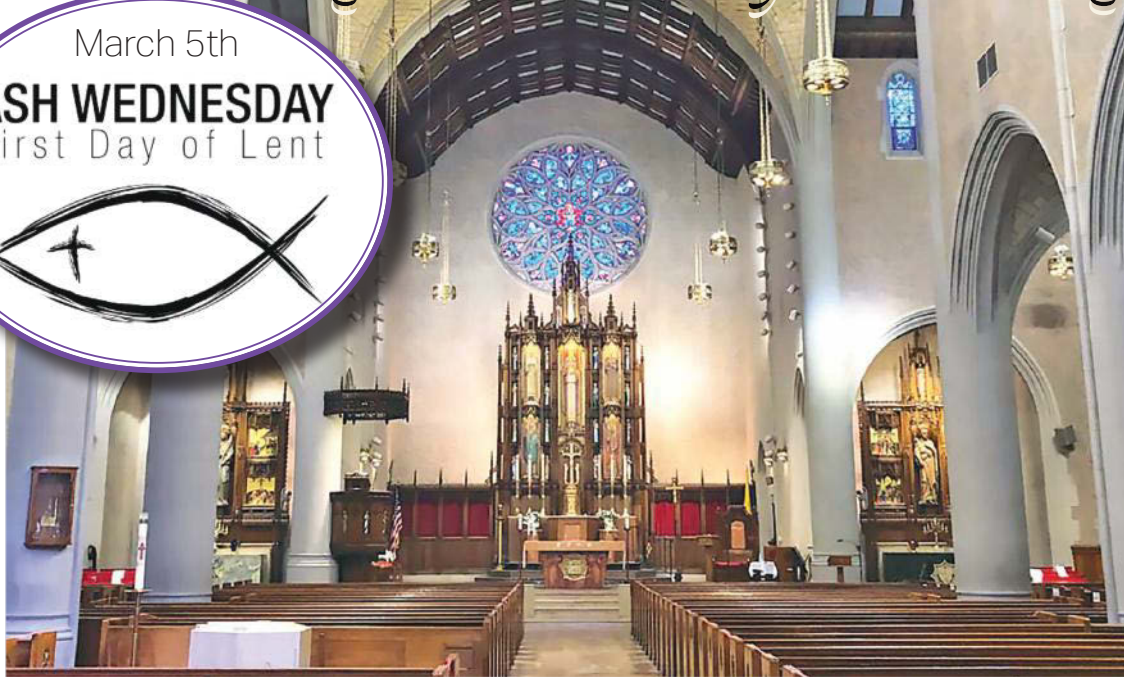


March 2, 2025 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



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

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

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Scan for parish registration
information and form

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

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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 1

12:05 p.m. Giovanni Wong [living]
5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

Saint Katherine Drexel

8:05 a.m. Joseph R. Nocerino
12:05 p.m. Jose Miguel

Tuesday, March 4

Saint Casimir

8:05 a.m. Eufrocina Perez [living]
12:05 p.m. Elaine Trubia

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at these times:

8:05 a.m. Abigail Manalo [living]
12:05 p.m. Jose Contreras
4 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
7:30 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Thursday, March 6

8:05 a.m. Joseph Pollini [living]
12:05 p.m. Yolanda Rinaldi [living]

Friday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8:05 a.m. Dino Mangione
12:05 p.m. Patrick James Flannery

Saturday, March 8

Saint John of God

12:05 p.m. Razelo De Asis
5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

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, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordenez, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 2

ALLELUIA SUNDAY

All Masses: In-Pew Annual Catholic Appeal Presentation

9 a.m.–12 p.m. *front of church, Ascan Ave.*

St. Vincent de Paul truck accepting drop-offs of used clothing

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

11:15 a.m. **Mass: OCIA Combined Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming**

2:30 p.m. *church:* **Baptisms**

Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

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

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5

LENT BEGINS

Day of Fasting and Abstinence
See schedule on facing page.

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 6

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 7

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **MAYO**

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

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

followed by Benediction

Saturday, March 8

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

The Wine & Hosts are offered by
Eufrocina Perez [living]

Remember Our Deceased

Gaye Fruscione
Maria Gonzalez
Winnie Hallex
Brian Lai



Fran Pignotelli
Msgr. Francis J. Schneider
Deacon Elias Yepes

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

Growing as "Pilgrims of Hope"

Last week, we encouraged everyone to visit our church, which Bishop Brennan has designated a Shrine Church and Jubilee Site, to 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 **Lenten day assigned to our church for a Jubilee Site visit is Thursday, March 13** (see page 5 for our church services scheduled on that day).

The 2025 Jubilee Year is meant to be a time when we grow as "Pilgrims of Hope" and a people of deeper faith. For some, the Jubilee will offer the opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith in a comfortable, nonthreatening environment. Keep in mind these opportunities that are available to you:

- (1) In our parish on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., a Faith-Sharing Group meets in the rectory basement. You can access the room through the glass door near the outdoor statue of Mary at the back of the rectory. Our seminarian Louis leads the group with a prepared faith presentation and gives all present the opportunity to share their thoughts and questions.
- (2) Take advantage of moments when your friends or relatives may ask you questions about our Catholic faith or share their own experiences. Encourage them to reflect more deeply on those experiences or questions. Be companions with them on their journey.
- (3) Take time to explore good Catholic Social Media offerings. Investigate the "Word on Fire" website established by Bishop Robert Barron. On a more local level, listen to "Big City Catholics," the podcast offered by our own Bishop Robert Brennan, who discusses weekly various topics of interest to Catholics.
- (4) Spend more time with the Bible. Read short passages and reflect on what you read. Look up online the meaning of the practice of "lectio divino" and see if you can apply that practice to your reading of the Bible.
- (5) Our parishioner Joseph Terry has prepared many videos on the Bible which are available free on YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in "Brooklyn Theologian" to access his insights into the Bible.

