

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.



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Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.
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 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8 a.m. Rose Annese

12:05 p.m. Gladys de Chambers

5 p.m. Peter Ballerini

Sunday, June 25

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

Monday, June 26

8 a.m. Joanna Wyczalek

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

Tuesday, June 27

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

8 a.m. Tomasina Vittrio

12:05 p.m. Anthony and Veronica Lizzul

Wednesday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus

8 a.m. Amparo Diaz

12:05 p.m. Nicola Monti

Thursday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul

8 a.m. Joseph Brando

12:05 p.m. Petronila Suero

Friday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8 a.m. Celia Rodriguez

12:05 p.m. Fred Johnson

Saturday, July 1

Saint Junipero Serra

8 a.m. Gerald Abes

12:05 p.m. Aida Almendral

5 p.m. Venusto Padilla

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, June 25

At all Sunday Masses

Emergency Food Drive (see p. 5)

9 a.m.–12 p.m. *front of church, Ascan Ave:*

Clothing Drive—St. Vincent de Paul Truck
accepting gently used clothing

10 a.m. **Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study**

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

Monday, June 26

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

7 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room:* **Bereavement Support Group**

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29

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, July 1

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

A Note of Gratitude from the Pastor

To all of you, I extend my gratitude for your presence and best wishes, cards and gifts, on my installation as your pastor. As this bulletin was being printed, I was preparing for elective knee surgery. Please pray for me and a successful procedure and speedy recovery. God bless!

— Father Passenant

Remember Our Sick

Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Jose Blanco, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Cesar DeLeon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Annette Fridas, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Liza Gjinaj, Jorge Guzman, Kathy Halston, Mary Hughes, Ana Inzirelli, Terrence Jackson, Rocelina Jaquez-Cruz, Msgr. Paul Jervis, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Jean Leonard, James Leung, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansaitong, Victoria Ruiz, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Robert Sorsaia, Sam Stafford, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Deacon Elias Yepes—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Remember Our Deceased

Arturo Alvarez
Tracy E. Cuva
Rev. Giovanni Giampietro
Pedro Guzman



Thomas Kane
Dennis Rhinow
Margaret C. Woo

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.**

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

The Eucharist: The Fruits of Holy Communion

“Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring.” St John Vianney

REFLECT: Through the Eucharist, we are united more closely with Christ: “The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: ‘He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him...’”

Through the Eucharist, we are united more closely with Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church: “Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body—the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism.... The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren....”

The Eucharist strengthens our charity, cleanses us from past sins, and preserves us from future sin: “The Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins.... For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord. If we proclaim the Lord’s death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins.... I should always receive it, so that it may always forgive my sins....”

“The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us, Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him.... By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation.” (Catechism)

ACT: Receive Holy Communion frequently, and always in a state of grace.

LEARN: Read what the Catechism says about the Fruits of the Eucharist, starting with paragraph 1391 (at <https://bit.ly/3LXeMVr>).

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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

Missal #558—“Glory and Praise to Our God”

Missal #858—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant Mass

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #472—“In Every Age”

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #616—“Like a Shepherd”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #547—“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; extra loose bills taken in this collection will be given to the emergency food drive. There is also an envelope for the Holy Father Peter’s Pence Collection.
- » July 2, the second collection is for maintenance of the church grounds.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

♥ Today’s Clothing Drive ♥

Thank you for bringing donations of used clothing this Sunday morning to the **St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck**. We plan to offer another clothing donation event in August (details to follow), and then the SVP truck once again returns to our parish on Sunday, September 24, during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon.

In Case You Missed It

You can rewatch the livestream of Father Passenant’s installation Mass as pastor (from June 17, 2023) on our YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/OLQMStewardship/streams](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship/streams)

A Journey of Gratitude and Faith

by Deacon Greg Kandra

One Sunday in the spring of 1998, I was minding my own business, sitting in the back pew at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for Sunday Mass, when an old guy in a plaid jacket tapped me on the shoulder and handed me a wicker basket and whispered, “Hey, can you help with the collection? Thanks.”

Well, okay. Soon I was doing it every Sunday. The rest is history.

Now, Siobhain and I are about to write another chapter in that history. In early July, we’ll be departing Forest Hills and retiring to Florida (suburban Orlando, to be precise).

I make my living with words, whether in print or in the pulpit, and I’ve logged tens of thousands of them in my years here. But I wanted today to add two more, to everyone at OLQM: **Thank you.**

Thank you for all these Sundays. Days filled with wonder and joy, persistence and hope, music and prayer. Thank you for praying with me and for me. Thank you for the immeasurable privilege of being able to baptize your children, witness your marriages and bring to so many the Body of Christ. *Lord, I am not worthy.*

Thank you for all the Lenten Fridays when we walked the Way of the Cross together, and the Easter Vigils when I proclaimed that Christ had risen and I looked out to see a church ablaze with the light of a thousand candles—your light, your hope, your love for the faith we share.

Thank you for Palm Sunday processions and St. Patrick’s Day dances and all the raffles and Living Rosaries and all those breathtaking moments every Christmas Eve, year after year, when the church is hushed and the lights are dimmed and the story begins again. *Once in royal David’s city...*

Thank you for filling this church with faith—and filling my heart with gratitude.

I often tell deacons on retreat, “Know this: there’s a reason God called you when he did, just as there’s a reason he called me at a particular moment, in a particular place.” He called

me in 2002 when I was in Forest Hills, in this parish, at a time when I was working as a writer for CBS News. I never planned the journey that followed. But God had things to teach me here—lessons about love and loyalty, about community, about holding on to what we have been given and then passing it on. Lessons about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and live the Gospel in the world.

