

March 20, 2022 - **Third Sunday of Lent**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

TRUSTEES

Roger Aguinaldo
Veronica McCarthy

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Deacon Thomas Jorge

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

MUSIC DIRECTOR

David Close

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lorna Stark

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. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

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

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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



JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration form and instructions

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

www.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 19

Saint Joseph

*7:30 a.m. Msgr. Joseph McLaughlin & Msgr. Joseph Funaro

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

5 p.m. Josephine Ballerini

Sunday, March 20

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, March 21

8 a.m. Maria Mercedes Almeida

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Tuesday, March 22

8 a.m. Efrin A. Fule

12:05 p.m. Barbara Fahey

Wednesday, March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

8 a.m. Liberata Padilla [living]

12:05 p.m. Michael Smerechniak

Thursday, March 24

Saint Oscar Romero

8 a.m. Pasquale Di-Spirito

12:05 p.m. Alma L. Nassauer

Friday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

8 a.m. Joseph Sheridan

12:05 p.m. Louis Petrocelli

Saturday, March 26

8 a.m. Joseph A. Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Vicente E. Torres

5 p.m. Frances Yodice

**Morning Mass on March 19 begins a half-hour early and is sponsored by Helpers of God's Precious Infants, to be followed by Exposition and a prayerful procession to a nearby abortion clinic, returning to church for Benediction.*

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Nistor Ardeleanu, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Joseph Buatta, Rosalie Buatta, Vivian Camporeale, Marc Calef, Susan Campbell, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Celine Colon, Baby Matthew Cristian and Maria Lujan Cristian, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Dauilo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Frank Dioguardi, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Clare Fabre, Paul Fabre, Domingo Galicia, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Maureen Heyer, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Ginger Inabinet, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvianne Mullholand, Matilde Munoz, Richard Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Annabelle Resitano, Dennis Roberts, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Mary Sarro, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Frank Soriente, Robert Sorsaia, Sharon Speer, Remington Stafford, Daniella Tavarez, Jorge Vasilescu, Wai-Suet Wong, 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 20

HELLO SPRING

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, March 21

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study (**New Study Series begins: Christ the Teacher, see p. 6**)

7 p.m. rectory: Bereavement Support meeting

Tuesday, March 22

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, March 23

Religious Education

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

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

Thursday, March 24

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 25

7:30 p.m. church: Stations of the Cross and Benediction

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

Saturday, March 26

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Laetare Sunday, March 27

4 p.m. church: Lenten Evening Prayer Service

Remember Our Deceased

Denise Perrotta Benford

Deacon James J. Lacy

Wing Wan Lee

Michelle Robinson



Thomas Siggia

Vinh Thi Tran

Robert Emmanuel Vasquez

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 Social Teaching Spiritual Combat, Vigilance, and Discernment

Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

REFLECT: “The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel... We are not dealing merely with a battle against the world and a worldly mentality that would deceive us and leave us dull and mediocre, lacking in enthusiasm and joy. Nor can this battle be reduced to the struggle against our human weaknesses and proclivities (be they laziness, lust, envy, jealousy or any others). It is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil...”

“We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea. This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable... It is precisely the conviction that this malign power is present in our midst that enables us to understand how evil can at times have so much destructive force...”

“How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment...”

“Discernment is necessary not only at extraordinary times... It is a means of spiritual combat for helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully... Along this journey, the cultivation of all that is good, progress in the spiritual life and growth in love are the best counterbalance to evil.” (Gaudete et Exsultate)

ACT: Examine your conscience each evening to assess your day's behavior and to discern just whose will you were following that day. (See the USCCB website for several Examinations of Conscience explained, at <https://bit.ly/3LhQxjF>).

LEARN: To learn more about spiritual combat, vigilance and discernment, read Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate (<https://bit.ly/34xnNT2>). Listen to Fr. Spitzer's podcast on “Christ versus Satan in Our Daily Lives” at Discerning Hearts (<https://bit.ly/3go7Gtr>).

To learn more about legislative issues that impact 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 Third Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #460—“I Heard the Voice of Jesus”

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (*M. Ippolitof-Ivanof*)—*Choir*
Missal #648—“Flow River Flow”

COMMUNION

“Ave Verum” (*W. A. Mozart*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #355—“Come to Me and Drink”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #739—“Lead Me, Lord”

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

www.netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs at our church. Loose cash and any envelopes marked “Ukraine” will go to Catholic Relief Services for urgent need in Ukraine.
- » Sunday, March 27, the second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu at our Parish Giving portal online. For Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in church

Watch Online

www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/way-of-the-cross

Kindly remember that during Lent, no flowers adorn the Sanctuary. Please do not leave flowers in church. Thank you.

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

March 27 at 4 p.m. in church

Evening Prayer with Scripture Reflection by Joseph Terry

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare Sunday*, is the midpoint of our Lenten journey of the spirit. Laetare means “rejoice.” All are invited to join us at this service as we express hope and joy as we near our destination—Easter and the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection.



PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

with Bishop Paul Sanchez, Chaplain

November 7 - 17, 2022

11 Days Visiting

Belfast * Derry * Knock * Galway
Connemara * Killarney * Ring of Kerry
* Blarney * Dublin

\$2979 per person from New York
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BISHOP SANCHEZ
CHAPLAIN

LIVESTREAM AT OLQM 9AM & 11:15AM every Sunday. If you miss a livestream, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the “past livestreams” link at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

Lenten NIGHTS OF PRAYER

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER
Scripture Reflection by Joseph Terry
March 27 at 4PM

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

FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross
7:30PM

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Are You a Registered Parishioner?

