

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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Watch Mass on Our Website

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

We have recorded videos of the daily and Sunday Mass on our website
as a way to remain united around the celebration of the Mass



WELCOME!

Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information.

GIVE NOW

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online parish giving. Thank you.



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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

Private Masses will be offered by our parish priests for the intentions listed.

Saturday, June 20

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fernando Munoz

Geoffrey Gill

Robert Peter Ballerini

Sunday, June 21

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, June 22

Saint Paulinus of Nola

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

Naomi Bollander

Erlinda Inocencio-Groux

Tuesday, June 23

Lisa Graff Toumey

Francis Keany

Wednesday, June 24

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Eugenia Guinez Zelaya

Deceased members of the Gregor family

Thursday, June 25

Nora Mullin

Alma and John Ilawan [wedding anniversary]

Friday, June 26

Michael Perrier

Luciano Abes

Saturday, June 27

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Warren Wesley Harding

Daniel Cahill

George Kollitides

NOTE: In the daily Masses, the priests of the parish are fulfilling and will continue to fulfill the Mass intentions that have been requested.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, 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, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

**** Church Vestibule Open for Private Prayer ****

During the COVID-19 emergency, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church will have its vestibule open each day for private prayer and devotion. You may enter the vestibule through the doors on Ascan Avenue. Please wear a mask, remain six feet apart, and bring your own hand sanitizer with you. You may also wear gloves. If you are not feeling well, please continue to pray in the privacy of your home.

For the celebration of funerals, baptisms, or weddings, please call the rectory at 718-268-6251 and be aware that we are still required to limit the number of people in attendance at those services to 10 persons.

Thank you for your continued patience as we pray for a return to a new normal. May God continue to watch over you! While there is no public celebration of the Mass for the time being, our priests are celebrating Mass each day privately for the scheduled intentions. You can watch our recorded Masses from your home or phone on our website ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org, on www.facebook.com/olqmchurch, or the [parish YouTube channel](#).

JUNE 23 IS PRIMARY DAY

Virtual Devotions

Monday Novena Prayers and

Thursday Devotions (Adoration and Benediction)

are viewable on our website on those days

along with the daily Mass. We invite you to pray from home.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door*

**For parishioners wishing to make a confession, please wear a mask, practice responsible social distancing, and enter the rectory one at a time.*

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

(see page 4 for information)

Remember Our Deceased

Ramona Calsada
Msgr. William Flood



James P. Kirrane
Jennifer Lim Tan

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 Moise, 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

The USCCB on Catholic Schools

OLQM 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 (June 22–29).



Pray that Catholic schools in our country would be free to teach the truth about God and his creation.

REFLECT: Education is central to the Church's mission. In fact, one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to teach. In the United States, the Catholic school system grew out of necessity when the wave of 19th-century Catholic immigrants felt unwelcome in the "public" school system. Since then, Catholic schools have been significant anchor institutions in many neighborhoods, benefiting even those who are not their students. Catholic leaders have played a leading role in ensuring that all children have access to quality education. Education is what Catholics do, and an America without Catholic schools is unimaginable. Catholic schools need the space to operate in accordance with Catholic convictions if they are to continue to be a source of vitality for our society.

ACT: Take action to support religious liberty! Text "FREEDOM" to 84576 to receive news updates and action alerts.

LEARN: Read about [Discrimination Against Christian Students on Campus](#). Links to this 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING—*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING—*Romans 5:12-15*

GOSPEL—*Matthew 10:26-33*

Video recordings of the Mass each day with our parish priests are being posted on our church website

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

SUNDAY MASS ON NET TV

Spectrum Channel 97

FIOS by Verizon Channel 48

Tune in online at netny.tv

Saturday at 6 p.m.

Vigil prerecorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 a.m.

Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Prerecorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building.
- » There is also an envelope for the Peter's Pence collection and the Pope's philanthropic work.
- » 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.

