continues. Thank you for your patience and cooperation, and for your contributions: This project, costing \$151,000, is partially funded by the \$75,000 overage from the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. We hope to raise the remaining funds through the 2024 Appeal and the donations collected beyond our parish goal (*see page 6*).



## Reconfiguring for the Future: Brooklyn/Queens Diocese Addresses Resource Challenges

*Bishop Robert Brennan recently addressed pastors and administrators within the diocese to acknowledge his deanery visits and the gathered suggestions. He also announced the implementation of a Reconfiguration Process for optimizing resources and strengthening parish connections. The text of his letter, dated June 7, 2024, is reproduced here.*

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.

Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration

with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall.

You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.

You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Brooklyn



### Baby Clothes Drive Blessings!

The past two weekends, we collected more than 100 bags of baby essentials, as well as a baby carriage, baby mattresses, a crib, foam puzzle floor play mats, and many boxes of diapers and wipes. The totality of the requested items gifted by you, our parishioners, is a sight to behold, filling a third of our rectory's sitting room. These few photos don't do it justice.

What a wonderful impact you are making in the lives of young migrant mother and their babies. Your material support will help them keep warm and comfortable. On behalf of Father Ed Mason, pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church in Brooklyn, and his ministry helping migrants, we thank you for your generosity.

***"All these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you when you obey the voice of the Lord, your God." Deuteronomy 28:2***

## “Through the Word” Zoom Bible Study on Summer Break

From June 25 through August, the Zoom Bible study on Monday evenings will be on a summer break. Their study of the Acts of the Apostles will resume on September 9th. Stay strong in Christ and rest well this summer. Questions? Contact Dr. Joseph Terry ([josepherry@gmail.com](mailto:josepherry@gmail.com)).

## Cardinal Dolan Sounds Alarm on Threats to Catholic School Religious Freedom

We want to bring to your attention an article by Cardinal Dolan that originally appeared in the June 12, 2024, edition of the online magazine Compact. We encourage you to read the Cardinal’s thoughts. You can access the article by connecting to the following link:

[www.compactmag.com/article/stop-bullying-religious-schools/](http://www.compactmag.com/article/stop-bullying-religious-schools/)

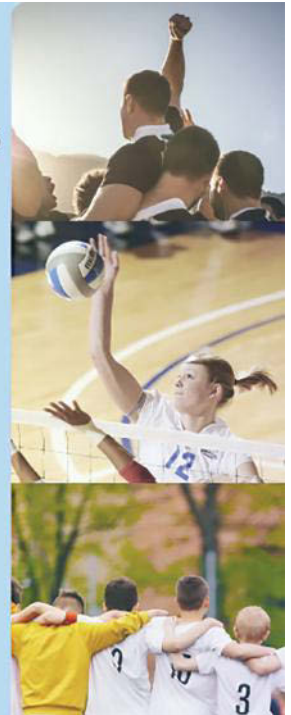
The article is also posted on our website in the News section at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org).

## 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



## ♥ Today’s SVdP Clothing Drive ♥

Thank you for bringing donations of used clothing this Sunday morning to the St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck. The SVdP truck will return to our parish on Sunday, September 22, during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon. For future drop-off dates, see: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule). The Association of Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn (a.k.a. SVdP) now offers clothing pick-up services through the RAC World app. You can download the app from Google Play or the Apple Store (<https://racworld2015.com>).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### —Weekly Collections—

	June 16
Candle Offerings	\$1,700.00
1st Collection	8,703.00
2nd Collection (Pastoral Care)	2,706.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>13,109.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	3,773.21
Mail In	2,011.00
TOTAL	\$18,893.21
Weekly Income Needed *	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,606.79)

\* 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 Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez 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

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



## Religious Education News

Even as students and teachers embark on a well-deserved summer break, we are preparing for the fall. Beginning this September, Religious Education will implement a two-year preparation program for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation. The new structure, developed in consultation with Deacon Thomas Jorge, the director of Religious Ed, includes a Pre-Sacrament Class in the first year and a Sacrament Class in the second year. This change will give young learners more time to fully absorb the class teachings and develop their spiritual habits, all in preparation for receiving the Sacraments.—Father Passenant

## Summer Attire 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.



## 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 on the Acts of the Apostles resumes in September 9 after summer break. 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).

## Free Speech and Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call **St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center** at 718-990-6480 to arrange an appointment with a specialist. Free screenings are being offered now through August 1. Free hearing aid help is also available. The center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike in Flushing.

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 UPDATE

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 (same as last year). Contributions to the Appeal support many programs and services that benefit the wider Catholic community in Brooklyn and Queens and also benefit our own parish. So far, 214 donors have pledged or made a gift. While this generosity is heartening, it is nearly 20 donors fewer than at this time last year. Every donation, no matter the amount, helps. We encourage you to join your fellow parishioners in contributing to the Appeal. Please take an Appeal envelope near the church doors or scan the QR code here with your phone to donate online. Thank you.



[AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)



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