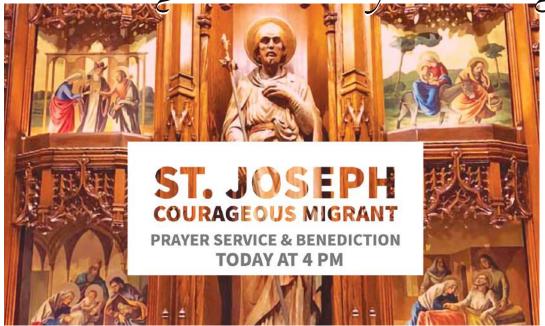
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Weekday Masses

(Monday–Saturday) 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

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

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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.

11:15 a.m. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR Dennis Francis Portelli

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David Close

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Lorna Stark

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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

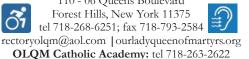
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance, prior to the proposed wedding date

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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

Saint Cyril

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

Sunday, March 19

**9 a.m. Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**11:15 a.m. Mass** celebrated for the intentions of St. Joseph Novena

Monday, March 20

Saint Joseph

8 a.m. Nenita Bernabe

**12:05 p.m.** Msgr. Joseph Funaro and Msgr. Joseph McLaughlin

Tuesday, March 21

8 a.m. Meri Bozicevic

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Wednesday, March 22

8 a.m. Willie Lewis

12:05 p.m. Matthew Lizzul

Thursday, March 23

Saint Turibius

8 a.m. Alcira Rivera

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Friday, March 24

8 a.m. Razelo DeAsis

12:05 p.m. Alma L. Nassauer

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

8 a.m. Elizabeth Olivares

12:05 p.m. Frances Yodice

**5 p.m.** Scott Harrison

# 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, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Jacqeline 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 Phansaithong, 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, Remington Stafford, 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

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 19

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

4 p.m. church: St. Joseph: Courageous Migrant Prayer Service and Benediction

Monday, March 20

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 21

#### DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE DAY

11:30 a.m. *church:* Confessions 12:05 p.m. Mass and Exposition

1–2 p.m. Holy Hour and Adoration

6–7 p.m. Lenten Youth Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. Benediction

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

Wednesday, March 22

**Religious Education** 

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

4–7 p.m. Rel Ed Confessions

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

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

Thursday, March 23

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 24

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

Saturday, March 25
12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Wine and Hosts are offered in loving memory of Tina LoBue

-requested by Gerry Napoli

# Remember Our Deceased

Cesar Castillo Maria Celano



Patrick Sarubbi Robert Tan

Juan Pablo-Cabas Miranda

# 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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

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

# This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

# Pope Francis on "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable, and the Voiceless"

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me. (Matthew 18:5)

**REFLECT:** "Among migrants, children constitute the most vulnerable group, because as they face the life ahead of them, they are invisible and voiceless: their precarious situation deprives them of documentation, hiding them from the world's eyes; the absence of adults to accompany them prevents their voices from being raised and heard. In this way, migrant children easily end up at the lowest levels of human degradation, where illegality and violence destroy the future of too many innocents, while the network of child abuse is difficult to break up....

"Moreover, the dividing line between migration and trafficking can at times be very subtle. There are many factors which contribute to making migrants vulnerable, especially if they are children: poverty and the lack of means to survive.... All of this renders children physically and psychologically dependent. But the most powerful force driving the exploitation and abuse of children is demand. If more rigorous and effective action is not taken against those who profit from such abuse, we will not be able to stop the multiple forms of slavery where children are the victims....

"How should we respond to this reality? Firstly, we need to become aware that the phenomenon of migration is not unrelated to salvation history, but rather a part of that history. One of God's commandments is connected to it: 'You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt' (Ex 22:21).... Secondly, we need to work for the integration of children and youngsters who are migrants. They depend totally on the adult community.... Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable.... I entrust all child migrants to the protection of the Holy Family."

**LEARN:** Read Pope Francis's Message for the 2017 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at https://bit.ly/3HXe7m0.

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 in Lent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

Missal #603—"We Are the Light of the World"

Mass Parts: People's Mass (Vermulst)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

#### HOMILY

#### **O**FFERTORY

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (H. Schalit)—Choir Missal #449—"Amazing Grace"

#### COMMUNION

"O, for a Closer Walk with God" (M. B. Foster)—Choir Organ Meditation

Missal #599—"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### CLOSING HYMN

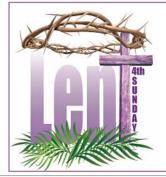
Missal #714 —"Take Up Your Cross"

### 11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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### **Second Collections**

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services.
- » March 26, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for 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 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.



Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m. this Friday (March 24)

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## **Car-Free Austin Street?**

As reported in Forest Hills Patch (3/8/2023), Queens Community Board 6 has voted on a resolution requesting that the Department of Transportation (DOT) study "a possible redesign of Austin Street as a first step for higher pedestrian safety and lower car congestion."

Depending on what the study recommends, Austin Street could become less accessible to people coming to our academy or our Church. The Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting, OPEN TO ALL, at Bareburger (71-49 Austin Street) on Wednesday, March 29 at 9 a.m. to update us on the DOT study, which may include banning cars on Austin Street and eliminating parking.

