

March 21, 2021- Fifth Sunday in Lent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5 p.m.

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

(Monday–Saturday)

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

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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

**CONFESSIONS** (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Thursdays from 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

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

**GIVE NOW**

Scan this QR Code with your phone for online parish giving



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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

## Masses for the Week

*Saturday, March 20*

- \*7:30 a.m. Pro-Life Mass - God's Precious Infants
- 12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca
- 5 p.m. Nenita F. Bernabe

*Sunday, March 21*

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Monday, March 22*

- 8 a.m. Frank and Margaret Hatch
- 12:05 p.m. Juan A. Samaniego

*Tuesday, March 23*

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

- 8 a.m. Liberata Padilla
- 12:05 p.m. Alma L. Nassauer

*Wednesday, March 24*

- 8 a.m. Frances Yodice
- 12:05 p.m. Benjamin Soriano

*Thursday, March 25*

**Annunciation of the Lord**

- 8 a.m. Emeren Reyes
- 12:05 p.m. Efren A. Fule

*Friday, March 26*

- 8 a.m. Joseph Sheridan
- 12:05 p.m. Herman Guerra

*Saturday, March 27*

- 8 a.m. James Patsos
- 12:05 p.m. Alfredo Castanar
- 5 p.m. Alfredo Castanar

\*Note time change for the Saturday morning Mass on the 20th. Mass will be followed by Exposition and a prayerful procession to a nearby abortion clinic, returning to church for Benediction.

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Geraldine Casserly, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, David de Leon, Anthony Delia, Mary Dillon, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Christina Gamble, Gigi Gatuslao, Pat Gmerek, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Remember Our Deceased

Aldo Arcomano  
Romeo L. Erenio  
Georgette Holland



Neil Schneider  
Dennis Smith  
Paul Szabo

## 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, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, March 21*

**HAPPY SPRING!**

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

3 p.m., church: Lenten Prayer Service

Today's Reflection by Joseph Terry. All Are Welcome!

*Monday, March 22*

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

*Tuesday, March 23*

11:30 a.m., sacristy (Queens Blvd church entrance): Confessions

*Wednesday, March 24*

Religious Education on Zoom

*Thursday, March 25*

11:30 a.m., sacristy (Queens Blvd church entrance): Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church:

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7:30 p.m., church: **Benediction**

*Friday, March 26*

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

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed weekly on our home page at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org).

**Weekday Masses:** Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

**WELCOME!** 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### Pope Benedict XVI on the Annunciation

*The "yes" spoken on the day of the Annunciation reaches full maturity on the day of the Cross, when the time comes for Mary to receive and beget as her children all those who become disciples, pouring out upon them the saving love of her Son. (Evangelium Vitae)*

**REFLECT:** "The narrative of the Annunciation illustrates God's extraordinary courtesy. He does not impose himself; he does not simply pre-determine the part that Mary will play in his plan for our salvation: he first seeks her consent. In the original Creation there was clearly no question of God seeking the consent of his creatures, but in this new Creation he does so. Mary stands in the place of all humanity. She speaks for us all when she responds to the angel's invitation. Saint Bernard describes how the whole court of heaven was waiting with eager anticipation for her word of consent that consummated the nuptial union between God and humanity. The attention of all the choirs of angels was riveted on this spot, where a dialogue took place that would launch a new and definitive chapter in world history. Mary said, 'Let it be done to me according to your word.' And the Word of God became flesh.

"When we reflect on this joyful mystery, it gives us hope, the sure hope that God will continue to reach into our history, to act with creative power so as to achieve goals which by human reckoning seem impossible. It challenges us to open ourselves to the transforming action of the Creator Spirit who makes us new, makes us one with him, and fills us with his life. It invites us, with exquisite courtesy, to consent to his dwelling within us, to welcome the Word of God into our hearts, enabling us to respond to him in love and to reach out in love towards one another." (Homily, May 14, 2009)

**ACT:** March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation. Consider making the Annunciation Novena, praying to have a heart like Mary's, always Open to God's Will (at <https://bit.ly/35tgs4o>).

**LEARN:** Watch the USCCB's YouTube reflection on the Annunciation (at <https://bit.ly/2MKTuiD>).

To learn more about the 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 New York State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Taste of the World Sweepstakes Winners

- 1st Prize - C. Surowiec
- 2nd Prize - M. Rivera
- 3rd Prize - C. McNelis

## Order of Mass Fifth Sunday in Lent Cycle B

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #122—"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*

**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

"Take Our Bread"

### COMMUNION

*Missal #674—"Keep in Mind"*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #444—"O God, Our Help of Ages Past"*

*Communion is distributed during exit*

### Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. Livestream at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the floral arrangements for our Easter celebration.
- » Palm Sunday, March 28, the second collection will be for fuel. There is also an envelope for making an Easter gift.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)) or at our 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.





