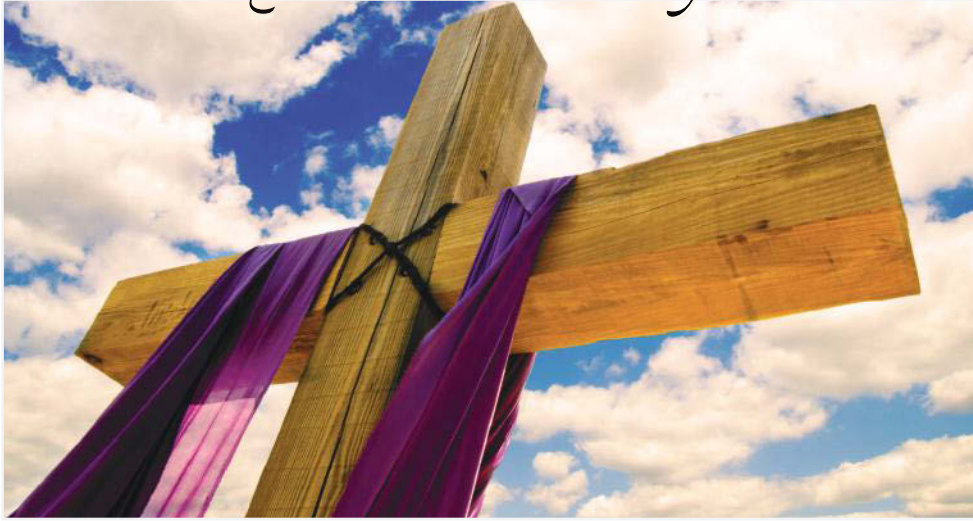


March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm

Holy Week and Triduum Schedule

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 24)

Procession with Blessed Palms starts 4:45 pm
(before the 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 23)
Regular weekend Mass schedule: 9 am, 11:15 am, 1 pm
Blessed Palms at all Sunday Masses

CONFESSION DAYS AND TIMES

Reconciliation Monday (March 25):
11:15 am, 4 pm, 7 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week
(March 26 & 27): 11:15 am
Good Friday (March 29): after 7:30 pm Liturgy

HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

No morning Masses; no confessions
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm
Mandatum (*Washing of the Feet*), Blessed Sacrament
Procession to Repository & Adoration until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

Day of fasting & abstinence; no Masses
Stations of the Cross: 1 pm
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday:
3 pm & 7:30 pm
Veneration of the Cross; Communion Service;
Confessions after the 7:30 pm service

HOLY SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

No morning Masses or 5 pm Mass; no confessions
Solemn Easter Vigil
and Mass of Resurrection:
7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
9 am, 11:15 am (Choir) & 1 pm



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11:15 a.m.
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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 16

7:30* a.m. Helpers of God's Precious Infants
12:05 p.m. Maureen Lima [living]
5 p.m. John and Ellen McGivern
RCIA Third Scrutiny

Sunday, March 17

Saint Patrick

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

Monday, March 18

Saint Cyril

8:05 a.m. Diane B. DiCicco
12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Tuesday, March 19

Saint Joseph

8:05 a.m. Josephine Ballerini
12:05 p.m. Close of St. Joseph Novena

Wednesday, March 20

8:05 a.m. Anthony Dasaro
12:05 p.m. Fr. Martin Hall

Thursday, March 21

8:05 a.m. Maria Mercedes Almeida
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Friday, March 22

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Zarini Lupi
12:05 p.m. Doris Herrmann

Saturday, March 23

Saint Turibius

8:05 a.m. Liberata Padilla
12:05 p.m. Efren Fule
5 p.m. Frances Yodice

* 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, Jorge Luis Olivares, Rafaella 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 17

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal at All Masses

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, March 18

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, March 19

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 20

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 21

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 22

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall*: MAYO Meeting
(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

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

Saturday, March 23

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

4:45 p.m. Blessing and Procession of Palms
before 5 p.m. Mass



March 24

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

Remember Our Deceased

Sara Morales
Aldo Sciarrino

**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

Teresian Prayer

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:8)

REFLECT: Prayer is first and always a response to God. As the Catechism states, "God calls man first.... In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (CCC 2567). And because we "do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26), Jesus teaches us (CCC 2607).

St. Teresa of Jesus illustrates this in saying, "Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us." We are invited into this intimate sharing as friends because Jesus first defined us as friends, stating, "I know longer call you servants but friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). Jesus shares everything with his Father, and that is the level of intimacy he offers us.

If we do not love Jesus as an intimate friend it is because we haven't reached that degree of conformity with his will. Our will is too scattered, too divided, too torn between different loves. If we want to pray as an intimate friend, we need to transform our will.

Teresa urges us to enter prayer with a quiet mind, turning our attention from all external distractions, from our internal chatter, and stay, as best we can, in the gentle presence of the God who loves us. Be gentle, she warns. Christ is not judging; Christ is offering friendship. That is what the Pascal Mystery is all about. "While we were still sinners," writes Paul (Romans 8:8), Christ proved his love for us by dying for us. He did this because as a friend, he wanted these intimate moments in quiet prayer with us.

