

March 28, 2021- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

## HOLY WEEK *and* EASTER

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 29

Confessions at 11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m. & 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

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

Communion on exiting. Confessions after 7:30 p.m. service

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 3

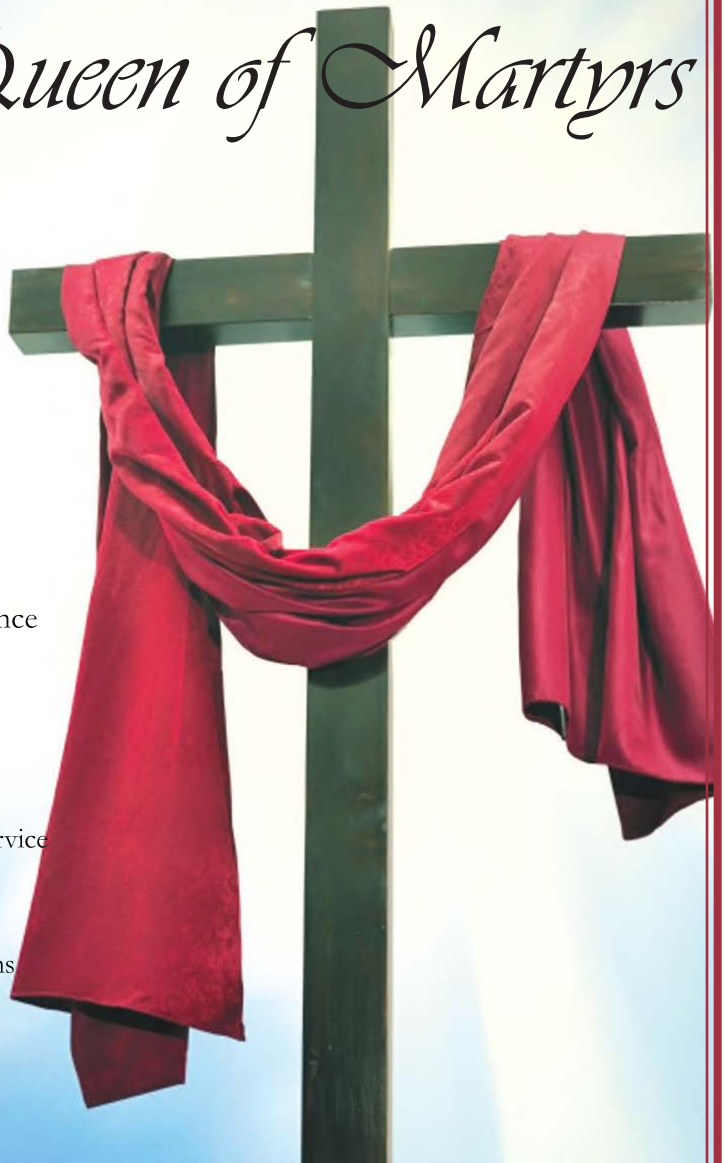
6 p.m. Church opens. No morning Masses or confessions

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

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



Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**  
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**  
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
Rev. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**  
Greg Kandra — **DEACON**

#### 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.

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 27*

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

*Sunday, March 28*

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Monday, March 29*

8 a.m. Luz Arteche and Michael Carr  
12:05 p.m. John J. Hatch

*Tuesday, March 30*

8 a.m. Mare Sabalja  
12:05 p.m. Martine Volmar [living]

*Wednesday, March 31*

8 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais  
12:05 p.m. Martine Volmar [living]

### TRIDUUM

*Holy Thursday, April 1*

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, April 2*

*Church opens at noon (no morning Masses)*  
1 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
Individual confessions after the 7:30 p.m. service

*Holy Saturday, April 3*

*Church opens at 6 p.m. (No 5 p.m. Mass)*  
7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

### EASTER

*Sunday, April 4*

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

## 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

**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, to make your special needs known.

## Main Events of the Week



—Hosanna in the Highest—

*Sunday, March 28*

10 a.m. Zoom: Bible Study

*Reconciliation Monday, March 29*

11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m. & 7–8:30 p.m.  
sacristy (use Queens Blvd church entrance): **Confessions**  
7 p.m. Zoom: “Through the Word” Bible Study

*Tuesday, March 30*

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

*Wednesday, March 31*

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

**Religious Education on Zoom**

*Holy Thursday, April 1*

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**

*Good Friday, April 2*

**Rectory Offices Closed**

**Confessions after 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy**

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed weekly on our home page at 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.