## Lent and Holy Week at OLQM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

March 26

7:30 pm - Watch video on our website

Mary's Way of the Cross

Reflections on the last moments of Jesus' life through the eyes of his mother

### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Thursdays

After 12:05 pm Mass until Benediction at 7:30 pm

Use church ramp entrance only

### LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21 @ 3 pm

### PALM SUNDAY

March 28

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 27

Solemn Blessing and Procession with palms is omitted this year; palms will be available on tables in the church if you wish to take them

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY of HOLY WEEK

March 29

\*Confessions at 3:30-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

### HOLY THURSDAY

April 1

11 a.m. Church opens. 11:30 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Repository until 10:30 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY – Day of Fasting and Abstinence

April 2

12 noon Church opens. No morning Masses.

1 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. Good Friday Service with Communion

Communion upon exiting

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service with Communion

Communion upon exiting, Confessions after 7:30 p.m. service

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 3

6 p.m. Church opens. No morning Masses or confessions

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

Mass of Resurrection at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m.

\*All confessions are in the altar server sacristy; line forms at Queens Boulevard church entrance



Easter  
Flowers

Thank you for using  
the envelope to  
contribute to today's  
Easter flowers  
collection.

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY AT 1 P.M.

*Pray the stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus.*

*Service will be livestreamed on our website.*



# Lenten

PRAYER SERVICE

SUNDAY MARCH 21

3pm in church  
*with reflection by Joseph Terry*

*See how the cross of the Lord stands as the tree of life. (Antiphon)*

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Every year, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds training for those who teach religious education, give sacramental instruction, and organize parish ministries, such as programs for bereavement. These evangelization and ministry efforts sustain the vitality of our Catholic faith. We have on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal) some mini-videos that in *40 seconds or less* explain the impact of **Faith Formation** and other services that are possible because of financial gifts to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal.

We pray that the 2021 Appeal will be successful in allowing us to reach out in love to those in need and uniting us together in Christ as one Church. You can donate by going to [catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal) or texting ACA to 917-336-1255. Thank you.



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2021**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**I am the  
You are  
We are CHURCH  
together**

### KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT Weekly Collections

	Mar 14
Candle Offerings	576.00
1st Collection	4,502.50
2nd Collection (Easter church cleaning)	1,593.00
<u>In Church Subtotal</u> (596 attending)	<u>6,671.50</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,065.42
Catch-up Envelope	1,730.00
Parish Giving Online	4,132.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,598.96</b>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,651.04)

\*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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.

**Special Collection:** Catholic Relief Services \$1,020.00  
*(does not accrue to parish)*

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

### Contact Us

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#### ONLINE

Website:  
[www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)  
Facebook and Instagram:  
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)  
OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

## Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?  
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11 a.m.** Discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

**Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8 p.m.** Catholic bible study that draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

## Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of the grieving process and point toward healing. Meetings are typically the first and third Mondays of the month and are being held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Meetings are scheduled for **April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17**. All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Please contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

## K-8 Tuition Assistance Available for School Year Beginning September

Financial aid is available for eligible students who are registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need (submitting proof of income; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarships are awarded on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. To apply, go to [www.futuresineducation.org](http://www.futuresineducation.org). There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

**Deadline:** April 30 for new families

**Questions?** Call 718-965-7340 or email [scholarships@futuresineducation.org](mailto:scholarships@futuresineducation.org)

OLQM Catholic Academy has rolling enrollment as space allows for nursery and kindergarten to grade 8. Visit [olqmca.org/admissions](http://olqmca.org/admissions).



## Virtual Open House

**Molloy College, Sunday April 18 @ 1 p.m.**  
Sign up at [www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house](http://www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house).

## Free Speech and Hearing Screenings

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center, located at 152-11 Union Turnpike (Flushing), will offer screenings AND hearing aid help, free of charge, **through May 4**. Call 718-990-6480 to make an appointment.

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## International Gift of Life Walk

**Thursday, March 25 @ 9 a.m. Thomas Paine Park (Lafayette and Worth Streets), Manhattan.** Bringing awareness to the gift of life, because we are made in the image and likeness of God. Register at [PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc](http://PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc).

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## Rachel's Helpers, Post-Abortion Ministry

If a past abortion is weighing on your heart and soul, Rachel's Helpers, a diocesan post-abortion ministry, invites you to participate in a confidential reconciliation program this Lent. Forgiven and Set Free is a 12-week, small-group Bible study experience. Sessions have already begun, but new participants are welcomed. For details, call 347-702-2352.

## Deanery Corner

*A place to share news and events at nearby parishes*

**Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry** (70-01 Kessel St.) is open Saturdays, 10–11 a.m. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. OLM always needs food to restock its shelves. If you would like to lend support, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or [ddobbins@diobrook.org](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org).



## [DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe](http://DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe)

This online prayer community is available to anyone. By praying for each other and the special intentions we share here, we join in a spiritual communion that strengthens us to continue living a Catholic life.