

March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent

# 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.



#### JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration  
information and form

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

#### GIVE NOW

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parish giving



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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 11*

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory  
12:05 p.m. Aldo Arcomano  
5 p.m. Melba Magelong

*Sunday, March 12*

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

*Monday, March 13*

8 a.m. Anthony and Diane Cazull  
12:05 p.m. Maria Contreras

*Tuesday, March 14*

8 a.m. Marina Concepcion  
12:05 p.m. Christopher Schmitt

*Wednesday, March 15*

8 a.m. Anthony Caridi  
12:05 p.m. James Constable

*Thursday, March 16*

8 a.m. Rose Saliba  
12:05 p.m. Doris Herrmann

*Friday, March 17*

**Saint Patrick**

8 a.m. Margarita Peñafiel  
12:05 p.m. Kathleen Speer

*Saturday, March 18*

**Saint Cyril**

7:30 a.m. Manuel Olmeida | Pro-Life Mass\*  
12:05 p.m. Angela Bertolotti  
5 p.m. Josephine Ballerini

\* **Note the earlier start time** for Saturday morning Mass on March 18. This Mass with Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be followed by a prayerful rosary procession to a nearby abortion clinic, returning to church for Benediction.

## Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, Elaine M. Kuzlik, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansathong, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, March 12 - Spring Forward*

Daylight Saving Time begins  
*New day dawning . . . Easter near!*

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

*Monday, March 13*

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

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

*Tuesday, March 14*

11:30 a.m. **church: Confessions**  
7:30 p.m. **choir loft: Choir Rehearsal**

*Wednesday, March 15*

**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 16*

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 17*

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

*(Lenten dispensation to eat meat on this Friday. See page 4)*

6:30–9 p.m. **McLaughlin Hall (enter at red doors at parking lot):**  
**MAYO (Youth Group) Game Night**

7:30 p.m. **church: Stations of the Cross**  
**followed by Benediction**

*Saturday, March 18*

1 p.m. **rectory basement meeting room: Single Adults Group**  
**Wearin' of the Green meeting (rescheduled)**

2 p.m. **McLaughlin Hall: Confirmation Retreat**

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

**The Wine and Hosts**

are offered in loving memory of

**Rocco Napoli**

—requested by daughter *Gerry Napoli*

## Remember Our Deceased

Cesar Castillo  
Maria Celano  
Giselle Louis



Nellie Sanchez  
Patrick Sarubbi  
Ana Szekely

**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.**

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## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### Pope Francis on Borders and Their Limits

*"Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate." (Pope Francis)*

**REFLECT:** "Complex challenges arise when our neighbor happens to be an immigrant. Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development. Yet until substantial progress is made in achieving this goal, we are obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs and those of their families, and where they can find personal fulfillment. Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. For it is not a case of implementing welfare programs from the top down, but rather of undertaking a journey together, through these four actions, in order to build cities and countries that, while preserving their respective cultural and religious identity, are open to differences and know how to promote them in the spirit of human fraternity.

"This implies taking certain indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises. As examples, we may cite: increasing and simplifying the granting of visas; adopting programs of individual and community sponsorship; opening humanitarian corridors for the most vulnerable refugees; providing suitable and dignified housing; guaranteeing personal security and access to basic services; ensuring adequate consular assistance and the right to retain personal identity documents; equitable access to the justice system; the possibility of opening bank accounts and the guarantee of the minimum needed to survive; freedom of movement and the possibility of employment; protecting minors and ensuring their regular access to education; providing for programs of temporary guardianship or shelter; guaranteeing religious freedom; promoting integration into society; supporting the reuniting of families; and preparing local communities for the process of integration." (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 129-130)

**LEARN:** Read the encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship, by Pope Francis, at <https://bit.ly/3wYxZyQ>.

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).

