

March 16, 2025 - Second Sunday in Lent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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Veronica McCarthy
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Edward Torres

DAILY MASSES
Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. & 5 p.m. (Vigil)

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass



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Scan for parish registration
information and form

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

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

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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. and 12:05 p.m.

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 15

12:05 p.m. Eufemia and Sevelio Rosado

5 p.m. Fe R. de Luna

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

Saint Patrick

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Ann Gassney

Tuesday, March 18

Saint Cyril

8:05 a.m. John Zwerenz

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Wednesday, March 19

Saint Joseph

8:05 a.m. Josephine Ballerini

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

Thursday, March 20

8:05 a.m. Edna Marmion

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Friday, March 21

8:05 a.m. Maura D'Souza

12:05 p.m. Manuel Cavaco

Saturday, March 22

12:05 p.m. Dolores Mendoza

5 p.m. Jorge Martinez

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 16

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, March 17

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

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

6:45 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, March 18

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

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

Wednesday, March 19

At 12:05 p.m. Mass

Saint Joseph Novena Concludes

Religious Education

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

7–8 p.m. *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO*

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, March 20

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 21

3 p.m. *church:* **WEDDING**

Paulette Mateo/Douglas Cruz

6 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **Martyrs Active Youth**

Organization (MAYO) Meeting

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

followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, March 22

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

3 p.m. *church:* **WEDDING**

Pam DeColongon/Rey Rubio

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Ann Melnick

—requested by *Stephen Melnick*

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Khalid Jalajel, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Bence Németh, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordóñez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—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.

Remember Our Deceased

Gigi Bastos
Mary Cavaris
Peter Cusumano
Irene Mentel
Debray Russ Nunez



Christopher Claude Paz
Ana Maria Santi
Michele Tuzzolino
Mike Wilson

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

Accompanying the Sick as a Vital Vocation

During the Jubilee Year, one can gain a plenary indulgence by spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reciting the Our Father and the Profession of Faith, and invoking Mary's intercession. Additionally at some point during the Jubilee Year, one should go to confession, participate in the Eucharist, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions. The 2025 Jubilee Year is meant to be a time when we grow as "Pilgrims of Hope" and a people of deeper faith. One could take the opportunity to visit one of the six 2025 Jubilee Shrine Churches designated by the Diocese of Brooklyn. In addition to our own church, the other churches are:

- Cathedral Basilica of St. James, Downtown Brooklyn
- Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Prospect Heights
- St. Jude Shrine Church, Canarsie
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Bayside
- St. Gerard Majella Shrine Church, Hollis

Pope Francis specifically asks us to consider working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly. The Holy See also designates a number of Jubilee Days to recognize different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers celebrates the important service of health care providers; accompanying the sick is an important vocation.

Whether due to our own health or the health of a loved one, each of us has interfaced with health care workers at some point in our lives and experienced firsthand the value of their accompaniment. Each of us has likely also cared for a sick loved one in some capacity, and so we know how taxing it can be. As the Catholic Health Association states, "Catholic health care [is] a ministry of the church continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today. [This] ministry is an enduring sign

of health care rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind, and spirit" (Statement of Shared Identity).

While each of us is called to continue Jesus' mission of love and healing in our own way, we recognize the unique vocation of health care workers during this Jubilee.



Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #141—"The Glory of These Forty Days"

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28b-36

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"O Domine Jesu Christe" (*G. Palestrina*)—Choir

Missal #127—"Transfiguration"

COMMUNION

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (*G. Kendrick*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #489—"Transfigure Us, O Lord"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #410—"Be Thou My Vision"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for the Easter music and liturgy.

» March 23, the second collection is to help offset the cost of fuel.

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



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue).

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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.



May 31: Prayer Group Bus Trip to Sight & Sound: Noah

Join the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group to experience *Noah* at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. This stage production brings the story of Noah's Ark to life.

WHEN: Saturday, May 31

TIME: Departing at 6 a.m. Showtime: 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Bus will be in front of Queens Center Mall

COST: \$200 per person (includes transportation, lunch, show ticket).

TO RESERVE A SEAT, contact a prayer group member:

Araceli De Borja: 347-743-2304

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897

Cecille Mendoza: 347-453-4147

Tuesday Evening Faith-Sharing Group: All Are Welcome

This new faith-sharing group meets on Tuesday nights from 7–8:30 p.m., with fellowship continuing until 9:30 p.m. These gatherings for reflection and conversation draw from works such as Fr. Richard Rohr's spiritual insights, John O'Malley's *What Happened at Vatican II*, and Herbert McCabe's *God, Christ and Us*. Over eight years, this group has built a warm and welcoming community—come and be part of it! For the meeting location in Kew Gardens, please call **Bob and Melinda Nobbs at 718-805-7232** or text them at 917-545-8049 (Bob's cell).