ACT: Spend time in quiet prayer with Jesus each day, every day, for at least fifteen minutes.

LEARN: Find St. Teresa's works at your favorite Catholic bookstore (freely available online from several sites, e.g. Christian Classics Ethereal Library, at <https://ccel.org/>). To listen to several of her books, go to Discerning Hearts, at <http://tinyurl.com/2s3cjzhv>.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #130—"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

MASS PARTS: *Vermulst*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Create [a clean heart,] a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Incline Thine Ear to Me" (F. Himmel)—Choir
Missal #479—"Shelter Me, O God"

COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (C. Gounod)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #333—"One Love Released"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #717—"Lift High the Cross"

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

Second Collections

» Today's special collection is for major repairs. There are also envelopes for fuel and Easter Flowers. Order form for Easter memorials is also available.

» March 24, the second collection is our Easter gift to the church.

» 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.

Welcome, Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor extend a compassionate hand to the elderly in need, offering assistance and care and the invaluable gift of prayer. They are appealing for financial support for their mission of hospitality at Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. Let's be generous and share our charity with them during their church appeal today and help to uplift their spirits and empower their work.



EASTER Memorials 2024

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the church for Easter. The 1 p.m. Mass on April 7 (Divine Mercy Sunday) will be offered for the memorials donated.

DESCRIPTION OF MEMORIALS		OFFERING
4	(2) Tall Cherry Blossom OR (2) Yellow Blossom Trees	\$200.00/each tree
1	Forsythia Branches across High Altar	\$125.00
1	Triple Stem Easter Lily Plant	\$75.00/each
15	Group of Ten Tulip Plants (assorted colors)	\$60.00/each
15	Group of Four Azalea Plants (assorted colors)	\$50.00/each
9	Group of Three Hyacinth Plants (assorted colors)	\$40.00/each
25	Easter Lily Plant	\$25.00/each

Celebrate the EASTER SEASON with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish! Please return this form (with payment) to the rectory.

Gift from/in Memory of: _____

(Please PRINT)

Requested by: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from items and prices above):

Limited tickets available

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

Saturday April 20 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Louis Armstrong Stadium at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows

Bishop Robert Brennan will lead this day-long program with youth event, family catechesis, Eucharistic procession, and Mass. The event is free, but tickets are required. Our parish will be receiving 50 tickets to give to parish members on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please call the rectory to reserve tickets that you can pick up at the rectory during office hours. Individuals can request up to two (2) tickets; families can request four (4) tickets.

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.

AN INCREASE IN WEEKLY INCOME NEEDS

To keep pace with inflationary costs, our weekly income needs have increased by 6% to \$24,500. It is our first increase since Sept 2022. This weekly amount pays for the day in, day out operating expenses of the parish. We thank all our parish faithful for keeping up your weekly support using your offertory envelopes or online Parish Giving.

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 10
Candle Offerings	\$1,617.00
1st Collection	8,632.00
2nd Collection (<i>Easter church cleaning</i>)	2,438.10
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,741.00</u>
Online Giving	5,318.90
Mail In	2,242.00
TOTAL	20,302.00
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,198.00)

* 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.

Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services \$1,402.00
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

—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.

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 olqmrchia@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).

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Catholics age 14 and older should abstain from meat on ALL Fridays of Lent. Catholics ages 18 to 59 are obligated to fast on GOOD FRIDAY. Limit yourself to a single full meal and avoid food between meals. All Catholics are expected to fulfill their EASTER DUTY to receive Communion between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday (May 26).



BLESSING of EASTER BASKETS

On Holy Saturday morning, at 11 a.m. (March 30), bring your Easter baskets to church to be blessed during a short service.

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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



We wish to thank those who pledged to the 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 and fulfill our mission of helping to 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 you can text ACA to 917-336-1255; or you can take a pledge card from the church home with you. Thank you.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish are commended by **ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL** for their academic performance and achievement of Honor Roll status. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Natalia Borges, Maya Delgado, Gabriella Edwards, Joshua Jazmin, Isabella Jimmo, Dominic John, Angela Morales, Safiya Richens, Alexander Setari, Isaiah Sharpe, Asha Mariana Tetangco, Maria Vulaj, Brooke Welz

Deanery Corner

News & events at nearby parishes

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret's Parish (66-11 79th Place, Middle Village) is holding auditions for a summer production of the musical "1776." **Auditions** are Sunday, March 17 @ 2-4:30pm; Monday, March 18 @ 7:30-9:30pm; Tuesday, March 19 @ 7:30-9:30pm. Auditionees, enter the schoolyard and look for the sign on the door. The theater group will be doing gender-blind and color-blind casting. Performances for the public will be July 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21. More information is available at www.maggieslittletheater.org.



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. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Single Adults Group: Members are attending the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining them, contact Denise De Maria at dmtdemaria@hotmail.com. The group's telephone hotline is being discontinued, so the best way to know what is going on is to contact Denise by email or to check the weekly bulletin for announcements.



Additional info?

Call: Chuck & MJ Young 646-642-7463

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Visit: [wwme.org](https://www.wwme.org)

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

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