HAPPY
Father's Day

Father's Day Mass Remembrances

Dads (living and deceased) will be remembered at Mass this Father's Day weekend and throughout the month of June. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

Suggestions from the Parish Catholic Social Action Committee

We have been discussing ways to assist seniors during this challenging time. Among our suggestions: (1) Explore the opportunities that are offered by the American Association for Retired Persons at www.AARP.org. There is a membership fee. (2) Consider enjoying one or more of these Catholic-themed movies at homes. They are available on Amazon Prime. If you have Netflix or Hulu as your streaming service, we recommend you check to see if they are available.

For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristiada. An ex-war hero leads a ragtag group of rebels in their fight for religious freedom against Mexico’s anticlerical government in the 1920s. (Rated R)

Molokai: The Story of Father Damien. The true story of the 19th-century priest who volunteered to go to the island of Molokai, to console and care for the lepers. (Rated PG)

The Mission. This visually stunning epic recounts the true story of a man of the sword (Robert De Niro) and a man of the cloth (Jeremy Irons) protecting South American natives from European colonizers. (Rated PG)

The Way. A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the “El Camino de Santiago” from France to Spain. (Rated PG-13)



VOTE in the June 23 Primaries

New York holds its primary elections on Tuesday. There are primaries for president, Congress, state Senate, state Assembly, and a new Queens borough president. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote. Go to vote.nyc/page/understanding-ballot to do an address lookup for your polling site and to read what’s on the ballot.

Looking past the primaries: To vote in the November 3 General Election, the deadline for new voter registration is October 9, 2020.



For information about the 2020–2021 academic year at OLMQ Catholic Academy (nursery through K-7), visit the academy website: www.OLQMCA.org

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:
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BE NOT AFRAID

Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

We are grateful to all who are faithfully contributing to the needs of our parish during this time of pandemic. May God bless you and keep you safe!

You may leave your church donations in the mailbox to the left of the front door of the rectory. In the church vestibule we have a donation box and our DipJar for credit card contributions.

We strongly encourage you to use [online Parish Giving](http://online.ParishGiving.org). You can enroll at our website ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org or from your phone using the QR code here. You can make one-time or recurring donations with Parish Giving and there is telephone support; call **866-307-7140**, Mon-Fri, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.



Dip to Donate



Parish Giving
Enroll Online



Use Smartphone

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 1–8 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.

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 (olqmrca@gmail.com) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



For those who are waiting to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, may God sustain them, help them to deepen their commitment, and grow in their desire to serve God.

Weekly Collections

We will publish collection income reports and comparisons every four weeks until our church returns to her normal activity. Thank you for keeping up your increased support by enrolling in online giving. Please visit the parish website for more information.

Plan for Major Repairs

James 1:2 says, “Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials.” Through this pandemic crisis, you might say we are turning lemons into lemonade.

Our church has decided to go ahead with plans, made *a year ago*, to do major repairs inside the church. Now that the city has entered phase one of reopening from the pandemic lockdown, the contractors are available and they began their work this past week. This major repair project should take 6 to 8 weeks to complete. The work involves stripping, cleaning, and polishing the floor in the church and replacing the kneelers in the pews.

As we move into later phases of reopening, we are looking forward to resuming public worship and ultimately Sunday Mass attendance. Our church plan for eventual reopening will require limiting occupancy in the church, following the advice of health officials and the guidelines of our elected officials and the diocese, in order to minimize the spread of the virus. To accommodate overflow, our plan also includes using the school auditorium (McLaughlin Hall) for Sunday worship if the church repairs are still underway at that time. As we get closer to this phase, more precise details will be announced.