## Order of Mass Third Sunday in Lent

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #490—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

**MASS PARTS:** People's Mass (*Vermulst*)

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:3-7

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**GOSPEL:** John 4:5-42

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

"O Bone Jesu" (*G. Palestrina*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #511—"Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs"*

### COMMUNION

"God So Loved the World" (*J. Stainer*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #356—"Come to Me and Drink"*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #462—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for a church cleaning to prepare for Easter.
- » March 19, the second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services.
- » 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

## ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

March 11 through March 19

**Weekdays** (Monday–Saturday) *at the 12:05 p.m. Masses*

**Sundays** (March 12 & 19) *after the 11:15 a.m. Masses*

**Sunday, March 19**

*4 p.m.*

*St. Joseph, Courageous Migrant, Prayer Service*

## Lenten RCIA Rites

**Rite of Continuing Conversion** was celebrated by Bishop Paul Sanchez on March 5. It is the final step for candidates who are baptized before they come into full communion with the Catholic Church and receive First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Candidates, sponsors, and RCIA team members, from left: Bernie Zablucki (sponsor), Doug Wellbrock (team), Mark Wilensky (candidate), Chris Russo (sponsor and team), Dorian Holden (candidate), Bishop Sanchez, Jane Gazdag (candidate), Tom Gazdag (sponsor), Sade Jennings (candidate), Lorna Brissett (sponsor), Veronica McCarthy (team), Anton Dedushi (candidate), Rok Vukel (sponsor).



Rite of Continuing Conversion

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**Rite of Election** was celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens, on the First Sunday of Lent (February 26) at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The rite brings our catechumens closer to baptism and changes their status to those chosen, or elected, to join the Catholic Church. From left: Doug Wellbrock (team), Veronica McCarthy (team), Shereen Beydoun (sponsor), Sakura Nakamaru (catechumen, now elect), Bishop Brennan, Vincent Nguyen (catechumen, now elect), and Vivian Chu (Vincent's fiancée and stand-in for his sponsor).



Rite of Election



**Rescheduled: Wearin' of the Green Meeting Single Adults Group. Sat, March 18 @ 1 p.m.** rectory basement meeting room. Call the group hotline at 718-361-3201 if interested.

### Lenten Dispensation for the Memorial of Saint Patrick

Because March 17 falls on a Friday during Lent this year, Bishop Brennan grants a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on this day. This dispensation may be enjoyed by all the faithful whether residing in or visiting the diocese. If you choose to make use of the dispensation, you are asked to substitute abstinence on that day with an extra penitential act or work of charity.

Italian Day of Prayer for Lent with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

**Sat, March 18 @ Immaculate Conception Center** (7200 Douglaston Pkwy, Queens). **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** \$25/person. For individual reservations or groups, call 718-821-2323.



## Faith Sharing 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 is St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** The group is engaged in a year-long study on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join on Zoom, contact Joe: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com). Recordings of the Bible studies can be viewed on YouTube ([youtube.com/@bktheologian](https://youtube.com/@bktheologian)) for those unable to attend the Monday evening Zoom meetings.

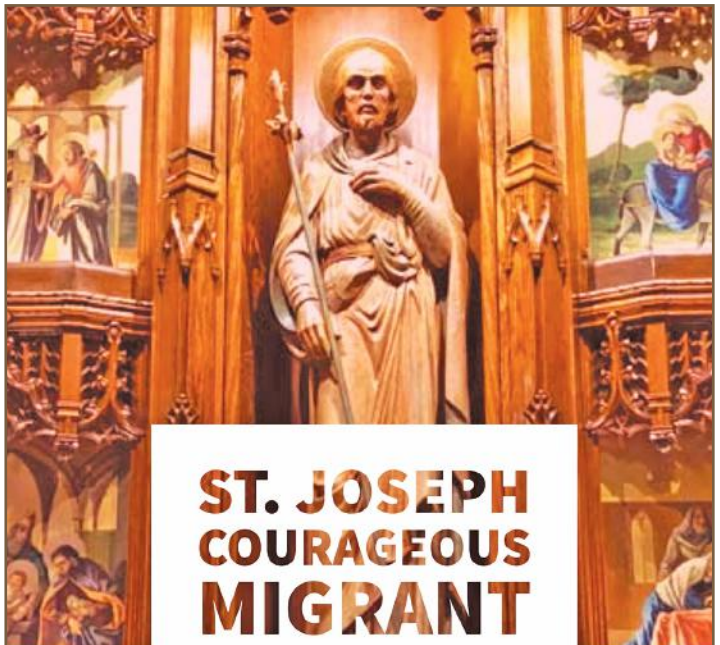
**Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m.** Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Tuesday,  
March 21  
at  
OLQM  
Church

