

June 9, 2024 - Tenth 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.

**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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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 8

**Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:05 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary

12:05 p.m. Ernest G. Rountree, Jr.

5 p.m. Lillian and Thomas Clarke

Sunday, June 9

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

Monday, June 10

8:05 a.m. Abel Ilboudo

12:05 p.m. Antonin Kocurek, Sr.

Tuesday, June 11

**Saint Barnabas**

8:05 a.m. Kathy Cassidy

12:05 p.m. William John Rocheleau

Wednesday, June 12

8:05 a.m. Marcia Mendes

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Meehan

Thursday, June 13

**Saint Anthony of Padua**

8:05 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Intentions of St. Anthony Novena

Friday, June 14

8:05 a.m. Alexis Borlaza

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Saturday, June 15

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

12:05 p.m. Dennis Rhinow

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

## 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, Paul Fabre, 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, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammoo, 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.

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, June 9

All Masses: Weekend #1 of Baby Clothes Drive

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Austin Street between 69th & 72nd Roads:*

**Forest Hills Festival of the Arts**

Monday, June 10

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

**Choir Summer Break**

*Rehearsals resume at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10*

Wednesday, June 12

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

Thursday, June 13

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

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

**Close of St. Anthony Novena**

*(Distribution of St. Anthony Bread)*

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30 p.m. *church:* **Benediction**

Friday, June 14

9 a.m. *church:* School Mass for Graduating Class

Saturday, June 15



**Congratulations, Students!** (see p. 4)

9 a.m. *church:* 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

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

## Remember Our Deceased

Zultan Bermudez

Eleanor Kinahan

Juan Hua Lin



Lucy Spinola

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

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### The Universal Call to Holiness: Part 1

*"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)*

**REFLECT:** The universal call to holiness is the universal call to God, the fount of all holiness, who alone is holy. But what do we mean when we say that God alone is holy? This is an important question, and one surprisingly difficult to answer. The catechism offers little help. While the catechism uses the words "holy" and "holiness" well over a thousand times, it offers no definition of holiness. Then we get this cryptic entry in paragraph 2809 of the catechism: "The holiness of God is the inaccessible center of his eternal mystery."

This mystery shows the limits of our thinking. For example, when we think of God's transcendence, we approach this understanding using human attributes and adding a superlative. We know what it is to be loving or powerful, so we say God is all-loving or all-powerful. But there are two problems with this.

First, as the catechism warns, when reasoning by analogy we have to keep in mind that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude" (CCC 43). Saying that God is all-loving and all-powerful can only faintly approximate what it means for God to be loving and powerful.

Second, when it comes to holiness, there is no human attribute to start with. Scripture repeatedly notes how when first encountering God, we are struck by our unworthiness, and like Isaiah, we can only cry, "Woe is me; I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Despite our protest, God continues to call us to his unfathomable holiness. Over the next few weeks, we will reflect on what this means and how we are to respond.

**LEARN:** Read Chapter 5 of Lumen Gentium, The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church (<https://tinyurl.com/22m9vbnw>). Watch Bishop Barron's presentation, "What Are the Laity Supposed to Be?" (<https://tinyurl.com/yc4drk3j>).

**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)

### Father's Day Mass Remembrances

You can remember or honor your loved ones, living or deceased, with a Mass Remembrance. All Father's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes will be placed on the altar and the names and intentions remembered in the Masses on Father's Day weekend (June 15/16). Enroll your father, godfather, grandfather, or those who have mentored and guided you with fatherly love.

## Order of Mass

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

*Missal #565—"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*Missal #420—"Earthen Vessels"*

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #687—"The Lord Is My Light"*

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 CCD and Religious Education materials. There is also an envelope for Father's Day Mass Remembrances.

» June 16, the second collection is Pastoral Care.

» 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.

» For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### And the winner is . . .

Congratulations to the winner of the Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes drawing—Oscar Otero, ticket #32.

