

June 28, 2020 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Moved pews to make way for the floor cleaning and the start of the lighting plan. Details on page 4.

WELCOME BACK!

Daily Masses Resume June 29 in Convent
July 4/5 Sunday Masses in McLaughlin Hall

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

Watch the Sunday Mass at
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org



WELCOME!

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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

Saturday, June 27

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Warren Wesley Harding

Daniel Cahill

George Kollitides

Sunday, June 28

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, June 29

Public Masses Resume

Saints Peter and Paul

8 a.m. William L. Clancy, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Nicola Monti

Tuesday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8 a.m. Mitsugi Yamakawa

12:05 p.m. Paulette Sironneau

Wednesday, July 1

Saint Junipero Serra

8 a.m. Eduardo L. Raymundo [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Michael Cantillon

Thursday, July 2

8 a.m. Mary England

12:05 p.m. Alma L. Nassauer

Friday, July 3

Saint Thomas

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Carmen Lopez, Jose Humberto Rodriguez,
Osmar A. Alberto, and Tony Alberto

Saturday, July 4

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Rosa Patiño

5 p.m. Stella Yamada-Wu

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Anna Caccavalla, 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, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Monday–Saturday, June 29–July 3

WELCOME BACK!

This week is significant. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs public Masses resume in a limited capacity.

Thank you for your prayers and your patience!

What to Expect - on page 5

Daily Masses this week will be held in the convent chapel.

Sunday Masses open in McLaughlin Hall on July 4/5 while the church floor is being renovated.

We will follow procedures for the safety of all.

Confession Times (until further notice)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 12:45 p.m.

inside rectory door



Video Recorded Sunday Mass

The last video recording of the Daily Mass is on Saturday, June 27. We will continue to record the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass every week and post it online Sunday morning to watch from home. The Sunday Mass will appear on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org, on www.facebook.com/olqmchurch, and on the [parish YouTube channel](#). Please subscribe.

Remember Our Deceased

Ramona Calsada
Nick Caccavalla
Msgr. William Flood



James P. Kirrane
Jennifer Lim Tan
Marie Lioni

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 Moïse, 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

USCCB on Adoption and Foster Care

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 children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who selflessly serve those children will find strength and support from the Church.

REFLECT: Caring for “the orphan” is a demand of the gospel. Over the centuries, the Church has put this work of charity into practice by building adoption and foster care institutions. Today, the opioid crisis has put a strain on the foster care system. Yet while more children are waiting to be placed in families, faith-based child welfare providers are being targeted for closures because of their religious convictions. In Illinois, Massachusetts, California, and D.C., service providers who have a track record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families have already been shut down. In Michigan, sexual orientation/gender identity (SOGI) activists have gone out of their way to challenge Catholic Charities, and Philadelphia Catholic Social Services is taking the struggle to continue to foster children to the Supreme Court. Worse still, in recent years, states that have worked to protect faith-based adoption and foster care have found themselves targeted by powerful corporations looking to appeal to SOGI activists. Intolerance for religious views has real consequences, and in this case, it is vulnerable children who have suffered. Let's pray and act to keep kids first.

ACT: The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (CWPIA) prevents faith-based child welfare service providers from being targeted by government discrimination. It would prohibit the federal government and any state that receives certain federal funding from discriminating against child welfare service providers on the basis that they decline to provide a child welfare service that conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives today and ask them to cosponsor and support the federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act.

LEARN: Read about the [Defense of Marriage](#). Links to this material 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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING— *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING— *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*

GOSPEL— *Matthew 10:37-42*

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

- » Sunday, July 5, the second collection will be for grounds maintenance.
- » 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.

Daily Masses resume Monday June 29th

8AM & 12:05PM in the convent chapel
(use ramp entrance near the Mary garden)

Sunday Masses resume next weekend

Saturday July 4th at 5PM

Sunday July 5th at 9AM, 11:15AM & 1PM
in McLaughlin Hall for next 6-8 weeks while the
church floor is being renovated

Major Church Repair 2020 – Parishioner Report #2

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

The Generations of Faith Program (GOF) launched in 2015 was a Diocesan Capital Campaign designed to fund parishes, youth, and senior priests. The funds raised were distributed to each of these areas. Each parish was asked to generate a case statement to specifically identify infrastructure projects that needed attention. Our [case statement](#) identified a new organ, refurbishing our beautiful side altars and main altar reredos, repairing our weathered stained glass windows, laying new cement on 72nd Road and the interior sidewalks on the church property, and refinishing the church floor. The final project has begun.

The planning for this final GOF item, the church floor, was begun over a year ago. The work scope was planned and the companies engaged to complete this massive project. It is being accomplished by first removing the pews to access the floor for stripping, cleaning, and polishing. It is necessary to strip the floor to reveal the original poured cement, to clean away the remnants of paint, and to polish the finish—for the first time since the original building of the church in 1938.