Everyone who regularly participates in the Liturgy here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is asked to register in the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you and your household registered members of our parish family. Formally registering as a member of a parish is important for receiving the Sacraments, including getting married or baptized in the Church. Please join us by registering at OLQM Parish in one of these ways:

- **Go online** to www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org to complete a short online registration form.
- **Use the QR code** on the front of the bulletin to find the registration page with your smartphone.
- Use the same QR code that is displayed on the glass windows in the Church vestibule as well as on the piano (front of church) and at the last row of pews (back of church).
- **Register in person** with a member of the parish Stewardship Committee in the Church vestibule on the weekend of April 2/3.

Bereavement Support at OLQM

Father Radu, chaplain at Forest Hills Hospital, will lead a bereavement meeting on **Monday, March 21st at 7 p.m.** in our rectory basement meeting room. RSVP required. Please phone ahead to the rectory if you plan to attend.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please contact olqmrca@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. An inquiry form is available at our website at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

May our Lord continue to shower his graces upon our RCIA elect, candidates, and their sponsors this Lenten pilgrimage.

AND congratulations to the students from our parish Religious Ed program and the OLQM Catholic Academy who had their First Confessions last Saturday. First Communion is on May 14.

Silent Minute for Ukraine

Inspired by the example of the Order of Malta, I invite you to set aside a Silent Minute of prayer at 7 p.m. each evening, to pray for world peace and the end of the war in Ukraine. Share this idea with your friends and family as we join together spiritually with those suffering and call upon God's powerful grace. — Bishop Sanchez

Today's Second Collection for Ukraine in Crisis

All loose cash and envelopes marked Ukraine taken in the second collection will be given to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. CRS and its Caritas Ukraine partners on the ground are providing shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, and transport to safe areas. This crisis is rapidly unfolding, and they cannot do this work without financial assistance. Online donations may also be made at www.crs.org. Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine.

Taste of the World Sweepstakes

Congrats to the Sweepstakes winners:

J. McCarthy (1st Prize); R. Buckley (2nd Prize); R. Schnell (3rd Prize)

And thanks to everyone for joining in and making our spring fundraising raffle a success!

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections	Mar 13
Candle Offerings	\$1,178.00
1st Collection	7,858.13
2nd Collection (church cleaning for Easter)	2,072.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>11,108.13</u>
Mail In	4,110.00
Parish Giving Online	4,903.90
<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>20,122.03</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,127.97)

* 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 to ensure a fiscally sound position, 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 Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. We have information on leaving a legacy gift at www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Ways to Give

There are multiple ways to contribute to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. You can create a charitable gift annuity; use your IRA distribution (if you are age 70½ or older) to make a gift to the ACA (tax free); donate stock directly to ACA; or double your donation with matching gift from your company. If interested in any of the above-mentioned ways to give, contact the ACA Office at 718-965-7375 ex. 1602 or email Appeal@CFBQ.org for answers to your questions.

Next Sunday here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, we will request everyone to make an in-pew commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal and pledge a financial amount that you can pay through December 31.

If you donate online at www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255, please be sure to select Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (ID #4172) as your parish. Thank you very much.

Full-Day Conference on Catholic Social Teaching

Saturday April 2 • 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Church of St. Francis of Assisi San Damiano Hall, 129 W. 31st Street Manhattan. Theme is “Good News in Tough Times: Following Jesus in a Wounded Church and Divided Nation.” Keynotes in English and Spanish; afternoon breakout sessions; breakfast and lunch provided. \$25 to register at stfrancisnyc.org/goodnews-toughtimes.

Eucharistic Adoration with Veneration of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Monday April 4 • 7 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (23-25 Newtown Ave., Astoria). With Bishop of Brooklyn Robert Brennan and Archbishop of Assisi Domenico Sorrentino. Bl. Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) is called the “patron saint of the internet” for his interest in technology and work on a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. A miracle attributed to him is the healing of a gravely ill child in Brazil.

VENDORS WANTED! SPRING FAIR AT AMERICAN MARTYRS BAYSIDE | Sunday April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you would like to rent a table, email Jovie at jovie212@yahoo.com or call Theresa: 718-428-5308.



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. The group is discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you would like to join them, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. *New Topic: Christ the Teacher.* Our *Through the Word* study program explores the Gospels to discover afresh the deeply beautiful and perennial teachings of our Lord! By using both the catechism and Scripture, we discover how the words of Christ lead us to the fullness of life. All are welcomed! To join the study on Zoom, email Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

Friday OLM Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings, with bible study the 3rd Friday of the month. Pray together and for one another. Learn how God’s word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS: 2022–2023 TUITION ASSISTANCE is available for eligible students in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. Families must meet financial eligibility requirements and be registered for the next school year to apply. Online application at www.futuresineducation.org/scholarships. **Deadlines:** March 31 for returning students; April 30 for new families.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Virtual Experience. Wednesday evenings through April 20, 7–9PM, on Zoom. Scan the QR Code for the WWME app or call 877-697-9963.



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.