

March 23, 2025 - Third Sunday in 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**

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Edward Torres

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

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

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



JOIN THE PARISH
Scan for parish registration
information and form

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

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

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

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

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

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

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

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

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

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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 22

12:05 p.m. Dolores Mendoza

5 p.m. Jorge Martinez

Sunday, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

8:05 a.m. Razelo DeAsis

12:05 p.m. Audrey Ballerini

Tuesday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

8:05 a.m. Victor Serrano

12:05 p.m. Frances Yodice

Wednesday, March 26

8:05 a.m. Luisa Acevedo

12:05 p.m. Loretta McGarrity

Thursday, March 27

8:05 a.m. Alfredo Castanar

12:05 p.m. Mary Annecelli

Friday, March 28

8:05 a.m. Luz Arteche

12:05 p.m. Elisa A. Fule

Saturday, March 29

12:05 p.m. James Patsos

5 p.m. Lynn B. Wood

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 23

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, March 24

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

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, March 25

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

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

Wednesday, March 26

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 27

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 28

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

followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, March 29

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

2 p.m. *church:* **WEDDING**

Anna Maria Smeraldi/James W. McLoughlin

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, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, 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.



Remember Our Deceased

Gigi Bastos	Debray Russ Nunez
Mary Cavaris	Christopher Claude Paz
Brother Gary Eck, SM	Ana Maria Santi
Brother Richard Hartz, SM	Michele Tuzzolino
Khalid Jalajel	Mike Wilson
Janusz Kowalski	

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 Jubilee Year and Volunteer Ministry

Pope Francis, in announcing the Jubilee Year, said: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

In previous columns, we encouraged you to make a pilgrimage to one of the Shrine Churches and gain an indulgence by attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, performing a corporal or spiritual work of mercy and going to confession when confession is offered. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is honored to be named a Shrine Church. The others in our diocese are:

- Cathedral Basilica of St. James, Downtown Brooklyn
- Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, Prospect Heights
- St. Jude Shrine Church, Canarsie
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Bayside
- St. Gerard Majella Shrine Church, Hollis

The Holy Father has also designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering will be celebrated during this month of March.

As the US Conference of Catholic Bishops notes, "Volunteering has allowed the lay faithful to step forward into the universal call to holiness in service to the Church and society." Dedicated and selfless volunteers are "the heartbeat of parishes and civic communities across the United States." They "respond to great needs and contribute their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure to the benefit of others. There are also countless Catholic volunteers who engage in domestic and international mission

work in service to the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized communities."

Let us celebrate and pray for our own parish volunteers: liturgical ministers, catechists, musicians and choir members, finance and parish council members, nursing home volunteers, and so many others. May God bless them for their selfless acts of charity!



Order of Mass Third Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #458—"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 #640—"Flow River Flow"

COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (*W. A. Mozart*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #349—"Come to Me and Drink"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #725—"Lend Me, Lord"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is help offset the cost of fuel.
- » March 30, the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the church grounds.
- » 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

Convent Now in Use by YAI

The convent building now, as of March 2025, serves as a permanent residence for individuals supported by Young Adult Institute (YAI), an agency dedicated to assisting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is an active 24/7 home, with staff entering the building at various hours throughout the day to provide care. We appreciate your awareness and support in welcoming our new neighbors.



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

Have you pledged yet? The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. For 2025, our parish goal is to raise \$110,076. Please prayerfully consider a gift! Use the envelopes in church or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith 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).

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather weekly with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 to request meeting location.

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.

2026 MASS REQUEST FORMS

Mass intention forms will be available on the piano in church next weekend (March 29/30). Please limit your Mass intention requests to one sheet (two sides) so that we can accommodate as many as possible and everyone has a chance to request a Mass. Return completed forms, with payment, by mail or to the rectory.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Mar 16
Candle Offerings	\$1,719.00
1st Collection	8,636.16
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	2,442.16
Easter Music and Liturgy	1,925.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>14,722.32</u>
Online Giving	4,458.69
Mail In	1,905.00
TOTAL	21,086.01
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,413.99)

* 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.

"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org

Contact Us

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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



A Lenten Pilgrimage of Hope

Our parish was blessed to welcome Bishop Robert Brennan on Thursday, March 13, for Exposition and Benediction. From morning until evening, parishioners and pilgrims came to pray and, as Bishop Brennan reflected, “to take little moments to be with our Lord and let Him give us encouragement.” As Pope Francis invites us to be “pilgrims of hope,” the Bishop reminded us that Christ walks with us and that we must share the encouragement we receive from Him and uplift one another.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, the Christian faithful are obliged to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and performing works of piety and charity. Those age 14 and older are obligated to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent and to fast on Good Friday (April 18); fasting means only one full meal may be taken. All Fridays of the year are penitential days for the prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty to receive Communion at least once a year extends from the First Sunday of Lent to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15).

For Parents with Little Children

We cherish having young children at Mass, even when they cry at inopportune times. We also recognize the need to maintain a peaceful atmosphere for everyone during worship. Sometimes children are persistently fussy, and we will not be upset if parents feel they need to make their child comfortable. If your child is restless, you are welcome to use the vestibule at the back of the church or the Saints Chapel as a comforting area. These spaces are equipped with speakers, so you can still hear and follow along with Mass while attending to your child. Ushers can provide directions and assistance.



Bereavement Support Is Available

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

OLQMCA Spring Bash 2025 | McLaughlin Hall
7255 AUSTIN STREET, FOREST HILLS, NY

HAVANA Nights

Join us for an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing,
and silent & live auctions to support our school

Saturday, April 5, 2025
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM



Admission \$80/person
\$750 for a table of 10

**THIS WILL BE AN ADULTS-ONLY EVENT. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT
BE PROVIDED BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN**

**FREE Large Print
Bibles and Missalettes**

These materials are available from Xavier Society for the Blind for those living with vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. Call 212-473-7800 (toll-free 800-637-9193); email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

For Parents & Students

**SPRING OPEN
HOUSES**

Molly University | Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. Campus tours begin at 12 p.m. for prospective students, their families, and guests. Located at 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Advance registration required at www.molloy.edu/openhouse25. For questions or additional information, call the admissions office at 516-323-4000.

Notre Dame School of Manhattan | Tuesday, April 29 from 2–5 p.m. The college-preparatory school for young women is located at 327 West 13th St. RSVP is required for the tour. Call 212-620-5575 or email admissions@cheznous.org.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Radio Bingo, March 23 @ 2–6 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel St; entrance on Juno St). This age 21+ event is cash only. Tickets \$40 at the door. Includes bingo cards, coffee/tea, pastries. Additional raffles, 50/50, wine, beer and water available for purchase; bring your own food and beverages! Qs? Call 718-793-2086 or email OLMCA.Bingo@gmail.com.

Maggie’s Little Theater presents Meshuggah-Nuns! This Nonsense musical comedy will be performed at **St. Margaret Parish Hall** (66-05 79th Place, Middle Village): Sundays, March 23 & 20 and April 6, at 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 29 and April 5, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and children age 15 and under. To reserve tickets, go to www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 347-286-8508.

Prayer Group Bus Trip—Fully Booked! Thank you to everyone who responded with enthusiasm to the Charismatic Prayer Group’s upcoming bus trip to see the stage production of *Noah*. They are grateful for the strong interest and support. At this time, the May 31 trip is fully booked. We hope it will be a wonderful experience for all who signed up!