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SUNDAY MASSES Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m. DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS **EDUCATION** Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR Dennis Francis Portelli

> WEEKDAY MASSES (Monday–Saturday) 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 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. baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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 2

8:05 a.m. Giovanni Wong [living]

12:05 p.m. Mary and Manuel Lima

5 p.m. Josephine Fay

RCIA First Scrutiny

Sunday, March 3

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners

of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, March 4

Saint Casimir

8:05 a.m. Ena Pearl Chuck 12:05 p.m. Elaine Trubia

Tuesday, March 5

8:05 a.m. Eufrocina Perez [living] 12:05 p.m. Fr. Paul Joseph Fullam, C.P.

Wednesday, March 6

8:05 a.m. David Vukaj and family [living] 12:05 p.m. Christopher Papa

Thursday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8:05 a.m. Pjeter and Age Dekaj 12:05 p.m. Vincente U. Vidad

Friday, March 8

Saint John of God

8:05 a.m. Patricia Hammer 12:05 p.m. Brother James Johnson

Saturday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome

8:05 a.m. Zof Nikoll Vulaj

12:05 p.m. Elis A. Fule

5 p.m. Poul Amano

Remember Our Sick

Grace Banks, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Robert Battista, Jenny Becker, Donald Begota, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Viola Binua, Gustavo Cáceres, Taylor Calder, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Joey Guastella, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Ruth Henry, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, James Leung, Elyse Locurto, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Sara Morales, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolois, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Luis Olivares, Jorge Ospina, Rafaella Pak, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Rose Tibayan, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislawa Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Sandra Zalbe, Anne Zuschlag-and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 3

9 a.m.-noon front of church, Ascan Avenue:

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck accepting new and gently used

clothing for men, women, and children

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

2:30 p.m. rectory: Baptism Instruction

Monday, March 4

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

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

Tuesday, March 5

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, March 6

Religious Education

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

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

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

Thursday, March 7

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 8

6-8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO meeting

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

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

Saturday, March 9

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Sunday, March 10 - Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Turn clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night

Remember Our Deceased

Carol Ann Gibson James Richardson

Hendrata Tanzil Virgelina Villanueva

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 Teaching

Contrition

"My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn." (Psalm 51:19)

REFLECT: In his Transformation in Christ, Hildebrand echoes the Catechism in stating that the "initial step of the soul's meeting with God bears the mark of contrition." This comes from an encounter with the love of Christ, in which we recognize his total gift of self for us, while also recognizing our unworthiness. Our unworthiness does not simply consist in the fact that we were creatures before the Creator; even saints know this. As sinners, our unworthiness reflects the fact that we intentionally turned away from God, that we exercised our intellectual foolishness, our perverse willfulness, our ingratitude. Now, cognizant of this, we can only cry out with St. Peter, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8).

The wonder of contrition is that God will have none of this. The Catechism reminds us that this stirring of conscience, no matter how painful, is itself a "gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1453). Like the father of the prodigal son, our Father stands waiting for us. As the catechism reminds us, he thirsts for our return (CCC 2560). It is no small wonder then that this father, seeing his son approach, from "a long way off...ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" and brought him back into the family with the dignity of a son (Luke 15).

Hildebrand reminds us that "contrition involves our surrender to God's mercy. In true Christian penitence, there is always present a positive relation to God, grafted on the negation of sin. It forms in us an attitude of self-effacement before God, and of surrender to Him.... That turning away from sin, which is implicit in penitence, also means, therefore, a return toward God: a flight toward the refuge which is God's mercy."

ACT: Surrender to God this Lent. Go to confession frequently.