*All are welcome.*  
11:30 AM Confessions  
12:05 PM Mass Exposition  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Holy Hour - Adoration  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Youth Holy Hour  
7:30 PM Benediction



2023  
Diocesan  
Lenten  
Pilgrimage



**ST. JOSEPH  
COURAGEOUS  
MIGRANT**

**PRAYER SERVICE & BENEDICTION**

Sunday, March 19  
4 pm

Praying for Migrants and Refugees

**Guest Speaker: Father Felix Sanchez**  
Pastor of St. Pius V (Jamaica) whose  
parishioners have fed southern border migrants

**Next Sunday: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection**  
This special collection taken annually supports Catholic Church organizations that ease suffering and provide assistance to the poor and vulnerable in regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Please be generous, to the extent possible, and help the Church in its work to reveal Christ's love to the world. Thank you.

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**LIVESTREAM MASS** Sunday at 11:15AM  
for the homebound and the sick. If you  
miss a livestream the entirety of the  
Sunday Mass is available on demand  
using the "past livestreams" link at  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast).

**Weekly Collections**

	<b>March 5</b>
Candle Offerings	\$1,979.00
1st Collection	9,276.05
2nd Collection (fuel)	3,176.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal</i>	<u>14,431.05</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,424.68
Mail In	2,014.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>21,869.73</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,280.27)

\*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, 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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

Attn: Parents & Students  
**Tuition Assistance Available for  
 2023–2024 School Year**

Financial aid is for eligible students in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. Applications are open at [www.FuturesinEducation.org](http://www.FuturesinEducation.org). Scan the code here for the eligibility requirements and application details. For families that received an award last academic year, the deadline is March 31. Deadline for new applicants is April 30. Questions? Call 718-965-7340.



SCAN ME  
 for Catholic School  
 financial aid info

**Bereavement Support**

The parish bereavement support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet next on **Mar 27 at 7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

**RCIA at OLQM**  
**Rite of Christian Initiation  
 of Adults**



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

**Free Speech & Hearing Screenings Available through Apr. 27**  
 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 professional. Free hearing aid help is also available.

**OLQM Catholic Academy**  
 Registration Open for Grades K-8  
[olqmca.org/how-to-apply](http://olqmca.org/how-to-apply)

Deanery Corner

**Supermarket Sweeps with Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Catholic Academy. Sun, Mar 26 from 2–6 p.m.** in the OLM Parish Hall. Tickets \$20; includes 2 bingo cards, coffee/tea, cake. Additional bingo cards, raffles, 50/50 tickets can be purchased. Bring your own snacks and beverages! \*Adults only \* Cash only event! To purchase tickets, include your name, phone, email, number of tickets, and check payable to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy. Drop off or mail to: OLM Catholic Academy, c/o Supermarket Sweeps, 70-25 Kessel St, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Deadline March 20.



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**Annual Catholic  
 Appeal 2023**  
 DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports Catholic Charities; Catholic Migration Services; hospital and prison chaplains; seminarians and vocations; faith formation programs; care for infirmed clergy; and the Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation. Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 by December 31 for these diocesan programs that help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can alone.

During Masses on **March 25/26**, we will conduct an **in-pew commitment weekend** asking for the support of all who are able.

If you received an ACA envelope at home, please use it. You may also use this QR code to donate online (please select OLQM as your parish).



SCAN to DONATE  
 to the ACA

**Lenten**  
 NIGHTS OF PRAYER

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

**FRIDAYS**  
 Stations of the Cross  
 7:30PM

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