At the 11:15 a.m. Mass: OCIA Combined Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

Today, we welcome those in our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program who are journeying toward full communion with the Church and give thanks to God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith. Please keep them in your prayers.

Order of Mass

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #714—"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

Missal #841—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant—*Choir*

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Gloria Festiva" (E. Crocker)—*Choir*
Missal #492—"You Are the Healing"

COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (Wm. Byrd)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #660—"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #190—"Alleluia! Alleluia"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

ALLELUIA! During Lent, we will pause this exclamation of joy to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. Our declarations of *Alleluia* will return at the Easter Vigil for our celebration of His resurrection!

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Black & Indian Home Missions. There is also an envelope to help with the cost of fuel.
- » March 9, the second collection is for the holiday church cleaning. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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.

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, March 5

MASSSES WITH ASHES: 8:05AM, 12:05PM & 7:30PM
PRAYER SERVICE WITH ASHES: 4PM

Thursday Devotions, March 6

EVERY THURSDAY ADORATION BEGINS AT 12:40PM,
BENEDICTION AT 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross, March 7

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AT 7:30PM



REGISTRATION OPEN for Adult Confirmation Classes

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. Registration is now open for the **twelve classes that will begin on March 18**, with conferral of Confirmation 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).

Grateful for Your Generosity—Mark Your Calendars for June 29!

Thanks to everyone dropping off clothing donations this morning at the **St. Vincent de Paul truck**. May God bless you for your charity. The clothing donation truck will return on Sunday, June 29. For future dates, go to:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

Sign Up for the May 31 Prayer Group Bus Trip to Sight & Sound: Noah

Enjoy the heritage of our Catholic faith with the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group. Join their day trip to Lancaster, PA, to experience **Noah** at the Sight & Sound Theatre—an stage production that 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).

Reserve your seat early! Tickets are first come, first served. Contact any of these prayer group members:

Araceli De Borja: 347-743-2304

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897

Cecille Mendoza: 347-453-4147



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

Today, we appeal to you to support the annual diocesan campaign that allows the Catholic Church to fund vital services to those in need across Brooklyn and Queens—services no single parish could accomplish on its own. The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) aims to raise \$8 million. **Our goal as a parish in 2025 is to raise \$110,076** toward that larger ACA goal. Once we surpass our parish goal, 100% of the additional funds raised will be returned directly to our parish for our own needs.

Thank you for watching the video presentation at Mass today. You can also watch the ACA video online at our church website. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal!

—Weekly Collections—

	Feb 16	Feb 23
Candle Offerings	\$1,132.00	\$1,336.00
1st Collection	7,233.00	10,155.00
2nd Collection	1,584.00	2,360.00
	<i>snow removal</i>	<i>grounds maint.</i>
Academy Building Maintenance	1,165.00	-
Subtotal: In Church	11,114.00	13,851.00
Online Giving	3,916.82	4,912.61
Mail In	1,647.00	1,069.00
TOTAL	16,677.82	19,832.61
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,822.18)	(4,667.39)

* 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



Jubilee
YEAR 2025

Lenten
PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:05 AM: Mass

10:30 AM: Stations of the Cross
(Pilgrims & OLQMCA Students)

11:30 AM-12:00 PM: Confessions

12:05 PM: Mass Followed by Exposition
and the Rosary

Adoration until 7:30 PM

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30 PM: Benediction & Closing

Please take home our four-page 2025 Lenten Calendar, available at the church doors. It lists daily services at our church from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week.



Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. It is our preparation for the celebration of Easter and a time of self-denial, prayer, and sacrifice, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the desert. Please observe these **LENTEN REGULATIONS**:

Abstinence: The Church asks all Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** (March 5) and **all Fridays** of Lent.

Fasting: All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are obligated to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** (April 18). Limit yourself to a **single full meal** and two smaller ones during the day, with no food between meals.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have received their first Holy Eucharist are expected to receive Communion at least once a year, between the **First Sunday of Lent** (March 9) and **Trinity Sunday** (June 15).

Penance: All Fridays throughout the year and during Lent are penitential days for prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. While abstinence in a true spirit of penance is commended, individuals may substitute other practices of voluntary self-denial or personal penance, such as acts of temperance, prayer, or charity.



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.

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. Upcoming dates: **Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. Meetings begin at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement. Qs? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 7 and every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

FREE LARGE-PRINT BIBLE AND MISSALETTES available for those living with vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. Call the **Xavier Society for the Blind:** 212-473-7800 or toll-free 800-637-9193; or email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Handicapped Encounter Christ

Volunteer Opportunity Available (for adults 21+)

Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. It is based on the Cursillo movement of the Catholic Church. HEC brings together the communities of disabled and enabled adults so they can get to know our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the year we have many events, and annually there is a three-day HEC retreat held in the spring. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry - those who are disabled and those who are not - so that together we are one community learning from each other, enjoying each other's company, and establishing many beautiful friendships as we all get to know our Lord.

2025 HEC Retreat - April 24-27

PLEASE join our HEC retreat planning meetings for enabled adults who wish to volunteer and be of service on the retreat weekend.

Monday, February 10, 7 PM - St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM - St. Kilian, Farmingdale (Green Room)
Monday, April 7, 7 PM - St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn

All are welcome. Please join us!
Call Bernice (516) 582-0302 or Bob (516) 241-4122



Save the Date

OLQMCA Spring Bash

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy's annual Spring Bash returns on **Saturday, April 5, in McLaughlin Hall**. This year's theme, Havana Nights, promises a special evening of lively entertainment and great company to support our school and bring our community together! Stay tuned for more details to follow.