LEARN: Read Dietrich Von Hildebrand's Transformation in Christ, available at your favorite Catholic bookstore. Read what the Catechism has to say about contrition starting with paragraph 1451, at http://tinyurl.com/4kfnh7m5.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: To learn more about legislative issues that affect 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 in Lent

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #464—"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"

Mass Parts: Vermulst

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Since By Man Came Death" (G. F. Handel)—Choir Missal #606—"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"

COMMUNION

"O For a Closer Walk With God" (M. B. Foster)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #342—"I Am the Bread of Life"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #724—"How Firm a Foundation"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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Second Collections

- » Today's special collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the church grounds.
- » March 10, the second collection is for a holiday church cleaning for Easter. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services and the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Today Only from 9 a.m. to noon

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations

Our thanks to everyone who was dropping off clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul truck. May God bless you for your kindness. The clothing donation truck will return on Sunday, June 23. For all future dates, go to:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

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Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Current study is Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact instructor Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

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A place for news & events at nearby parishes

RADIO BINGO! Sat. March 9 @ 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Gym (parking lot, Eliot Ave & 72nd St). It's where bingo meets "Name That Tune" with songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s! DJ entertainment, prizes and raffles! Cost: \$35/person (must be 21 and over). Includes Bingo games, beer, wine, soda, snacks (BYO food for your table). Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578 and Our Lady of Hope Holy Name Society. To reserve your tickets, contact Anthony Zalak at 646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com or Thomas McCabe at 718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com.

Reconnect to Your Faith

Thomas Berry Place, a Passionist ministry on the grounds of the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House here in Queens, extends an invitation to all to attend their thought-provoking lecture and dinner series or enriching retreat.

Dinners with Passion series explores pertinent justice topics such as the immigration/migrant crisis, environmental concerns, and global issues of significance. Dinner evenings are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, May 28, and June 25. Cost: \$35; includes wine and cheese, dinner, a presentation, and opportunities for dialogue.

Holy Week Retreat, March 28–30. Begins with dinner on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 5 p.m.; silent retreat time for prayer and personal reflection from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is also a breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31. Cost: \$375 per person. Registration is required by March 8.

To reserve your place in either the Dinners with Passion series or the retreat experience, call 929-357-6700, ext. 205. Thomas Berry Place is located at 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard (Jamaica Estates); www.ThomasBerryPlace.org.



Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage Continues through March 27

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens Lenten Pilgrimage is visiting a different church each day during Lent. One will reap the spiritual benefits of visiting the sacred places located in the Holy Land. For the list of station churches and the days and times each church is hosting its liturgical events, visit Lent.DioceseofBrooklyn.org. You can also download the app from Google Play or the Apple App Store.



FASTING



Please pray for our Elect, who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Pray for them, their sponsors, and families, and give thanks to God for the growth in our faith community.

Please also refrain from leaving flowers in the church and on the altars during this solemn season of Lent, a time for prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Fourth Sunday of Lent, called "Laetare Sunday" (Rejoice), is the one day during Lent that flowers will appear on the altar, as we take a moment to look forward, with hope, to Easter.

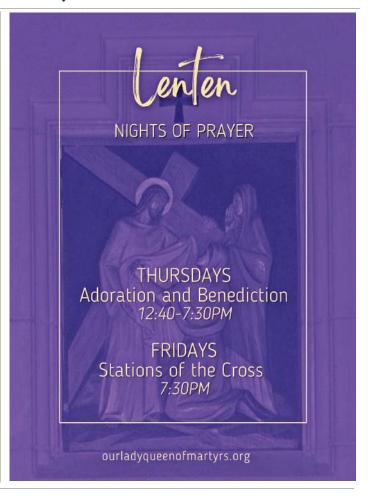
RCIARite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact oldmrcia@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.

Compassionate Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet monthly, usually on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming sessions are March 25, April 22, May 20, and June 17. For inquiries or additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA: MARCH 11 THROUGH MARCH 19

at the 12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon-Sat) and after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17



—Weekly Collections—

	Feb 25
Candle Offerings	\$1,447.00
1st Collection	8,591.25
2nd Collection (Easter music and liturgy)	3,005.25
Subtotal: In Church	<u>13,043.50</u>
Online Giving	3,773.58
TOTAL	16,817.08
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,332.92)
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^{*} 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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Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/ webcast 407-Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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If you work for, or are a retiree of, a company with a matching gift program, you may be able to double your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal and double the benefit to our parish toward our Appeal goal! Ask your company about their matching gift program and if they will match your gift either directly to the *Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens* or to one of our educational institutions: *Cathedral Prep Seminary*. For more information about matching gift opportunities, call the Diocese at 718-965-7375.



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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

Reader's Digest

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