For all these lessons, I had the best teachers: wonderful priests and pastors—but most of all, I had you. Thank you for all you have taught me.

For those who are wondering: Siobhain and I don’t have a permanent home yet; we are renting a condo in Davenport for a few months while we house-hunt. We have had a timeshare in central Florida for many years, and so we know the area (and, yes, we’ve already bought our

Annual Passes for Disney World). I will continue writing books and newspaper columns and traveling the country to give retreats and parish missions. Other than that, we look forward to a quieter, warmer, simpler way of life—one with palm trees instead of pigeons.

And no, I’m not retiring from the diaconate. Part of the next few months will be spent sitting in the last pew at different parishes, seeing if there are places that could use a deacon from Queens who likes to preach and who can type 90 words a minute. Maybe there’s some church that needs someone to help take up the collection on Sunday.

In the meantime, Siobhain and I look forward to writing the next chapter and going wherever God leads us.

Please pray for us and know we will be praying for you, with thanksgiving and with love.

The road stretches before us. A new adventure awaits. Together, in the words of one of my favorite hymns, let’s “ponder anew what the Almighty can do.”

Thank you and God bless you!



Greg and Siobhain

Monday Evening Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement group meets this Monday **June 26 @ 7 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Please RSVP to the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org. The group will not meet during July/August; the next meeting will be on Monday, September 18, at the new time of 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The schedule of meeting dates for fall and winter 2023–2024 will be posted on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/consolationbereavement.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY, JUNE 11—Bishop Sanchez, Father Passenant, and the pastors and clergy of Deanery Queens 6 parishes led a Eucharistic procession of the faithful from Our Lady of Hope Church through the streets of Middle Village and Juniper Park. Photo courtesy Robert Schnell. More pictures are posted at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.

At Today's Masses

EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

Please give a little extra in today's second collection

On behalf of St. Pius V Church and Catholic Charities of Brooklyn/Queens, we thank you for helping in an IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY by donating their requested cooking items—rice and beans; pasta and tomato sauce; coffee, sugar, flour, salt, spices; jam; canned vegetables—that will be used to prepare two hot meals a day for the migrants in our community.

Any extra loose money that is taken in today's second collection will also be sent to the kitchen at St. Pius V Church in Jamaica so that they can purchase meats, milk, and other fresh foods needed for their meal preparations.

God bless you for your generosity.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older, interested in becoming Catholic, or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through discernment, prayer, and education. Contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (include a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

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YouTube (Sunday livestream):
www.youtube.com/olqmmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:15AM & available in its entirety on demand. Use "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

Church Offering Envelopes. If you did not receive or are missing church envelopes, we have extras. You can pick up an envelope packet in the sacristy after Mass.

—Weekly Collections—

	June 18
Candle Offerings	\$1,603.00
1st Collection	8,186.18
2nd Collection (<i>pastoral care</i>)	2,216.00
Academy Bldg Maintenance	1,013.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>13,018.18</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,399.55
Mail In	2,195.00
TOTAL	19,612.66
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,537.34)

* 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.

We Hit Our Goal in Pledges! 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Pledged: \$114,568 (at goal)
Donors: 232
Paid to Date: \$88,900

As of June 16, thanks to 232 donors and Fr. Passenant's gift in thanksgiving for his appointment as pastor, we have reached our parish goal in pledges! The next milestone is to fulfill all outstanding pledges and to meet the goal in PAID pledges so we can bring the 2023 ACA to a successful conclusion. All pledges are payable by or before Dec 31. Remember, although we are contributing to a diocese-wide effort, we benefit as a parish, too. The ACA supports parish religious education activities, local community work done by Catholic Charities, and seminarians and future parish priests.



Anyone wishing to make a new or one-time gift to the ACA can take one of the ACA envelopes (near the church doors); donate online at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org; or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

OLQM Summer Calendar

Happy Summer, everyone! Save these dates for parish activities; other events to be announced.

July 27 to August 4: St. John Vianney Novena
Prayed Mon-Sat at the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass and Sun 7/30 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.

July 30: Mass with Newly Ordained Priest
11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass will be celebrated by one of the newly ordained priests in our diocese, followed by a First Blessing.

August 13: Summer Pot Luck Luncheon
2 p.m. in the basement rectory meeting room after the last Sunday Mass. Details and sign-up sheet will be provided soon.

August 15: The Assumption (HDO)
7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Mon 8/14 will be in memory of Msgr. Joseph Funaro. Holy day Masses on Tue 8/15 at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.; blessing with seawater at the 12:05 Mass.

August 26 & 27: Summer Missionary Weekend
All Sunday Masses. A visiting missionary will give us an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Catholic Church and to offer support to his mission cause.

September 15: Parish Feast Day
12:05 Mass on Fri 9/15 (Our Lady of Sorrows).

Community News & Services

For Theater Lovers

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall (66-11 79th Place) in Middle Village presents **Once Upon a Mattress**. Evening performances are Saturdays July 8, 15 & 22 at 8 p.m. and Friday July 14 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are July 9, 16 & 23 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$20 for seniors and children 11 and under. For information and to reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 347-286-8508.

FREE Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call **St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Tpk, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a screening with a hearing specialist. Free service will be offered until July 27. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Booking Now! May 20-31, 2024 with Deacon Greg Kandra. Cost: \$4,895. For details, visit SelectInternationalTours.com or call 1-908-237-9262 (request Tour Code: 24RS05HLGK).

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m. Current topic: St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7-8 p.m. The Monday evening group is engaged in a year-long study of the Sunday Reading Reflections. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45-9 p.m. The charismatic group holds weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).