

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
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Lorna Stark

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

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

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

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
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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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, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome

8:05 a.m. Zef Nikoll Vulaj

12:05 p.m. Elisa A. Fule

5 p.m. Poul Amano

RCIA Second Scrutiny

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

8:05 a.m. Alberto Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Aldo Arcomano

Tuesday, March 12

8:05 a.m. Alice Burke

12:05 p.m. Hien Le and Vinh Tran

Wednesday, March 13

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
(All Souls in Purgatory)

Thursday, March 14

8:05 a.m. Jack Beisel

12:05 p.m. Daniel L. Brogno [anniversary]

Friday, March 15

8:05 a.m. Aiveen McGowan

12:05 p.m. Patricia Smith

Saturday, March 16

7:30* a.m. Helpers of God's Precious Infants

12:05 p.m. Maureen Lima

5 p.m. John and Ellen McGivern

* Note the earlier start time for morning Mass on Saturday, March 16. Mass will be followed by a prayerful rosary procession to a local abortion facility, returning to the church for Benediction afterward.

Remember Our Sick

Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Joey Guastella, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, John Imperante Sr., James Leung, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Sara Morales, Jorge Luis Olivares, Rafaela Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, 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 our sick list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week



Sunday, March 10

SPRING AHEAD! Daylight Saving Time Begins

10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue): **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, March 11

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

After 12:05 p.m. Mass church: Novena to St. Joseph Begins

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

Tuesday, March 12

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 13

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

7:30 p.m. church: Stations of the Cross

followed by Benediction

Saturday, March 16

7:30 a.m. church: Pro-Life Mass, followed by Prayer Vigil with Helpers of God's Precious Infants

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Wine and Host
are offered in loving memory of
Rocco Napoli
—requested by Gerry Napoli

Remember Our Deceased

James Richardson
Aldo Sciarrino



Hendrata Tanzil

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, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

Why Fast?

"Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning." (Joel 2: 12)

REFLECT: Jesus's example and words give us several reasons to fast. For example, Jesus prepared for his own public ministry with a forty-day fast, so the Church asks us to imitate Christ by preparing for Easter with Lenten fasts. Second, when the disciples of John the Baptist ask Jesus why his own disciples didn't fast, Jesus countered by asking how the wedding guests could "as long as the bridegroom is with them," adding, "The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast" (Matthew 9:15). During Lent, we memorialize that our "bridegroom has been taken away from us," as Pope St. John Paul II said. "Taken away, imprisoned, slapped, scourged, crowned with thorns, crucified. Fasting in the time of Lent is the expression of our solidarity with Christ. Such was the meaning of Lent throughout the centuries and such it remains today."

Jesus gave yet another reason to fast when he taught his apostles that certain demons could only be cast out by prayer and fasting. Where might we find these "demons" today? In the "consumer attitude," warns John Paul, in the excessive attachment to the excitement we derive from "momentary pleasures, and an ever-greater multiplicity of sensations." So, we "must fast, not only from food or drink, but from many other means of consumption, stimulation, satisfaction of the senses."

This renunciation is not an end in itself. "To open up to these spiritual contents, to these values, it is necessary to detach oneself from what serves only the consumer spirit, the satisfaction of the senses." Renunciation "serves to create in man the conditions to be able to live the superior values, for which he, in his own way, hungers." As _____ a form of renunciation, fasting direct our hearts to God.

ACT: In the remaining days of Lent, and particularly for Holy Week, consider fasting from everything that distracts you from God.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's talk on Lenten fasting at <http://tinyurl.com/yweh2tax>. Watch Bishop Barron's talk on Three Habits to Get the Most Out of Lent, at <http://tinyurl.com/mr36fff4>.

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

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #416—"Christ Before Us"

MASS PARTS: *Vermulst*

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"O Bone Jesu" (*G. Palestrina*)—Choir
Missal #450—"Amazing Grace"

COMMUNION

"God So Loved the World" (*J. Stainer*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #599—"Christ, Be Our Light"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #424—"The Church's One Foundation"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today's special collection is for a holiday church cleaning for Easter. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services and the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal.

» March 17, the second collection is for major repairs. There are also envelopes for fuel and Easter Flowers

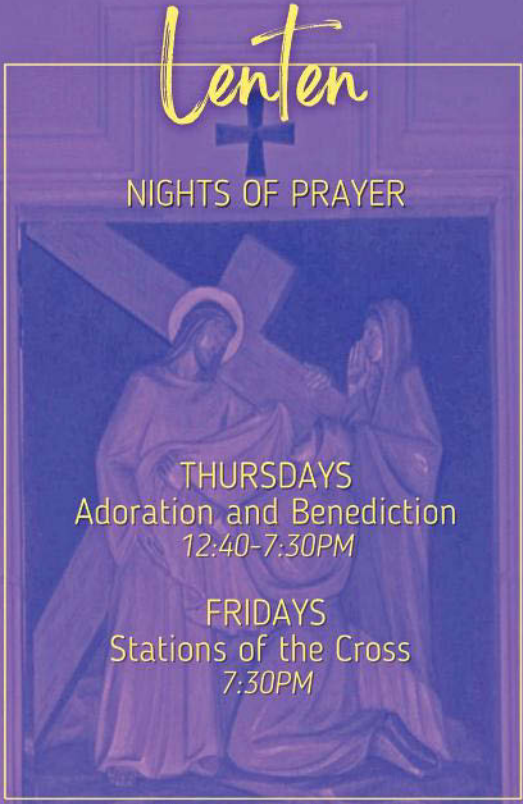
» At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.