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 9
Candle Offerings	\$2,109.00
1st Collection	8,242.13
2nd Collection (<i>Easter church cleaning</i>)	2,130.09
Academy Building Maintenance Support	1,049.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>13,530.22</u>
Online Giving	6,936.21
Ash Wednesday, 3/5 (<i>total includes 2nd collection of \$1,860 for major repairs</i>)	10,233.00
TOTAL	30,699.43
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,199.43

* 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](https://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

Contact Us

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[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

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](https://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER Adult Confirmation Classes Start March 18 at 7 p.m.

If you have been baptized and received First Holy Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Register before classes begin this **Tuesday, March 18**. Conferral of Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025. Please email Veronica McCarthy at olqmrcia@gmail.com for information. You may also complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation Information Form found on our church website under Religious Education (select OCIA/RCIA).

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Lucia Maya Conde

daughter of Mian and Jose Conde

Blair Samantha Lavin

daughter of Stephanie and Michael Lavin

Caiden Manuel Walsh

son of Lauren and Patrick Walsh

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

LENTEN ADVICE

Fast from criticism,
Feast on praise.

Fast from self-pity,
Feast on joy.

Fast from ill-temper,
Feast on peace.

Fast from resentment,
Feast on contentment.

Fast from jealousy,
Feast on love.

Fast from pride,
Feast on humility.

Fast from selfishness,
Feast on service.

Fast from fear.
FEAST on FAITH.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.
followed by Benediction



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Bereavement Support Meeting Monday, March 17

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet this Monday and again on **Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. Questions? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Beware of Email Scams

We have been made aware that scam emails are circulating, pretending to be our pastor, Father Passenant. These messages, often sent from a Gmail address, request help or money. Please do not reply to these emails. Instead, report them as spam through your email provider. Our church will never request gift cards or monetary assistance via email. If you receive an email message that seems suspicious, call the rectory directly to verify its authenticity.



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

Last week, we announced that for the second year in a row, our parish was the top contributor to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal with over \$200,000 pledged—and more than \$195,000 already paid. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our parish goal by over \$80,000. The overage funds have already been returned to us and are being used for much-needed work on our church doors and vestibule areas.

Our parish goal for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is to raise \$110,076 for the diocese to support programs that nurture vocations, broaden outreach to fight hunger in the Brooklyn/Queens community, and promote evangelization. Once we surpass that amount, every additional dollar will again come back to us.

With your support, we can continue making a difference both in our own parish and throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal! Use the envelopes in church to make a pledge or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our website at: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

Student Honors

Congratulations to **Addison Hamilton** from our parish for achieving honor roll status at **KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**.

Spring Open Houses

Molly University | Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. Campus tours begin at 12 p.m. for prospective students, their families, and guests. Located at 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Register at www.molloy.edu/openhouse25. For additional information, call the admissions office at 516-323-4000.

Notre Dame School of Manhattan | Tuesday, April 19 from 2–5 p.m. The school is located at 327 West 13th St. RSVP is required for the tour. Call 212-620-5575 or email admissions@cheznous.org for additional information.

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe

ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY

Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted from 5:45 AM until 10 PM every day.

OLQMCA Spring Bash 2025 | McLaughlin Hall
7255 AUSTIN STREET, FOREST HILLS, NY

HAVANA Nights

Join us for an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing,
and silent & live auctions to support our school

Saturday, April 5, 2025
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM



Admission \$80/person
\$750 for a table of 10

THIS WILL BE AN ADULTS-ONLY EVENT. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Radio Bingo, March 23 @ 2–6 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel St; entrance on Juno St). This age 21+ event is cash only. Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Includes bingo cards, coffee/tea, pastries. Additional raffles, 50/50, wine, beer and water available for purchase; bring your own food and beverages! To purchase tickets, send your name, contact information, number of tickets, and payment to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy, 70-25 Kessel Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Qs? Email OLMCA.Bingo@gmail.com or call 718-793-2086.

Maggie's Little Theater presents Meshuggah-Nuns! This Nonsense musical comedy will be performed at **St. Margaret Parish Hall** (66-05 79th Place, Middle Village) on Sundays, March 23 & 30 and April 6 at 3:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, March 29 and April 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and children age 15 and under. To reserve tickets, go to www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 347-286-8508.