Our many thanks to everyone for supporting the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## TO THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
Catholic Academy  
Forest Hills, New York  
June 2024



Madison Adams



Cecelia Aguinaldo



Nayalee Aponte



Benicio Babinsky



Mila Baez



Aydenviraj Bhatti



Jackie Boehm



Daniel Capra



Gabriela Chan



Jack Clark



Sander Cruz



Aiden De Guzman



Lea Dobrzynski



Sophia Estevez



Chloe Fallon



Emma Granadillo



Owen Howley



Addison Koda



Kyle Kong



Abaz Kupi



Anna Lee



Leo Leggett



James Lukose



Chloe Makris



Elnaz Mirzaei



Jacob Perez



Amelia Roca



Johan Rodriguez



Gia Russo



Catherine Tarbutton



Lauren Wong

## OLQMCA CLASS OF 2024

Madison Adams  
Cecelia Aguinaldo  
Nayalee Aponte  
Benicio Babinsky  
Mila Baez  
Aydenviraj Bhatti  
Jacqueline Boehm  
Daniel Capra  
Gabriela Chan  
Jack Clark

Sander Cruz  
Carlo Aiden De Guzman  
Lea Dobrzynski  
Sophia Estevez  
Chloe Fallon  
Emma Granadillo  
Owen Howley  
Addison Koda  
Kyle Kong  
Abaz Kupi  
Anna Lee

Leo Leggett  
James Lukose  
Chloe Makris  
Elnaz Mirzaei  
Jacob Perez  
Amelia Roca  
Johan Rodriguez  
Gia Russo  
Catherine Tarbutton  
Lauren Wong

## - June Clothing Drives -

*We need double your help this month!*

**BABY CLOTHES NEEDED**—Today and next weekend, 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, so we are asking for your generosity in furnishing the requested items (listed at right) so that the little ones have a comfortable start.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK**—Clean your closets to help the poor! The truck returns on **Sunday, June 23**, from 9 a.m. to noon, to accept drop-off 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 on the designated day and times. Gently used items must be clean and in wearable condition. The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Avenue. Your participation in one or both of these efforts will be greatly appreciated!

**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**

## Monday Evening Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. The next meeting is **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, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### —Weekly Collections—

|                             | May 26                 | June 2                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Candle Offerings            | \$1,402.00             | \$1,837.00             |
| 1st Collection              | 7,194.26               | 8,526.02               |
| 2nd Collection              | 1,735.26               | 2,925.00               |
|                             | <i>(pastoral care)</i> | <i>(major repairs)</i> |
| OLQMCA Bldg Maintenance     | 1,018.26               | —                      |
| <u>Subtotal - In Church</u> | <u>11,349.78</u>       | <u>13,288.02</u>       |
| Online Parish Giving        | 4,291.83               | 3,639.14               |
| Mail In                     | 6,950.00               | 2,037.00               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$22,591.61</b>     | <b>\$18,964.16</b>     |
| Weekly Income Needed *      | \$24,500.00            | \$24,500.00            |
| Surplus/(Deficit)           | (1,908.39)             | (5,535.84)             |

\* 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

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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)





## Saint Anthony of Padua Novena

*Prayed at the 12:05 p.m. Masses (Monday–Saturday)  
& Sunday, June 9 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass*

St. Anthony is the patron of the poor. He is widely invoked for the return of lost items (St. Anthony, St. Anthony, please look around. [Name what is lost] and needs to be found.) The prayer never fails. We will distribute St. Anthony bread—a customary offering in honor of his intercession and favors received—at the novena close at the 12:05 p.m. Mass on June 13, which is St. Anthony’s feast day. Novena prayer sheets are available near the church doors.

## 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.



### Beginning in September

## New Program Structure for Religious Education

Even as students and teachers embark on a well-deserved summer break, we are looking ahead and making plans for the fall. Beginning September 2024, the Religious Education Program of our parish 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, develop their spiritual habits, and better understand the language of their faith, all in preparation for receiving the Sacraments.—Father Passenant



## 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).

**UPDATE:** Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 (same as last year) for the 2024 diocesan appeal. So far, 196 donors having pledged or made a gift. We are asking all families to consider a gift, payable over the next seven months. Please take an Appeal envelope near the church doors or scan this code with your phone to donate online.



God bless you for your generous giving

**Your 2023 ACA contributions at work:** Because of your generosity last year, the \$75,000 overage from the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is allowing us to repair the sidewalk on Queens Boulevard. Thank you for your continued support.