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

Lactare ~ Rejoice! ~ Sunday

This mid-Lent Sunday offers a glimpse of the joy and hope awaiting us at Easter, when we will sing the glories of our Risen Lord.

Holy Week Schedule
appears on page 3.



Lenten
NIGHTS OF PRAYER

THURSDAYS
Adoration and Benediction
12:40-7:30PM

FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross
7:30PM

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 24)

Blessed Palms at each Mass: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 23

(procession with blessed palms starting at 4:45 p.m.)

Confession Days and Times

Reconciliation Monday (March 25): 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week (March 26 & 27): 11:15 a.m.

Good Friday (March 29) after the 7:30 p.m. Liturgy

Holy Thursday (March 28)

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.

Mandatum (Washing of the Feet), Blessed Sacrament

Procession to the Repository and Adoration until 10:30 p.m.

*(There are no other Masses and no confessions
on Holy Thursday)*

Good Friday (March 29)

Stations of the Cross at 1 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Veneration of the Cross; Communion Service;

Confessions after the 7:30 p.m. service

Holy Saturday (March 30)

Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of Resurrection: 7:30 p.m.

*(There are no other Masses and no confessions
on Holy Saturday)*

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.



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 is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact
Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.
Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact
instructor Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to join
on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can
be viewed on demand at 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. Meet-
ing ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We wish to thank those who made a pledge to the 2024
Annual Catholic Appeal during our in-pew weekend last
month. We are asking each family to prayerfully consider
making a tax-deductible gift. It is important that our parish
make its goal of \$114,568 in order to fulfill our mission
and provide for all who depend on the generosity and
goodwill of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. You can
donate online at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org on behalf of
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (select #4172 from the Parish
drop-down menu), or text ACA to
917-336-1255, or take a pledge card
from the church home with you.
Suggested giving amounts:

- \$100 one-time gift
- \$200 pledge = \$25 a month
- \$350 pledge = \$10 a week
- \$1,200 pledge = \$5 a day

Thank you.



God bless you for your
generous giving to the
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Andrian Alexandre Alvarez

son of Amy Durcan and David Alvarez

Finn James Alvarez Griffiths

son of Veronica and Darryl Griffiths

Nathan Ka-Sing Pang

son of Nicole and Allan Pang

Luke Thomas Riolo

son of Victoria and Thomas Riolo

Nicolas Alexander Torres

son of Debra and Richard Torres

Althea Maris Gamboa Tubilan

daughter of Almira Rose and Albert Ian Tubilan

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Attn: Parents & Students

Tuition Assistance Available for the 2024–2025 Academic Year

Eligible students must be in grades K–8 and registered in a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn for the next school year. Families must meet financial eligibility requirements. Online application and information about the required supporting documentation can be found at www.futuresineducation.org/scholarships. Deadline: March 31 for returning students; April 30 for new families.



RCIA News

Registration for Adult Confirmation Class Is Now Open

If you have been baptized and received First Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Registration is now open for classes starting on April 9, with conferral of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Please email Veronica McCarthy at olqmrcia@gmail.com for information or complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation information Form on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia (from the main menu, under Religious Education menu/RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Little Sisters of the Poor to Present at Next Week's Sunday Masses

The Little Sisters of the Poor bring the elderly poor assistance, care, and prayer. They are appealing for support for their mission of hospitality at Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. They rely on the generosity of benefactors. Please share your charity with them during their church appeal at the Sunday Masses on March 16 and 17.

Contact Us

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 3
Candle Offerings	\$1,785.00
1st Collection	9,468.03
2nd Collection (fuel)	2,606.03
Grounds Maintenance	1,310.03
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>15,169.09</u>
Online Giving	5,277.12
Mail In	2,235.00
TOTAL	22,681.21
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(468.79)

* 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.

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OLQM Catholic Academy:

www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Recited Monday, March 11 to Tuesday, March 19

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass, Mondays - Saturdays

After the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17

Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the heart of Jesus all the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now implore. (*Mention your petition.*)

Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you had for Jesus and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Jesus, Mary and Joseph assist us in our need. Amen.

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.



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WWME Virtual Experience

Thursday evenings 7:00 PM*(EST)

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

Via Zoom

***Each Session lasts @ 2—2.5 hours**



Additional info?

Call: Chuck & MJ Young 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

Visit: wwme.org



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About Today's Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This collection, taken annually as part of the American Bishops' overseas appeal, supports Catholic Church organizations that deliver assistance to the poor and vulnerable worldwide. Please be generous, to the extent possible, and help the Church in its work to help feed the hungry, aid victims of natural disasters, help build peace in war-torn nations, and minister to migrants and others with specific pastoral needs. Thank you.

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet monthly, on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming sessions are March 25, April 22, May 20, and June 17. For questions or additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Single Adults Group News

Members of the group will be attending the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com. We are planning another Game Day in April, shortly after Easter, and will publish the date in advance. Please note that the group's telephone hotline will be discontinued in the next few weeks, so the best way to know what is going on is to contact Denise by email or check the weekly bulletin for announcements.

EASTER MEMORIALS



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs offers the opportunity for remembrance of your beloved deceased at Easter with a memorial contribution for Easter flowers.

Forms are on the piano.