We thank our donors for financially supporting Generations of Faith and the Annual Catholic Appeal and for gifts made using the Major Repairs envelope. We ask for your continued support and prayers to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely yours,
Father Francis J. Passenant

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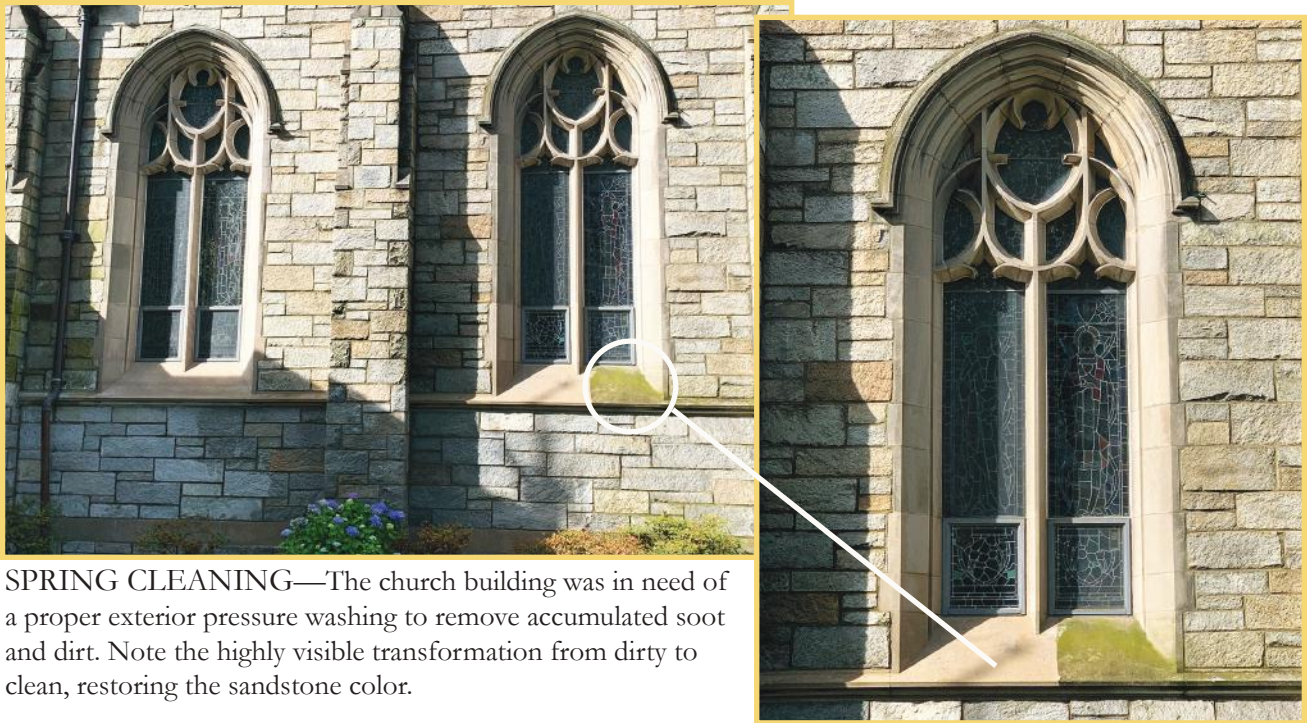
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SPRING CLEANING—The church building was in need of a proper exterior pressure washing to remove accumulated soot and dirt. Note the highly visible transformation from dirty to clean, restoring the sandstone color.



**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

ABOUT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DID YOU KNOW? OLMQ 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.

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.

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

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.

Immigration Information and Other Help from CMS

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) is supported by our donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal and offer services in three areas:

(1) **Immigration issues.** Individuals with questions about their naturalization process and those at risk of deportation are encouraged to call the CMS office at 718-236-3000. Immigrants with a valid Social Security number who have paid their taxes are **eligible for the stimulus check** that is part of the CARES Act, the new legislation passed to provide COVID-19 relief.

(2) **Tenants rights.** For helpful information, visit the website JustFix.nyc or call the CMS office at 347-472-3500. ext 1019, and speak with Stefanie.

(3) **Workers' rights.** The CMS hotline at 1-877-525-2267 can help with questions about wage theft, furloughs, lost jobs, and wage complaints. New legislation has increased unemployment benefits for workers who have a valid work authorization. If concerned about sick leave, especially if connected to COVID-19, you are encouraged to call the hotline.