This opportunity to clear the floor of the pews also allows us to complete other projects much more difficult to accomplish with the pews in place. We plan to add additional lighting around the perimeter of the church nave, to complete the project funded by the Parish Capital Campaign of 2010, and to replace the kneelers that are wearing out and becoming too expensive to repair.

We are able to fund these projects with resources received from “over goal” achievements in the GOF campaign and the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We have been over goal in the ACA each year since 2013, thanks to your participation and generosity in that effort.

There was also a need to address the exterior of the church building, which has been adversely affected by more than 80 years of pollution, weathering, and auto emissions from Queens Boulevard and Ascan Avenue. The surfaces of the exterior walls facing these streets are the most affected and the first to be addressed. This project is being supported by our various fundraisers over the years such as the “Fall Fling” and “Taste of the World.” There were pictures of the exterior cleaning in last week’s bulletin (June 21, 2020).

The timing of these projects was scheduled for mid-June 2020 to be completed by mid-August 2020. Plans were drawn up to use McLaughlin Hall for Mass while the work was being completed and the parish school was not in session. The project started as scheduled in spite of the upheaval caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The first kneelers were removed from the church last Wednesday. The photo on the bulletin cover this week shows the moved pews to make way for the



*“This is a historic and exciting event for our Church!”
—Deacon Daniel Garcia, OLQM Head Engineer*

floor cleaning and the start of the lighting plan.

We have been praying for the intercession of Msgr. Joseph McLaughlin, our first pastor and architect of the beautiful parish plant we enjoy today. We ask, like Elisha asked of Elijah, “for a double portion” of his spirit to guide us with wisdom, courage, and perseverance as we oversee these projects for the upkeep of our beautiful church to better serve those who enter here now and in the future. I will have another update next week.

God bless and keep us in your prayers during this exciting time in our parish history.

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www.olqmca.org

The Return of Public Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Our long wait is almost over. We are in phase 2 returning to **Daily Mass** at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. on Monday, June 29th. We will gather for Mass in the convent chapel (use ramp entrance near the Mary statue).

Weekend Mass will begin on July 4th and 5th. We will keep the regular schedule—Saturday evening 5 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m. Since the church building is undergoing major repairs (*see story on facing page*) we can accommodate **150 participants for each Mass in McLaughlin Hall**. Please note that McLaughlin Hall is not air-conditioned but fans will be placed around the hall.

The parish clergy as well as the other staff members are looking forward to seeing our parish family gathering together again. We really missed you. However, if you do not feel well or **have any of the symptoms affiliated with Covid-19, please stay home**. The Mass dispensation is still in effect.

For everyone's safety it will be necessary to follow the procedures outlined here. **There can be no exceptions; we must continue to protect everyone**. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) norms are expected, as are masks, social distancing, individual hand sanitizing, and gloves, etc.

Masks are required. All must have a face mask and wear it! **NO MASK NO ENTRY**. All must adhere to the "Planned Pattern" for entering McLaughlin Hall, Communion distribution, and exiting. Please cooperate as there can be no exceptions.

(1) Congregants planning to attend Mass **must line up at the McLaughlin Hall door in the schoolyard closest to the church 20 minutes before the start** of the service, maintaining social distancing. The first 125 attendees will fill the seats in the hall. There is space for 25 additional standees. Everyone is expected to sit where assigned. We need everyone's cooperation.

(2) All attending must enter through the designated door of the hall. **Everyone entering the worship space must be ushered to a seat**. Ushers will seat attendees according to a configuration set up in the worship space ahead of time.

(3) Because there are stairs to reach the worship space, we ask that those in wheelchairs and with canes go to the convent using the ramp. The services planned are not extended; there will be limited singing and short homilies.

(4) Communion distribution will be "in the hand" ONLY, ushered by staff members keeping the CDC six-foot social distancing guideline. **Please wait to be ushered from your row**.

(5) After the Final Blessing, the standees will leave first, followed by those seated. **All must exit the worship space being escorted out by staff** (no staying after Mass). Restrooms will not be available as per CDC guidelines.

We are confident that everyone will patiently cooperate with these directives, which in charity are for everyone's safety. These are small inconveniences to be able again to attend Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

We ask God through the intercession of Our Lady as the Queen of Martyrs to guide us in these endeavors.

In Christ,

Bishop Paul R. Sanchez, Pastor

Fr. Francis J. Passenant, Administrator

For the Well-Being of All

Wear a face mask (required).

Bring your own hand sanitizer or wear gloves.

Use the bathroom at home before coming to Mass.

Arrive 20 minutes before Mass start time.

Use designated entrance only.

Remain six feet apart.

Follow the instructions of the ushers on seating in the hall, Communion distribution, and exiting the hall.

If you are not feeling well, please continue to pray in the privacy of your home and watch Sunday Mass on our website.

Thank You for Cooperating!



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.

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:
josephterry@gmail.com

"He that shall lose his life for me, shall find it."

Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



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

For those who are waiting to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation (dates not yet announced), may God sustain you, help you to deepen their commitment, and grow in their desire to serve God.



**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

DID YOU KNOW? OLQM 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.

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

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



ABOUT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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.

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.