## Remember Our Deceased

Nydia Abreu de Fernandez  
Aldo Arcomano  
Romeo L. Erenio



Josephine Orlando  
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.**

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### Pope St. John Paul II on Salvific Suffering

*If we are afflicted, it is for your encouragement and salvation.  
(2 Corinthians 1: 6)*

**REFLECT:** “Christ does not answer directly...this human questioning about the meaning of suffering... The answer... is above all a call. It is a vocation. Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else he says: ‘Follow me!’ Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! Through my Cross. Gradually, as the individual takes up his cross, spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ, the salvific meaning of suffering is revealed before him.... Faith in sharing in the suffering of Christ brings with it the interior certainty...that in the spiritual dimension of the work of Redemption, he is serving, like Christ, the salvation of his brothers and sisters....

“The parable of the Good Samaritan belongs to the Gospel of suffering. For it indicates what the relationship of each of us must be towards our suffering neighbor. We are not allowed to “pass by on the other side” indifferently; we must ‘stop’ beside him...one must cultivate this sensitivity of heart, which bears witness to compassion towards a suffering person.... Following the parable of the Gospel, we could say that suffering, which is present under so many different forms in our human world, is also present in order to unleash love in the human person, that unselfish gift of one’s ‘I’ on behalf of other people, especially those who suffer.... The eloquence of the parable of the Good Samaritan, and of the whole Gospel, is especially this: every individual must feel as if called personally to bear witness to love in suffering.” (Salvifici Dolores)

**ACT:** Consider how you will answer the call to suffer for others.

**LEARN:** Read Pope St John Paul II’s apostolic letter on salvific suffering, Salvifici Doloris, at <https://bit.ly/39cLD6m>. Watch the Catholic Relief Services video “The Good Samaritan: Fasting,” at <https://bit.ly/3izW3QG>.

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)

## Order of Mass Palm Sunday

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

“Palm Sunday Processional”

Missal #136—“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  
(11:15 a.m. quartet)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #716—“At the Name of Jesus” (solo)  
“The Palms” (J. Fauré)—11:15 a.m. (quartet)

COMMUNION

Missal #320—“Gift of Finest Wheat”  
“Ride On! Ride On!” (J. P. Scott)—11:15 a.m. quartet

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #144—“O Sacred Head, Surrounded” (quartet)  
*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 fuel. There is also an envelope for making an Easter gift to the church.
- » Sunday, April 4, we will have a collection for Easter support for senior priests. There is also an envelope for Easter music and liturgy.
- » 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.

### Good Friday

1 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy  
of Good Friday

Lord, we adore you,  
kneeling before you; bringing our sorrows,  
leaving our burdens for you,  
our Redeemer, here at your cross.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

When a diocesan priest is ordained, he makes a lifelong commitment to serve the needs of Catholics in Brooklyn and Queens. In return, the diocese makes a commitment to its priests to provide for their basic well-being during their lifetime, including the senior years and retirement. The **Bishop Mugavero Residence** provides assisted living and skilled nursing facilities for senior priests and a home where their spiritual and physical needs are cared for.

Everyone deserves to be able to live in dignity and free of anxiety about their means of support in their senior years, especially as retirement costs of healthcare, prescription drugs, and housing continue to escalate. Priests have the same concerns. Through your generous support of the Appeal, the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens is able to ensure that retired priests receive needed care.

Our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal) has mini-videos that in *40 seconds or less* explain the impact of the programs and 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** CHURCH  
You are **the** CHURCH  
We are **the** CHURCH  
together

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:josephterry@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 in kindergarten through grade 8. 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  
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 K-8. Visit the academy online at [olqmca.org/admissions](http://olqmca.org/admissions).



### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Take the opportunity to go to confession and take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Extended confession hours this Monday of Holy Week are 11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m. and 7–8:30 p.m.

### 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, comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of grieving and point toward healing. Meetings are 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](mailto:ymizelle@gmail.com).

### 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 [olqmrkia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrkia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

## The Easter Triduum

Holy Week recalls a series of events that changed the course of human history. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—the Triduum (Latin for “three days”)—represent the most sacred time in the Church year when we seek to understand more deeply and unite ourselves with Jesus and his passion, death, and resurrection.

**Holy Thursday** celebrates the Mass of the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist for the Church. The tradition of visiting and praying at the church repository all through the night arises from Jesus’ request that his disciples pray with him in his agony in the garden before his arrest.

**Good Friday** proclaims the great sacrifice of the Lord’s Passion, crucifixion, and death. It is the only day of the year when the Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, and we meditate on the Stations of the Cross and the last hours before Christ’s death.