If you would like to express your opinion on this issue to DOT and Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia, contact them using their online form (use this bitly link: https://on.nyc.gov/3Taj9iT).

You might also wish to read the letter and sign a petition from the Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce, which you can find at https://bit.ly/42ejzsS. (We also have this information with links on our parish website, in the News section.)

# About Today's Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

This 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.

# **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 or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Attention Teens & Young Adults: If you would like to make a difference in your life and help others, consider volunteer service at the St. Francis Breadline in Manhattan (135 W. 31 St), a ministry of service to the poor and those in unfortunate situations. Visit www.stfrancisbreadline.org or call 212-564-8799 to request information.

# United in **Communion**United in **Charity**

In Brooklyn and Queens



"At the end of our life, we shall all be judged by charity." (St. John of the Cross)

At Masses on March 25/26, we will conduct an in-pew commitment weekend asking all who are able to support the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your ACA donations are used to fund Catholic Charities; Catholic Migration Services; hospital and prison chaplains; seminarians and vocations; faith formation programs; care for infirm clergy; and the Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 by December 31 for

these programs that help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can alone. If you received an ACA envelope at home, please use it. We will have envelopes in church for your use as well, or you may also use this QR code to donate online (please select OLQM as your parish).



SCAN to DONATE to the ACA



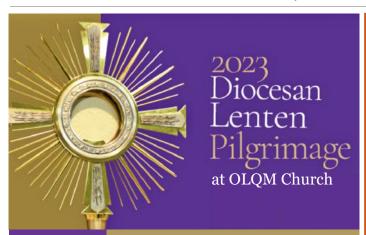
# Faith Sharing on Zoom

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.

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. Recordings of the Bible studies can be viewed on YouTube (www.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

All are welcome

Join us and pilgrims from across the Diocese for a day of Eucharistic Adoration.

11:30 a.m. Confessions 12:05 p.m. Mass - Exposition 1–2 p.m. Holy Hour and Adoration 6–7 pm. Lenten Youth Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. Benediction

# Bereavement Support Group

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 once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. The next meetings are on **Mar 27** and **Apr 17**. All meetings start at **7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, RSVP to the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

# Weekly Collections

	March 12
Candle Offerings	\$1,552.00
1st Collection	7,810.00
2nd Collection (church Easter cleaning)	2,625.00
In-Church Subtotal	<u>11,987.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,834.82
Mail In	2,087.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>18,908.82</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,241.18)
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\*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.

# ST. JOSEPH: COURAGEOUS MIGRANT

Prayer Service & Benediction Today at 4 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Father Felix Sanchez, pastor of St. Pius V Church in Jamaica, Queens. He and his parishioners have been feeding some of the thousands of southern border migrants who have been arriving in New York City. Please join us in praying for migrants and refugees through the intercession of St. Joseph, humble head of the Holy Family and foster father of Jesus.

This painted panel on the St. Joseph altar depicts the story recounted in Matthew (2:13-15) of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. Joseph, warned by an angel in a dream that Herod was seeking to kill the child, bravely gathered his family and led them as migrants to Egypt and safety—but with hardship.



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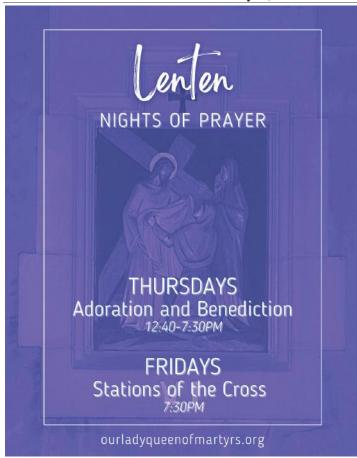
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Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: @OLQMChurch

YouTube (Sunday livestream): www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy: www.olgmca.org

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.



# Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 2) - Blessed Palms at each Mass Masses 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Vigil Mass 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 (procession with blessed palms starting at 4:45 p.m.)

### **Confession Days and Times**

Reconciliation Monday (April 3) 11:30 a.m., 4–5 p.m., 7–8 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week (April 4 & 5): 11:30 a.m. Good Friday (April 7) after the 7:30 p.m. Liturgy

### Holy Thursday (April 6)

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 11 p.m. (There are no confessions and no other Masses on Holy Thursday)

### Good Friday (April 7)

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 (April 8)

Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass of Resurrection 7:30 p.m. (There are no confessions and no other Masses on Holy Saturday)

### Easter Sunday (April 9)

Masses 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.

### 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. 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.



### **OLQM Catholic Academy**

Registration Open for Grades K-8 olqmca.org/how-to-apply

## Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Our Lady of Hope (61-27 71st St, Middle Village) Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage, Monday, March 27. Begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Family Rosary at 3:30 p.m.; concluding with Benediction at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

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Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Catholic Academy Supermarket Sweeps! Sunday, March 26 from 2–6 p.m. in 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, send your name, phone, email, number of tickets, and check payable to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy. Drop off at OLM Catholic Academy, c/o Supermarket Sweeps, 70-25 Kessel St, Forest Hills, NY 11375. **Deadline March 20.** 



# Free Speech & Hearing Screenings

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. This free service is being offered through April 27. Free hearing aid help is also available.