**Holy Saturday** is the Great Easter Vigil, the high point of Holy Week, when we reenact the passage from death to life. On this night we light the Easter (Paschal) candle, recount the story of our salvation, renew our baptismal vows, and celebrate the Eucharist.

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Last year we were unable to be together. This year, we will be praying together in person, in our beautiful church. We invite you to come and pray with us as families and individuals. We will observe public health protocols with social distancing.

**Please join us for Mass and services in church this Holy Week and Easter.**

## Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

Wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. Thank you.

To learn about Christians in the Holy Land, we encourage you to visit:

[www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

### KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT Weekly Collections

	Mar 21
Candle Offerings	579.00
1st Collection	5,032.00
2nd Collection (Major Repairs)	1,543.00
Easter Flowers Collection	2,518.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (659 attending)</u>	<u>9,672.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	1,702.00
Catch-up Envelope	3,240.00
Parish Giving Online	5,182.74
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>19,796.74</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,453.26)

*\* 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.*

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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## Spring Calendar at OLQM

**April 4:** Easter Sunday. He is risen! *MASSES 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m.*

**April 11:** Divine Mercy Sunday. *Exposition 1-3 p.m.*

**May 2:** Living Rosary, *after 1 p.m. Mass*

**May 8:** First Holy Communion, *10 a.m.*

**May 8/9:** Mother's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

**May 13:** Ascension Thursday. Holy Day of Obligation. *Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. May 12; Holy Day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

**May 23:** Pentecost Sunday

**May 27:** May Crowning. *School Mass with eight graders*

**June 5-13:** St. Anthony of Padua Novena

**June 6:** Corpus Christi Procession, *after 1 p.m. Mass*

**June 6:** Confirmation, *4 p.m.*

**June 11:** Feast of the Sacred Heart

**June 19/20:** Father's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

*Subject to last-minute changes; always check the bulletin weekly for possible updates to our calendar.*

### 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).

### **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.

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### **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.

Please consider making your weekly offering using our online Parish Giving service. Go to [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) and look for this Parish Giving emblem to register and set up an account. Enrollment is fast, easy, and free.

One-time donations without registration are also accepted.

Thank you.



**Parish Giving**  
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### Diocesan Vocation Retreat

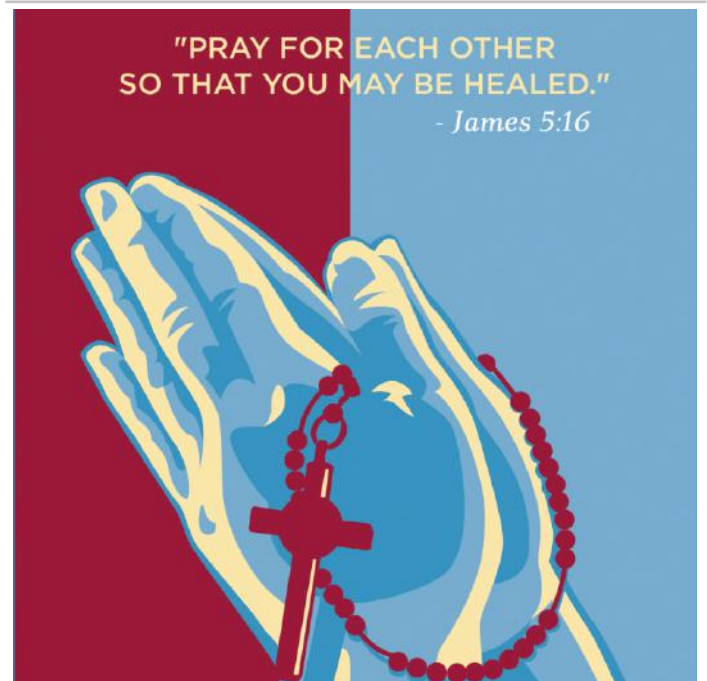
**April 16-18 | Seminary of the Immaculate Conception** (440 West Neck Road, Huntington). Encounter Jesus Christ. Hear inspiring talks from Bishop DiMarzio and seminarians. Reflect on your own vocation. For more information about the retreat or questions about pursuing a vocation, contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or email [Vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:Vocations@diobrook.org).

[www.brooklynpriests.org](http://www.brooklynpriests.org) | [www.whatsmycalling.org](http://www.whatsmycalling.org)

### Virtual Open House

**Molloy College, Sunday April 18 @ 1 p.m.**

[www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house](http://www.molloy.edu/admissions/open-house)



[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.