

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

# 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)  
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

**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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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



**JOIN THE PARISH**  
Scan for parish registration  
information and form

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
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

Holy Saturday, March 30

(No Morning or 5 p.m. Masses ~ No Confessions)

7:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31

**Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Easter Monday, April 1

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Manuela Miguel and family members

Easter Tuesday, April 2

8:05 a.m. Betty Garzon

12:05 p.m. Fr. Francis de Paul Kealy, OFM

Easter Wednesday, April 3

8:05 a.m. Rev. James Blount-Solt [living]

12:05 p.m. John S. Biase

Easter Thursday, April 4

8:05 a.m. Lui Eng

12:05 p.m. Robert De Blasio

Easter Friday, April 5

8:05 a.m. Bernadette Peters

12:05 p.m. Joseph Trubia

Easter Saturday, April 6

8:05 a.m. Lawrence E. Marmion, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Anthony Messina

5 p.m. Jorge Bonilla

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 31

*Alleluia! Happy Easter!*

Easter Monday, April 1

Rectory opens at 1 p.m.

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Easter Tuesday, April 2

No Confessions

No Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsal resumes April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Wednesday, April 3

Religious Education Spring Recess

Classes resume April 10

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

Easter Thursday, April 4

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**

Easter Saturday, April 7

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions



The Easter (Paschal) Candle is offered in loving memory of **Celina Cavalier** —requested by *Jusette Meaney*

The Wine and Host are offered by **Drew Goolcharran** [living]

The Sanctuary Lamp is offered in loving memory of **Jonathan William Moresco** —requested by *Mary Ann Moresco*

## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Taylor A. Calder, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our sick list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

## Remember Our Deceased

Judy Fierro  
Cornelius Hazel



Nati Javier  
Michele Tuzzolino

Sister Mary Lourdetta O'Keefe, RSM

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

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Teaching

### The Catechumenate and the Easter Vigil

*This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. (John 10: 17)*

**REFLECT:** “On this holy night we celebrate the Easter Vigil...On this night the entire Church keeps watch and recalls, in meditation, the significant stages of God’s saving intervention in the universe...From its very beginnings, the Christian community placed the celebration of Baptism within the context of the Easter Vigil. Here too, on this night, [our] catechumens will be immersed with Jesus into his death to rise with him to immortal life. Thus, the wonder of the mysterious spiritual rebirth, wrought by the Holy Spirit, is renewed; the rebirth that incorporates the newly baptized into the people of the new and final Covenant, sealed by the death and resurrection of Christ.

“To each of you, dear Brothers and Sisters who will soon receive the sacraments of Christian initiation, I affectionately offer a special greeting...Thanks to the sacrament of Baptism you will come to be a part of the Church, which is an immense people on pilgrimage...Be faithful to Him who has chosen you, and to Him entrust your entire lives with generous commitment.

“Together with those who will receive Baptism, the liturgy invites all of us here present to renew the promises of our own Baptism. The Lord asks us to renew the expression of our full obedience to him and of our total dedication to the service of his Gospel...If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: ‘I am with you always, to the close of the age.’ At the side of each of you there will always be Mary, as she was present among the Apostles, frightened and confused at the time of trial. And with her faith she will show you, beyond the night of the world, the glorious dawn of the resurrection.” (Pope St. John Paul II)

**ACT & LEARN:** Pray for our newest members, received into the Church during the Easter Vigil. Read Pope St. John Paul II’s 2004 Easter Vigil homily, at <https://tinyurl.com/26jxedr6>.

**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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)



## Order of Mass Easter Sunday

*Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #172—“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

**FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

### SEQUENCE

*Missal #37—“Victimae Paschali Laudes”—Choir*  
*Missal #180—“Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise”*

**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-9

### HOMILY

#### SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

“Sing Praise to Our Creator”—*Choir*  
*Missal #650—“Baptized in Water”*

#### OFFERTORY

“Anthem for Spring” (*P. Mascagni*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #576—“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

#### COMMUNION

“Out of Darkness”—*Choir and song leader*  
“Aurora Coelum Purpurat” (*P. Yon*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #176—“Ye Sons and Daughters”*

#### CLOSING HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus”—*Choir*  
*Missal #723—“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

*Today’s Easter hymns are printed on a separate sheet.*  
*Please take a copy.*

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is our Easter support of senior priests. There is also an envelope for the Easter Music and Liturgy.
- » April 7, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.

## FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

**Sunday, April 7**

**2 p.m. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

# 2024 EASTER MEMORIALS

The 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 7, will be offered for the memorials donated.

## **Pink Cherry Blossom and Yellow Forsythia**

### **Blossom Trees**

In memory of Yan & Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng  
In memory of Robert Peter Ballerini—by Audrey Ballerini and Robert D. Ballerini  
In memory of Giattino and Soja families—by Josephine and Richard Giattino  
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Charles Milord and Ms. Jane Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord, DDS

## **Forsythia Branches across the High Altar**

In memory of Rocco, Norma and Diana Napoli—by Gerry Napoli

## **Triple Stem Easter Lily Plant**

In memory of Edward T. Caswell, Jr.—by Dana L. McDougall  
In memory of Claire F. & Janes J. Higgins; Alice R. & John P. Jennings & Frances Glascott—by Patricia Malley  
In memory of the deceased of the Wright, McGrath & McCarthy families—by Veronica McCarthy

## **Group of Ten Tulip Plants (assorted colors)**

In memory of Anne McNelis—by Carol McNelis  
In memory of Claire F. & Janes J. Higgins; Alice R. & John P. Jennings & Frances Glascott—by Patricia Malley  
In memory of Raphael F. Longobardi—by JoAnn M. Longobardi  
In memory of the Howard Siegel—by JoAnn M. Longobardi  
In memory of Mary & Ed Cataldo—by Donna Cataldo

## **Group of Four Azalea Plants (assorted colors)**

In memory of Theresa & Sebastian Bartolotto—by Maryann Bartolotto  
In memory of Maria & John Bartolotto—by Maryann Bartolotto  
In memory of Rose & Sal Pellettiere—by Maryann Bartolotto  
In memory of Yee Kwan Wong, Yik Lan Chan & Dorothy Lee—by Teresa Wong  
In memory of Claire F. & Janes J. Higgins; Alice R. & John P. Jennings & Frances Glascott—by Patricia Malley

## **Group of Three Hyacinth Plants (assorted colors)**

In memory of Matthew Patsos—by Dorald Patsos

## **Easter Lily Plant**

In memory of the deceased members of the Villani & Bertolotti families—by Diane Bertolotti  
In memory of Edward Jacina—by Laura Habe  
In memory of Jeanette & Issac Faighes—by Regina Faighes  
In memory of Josephine Orlando—by Antoinette Orlando  
In memory of Robert Hlavna—by Alberta Squillante  
In memory of Liz Arteche & Maria Lau—by Teresa Wong  
In memory Burke & Verneta Gunnell—by Teresa Wong



# CHRIST HAS RISEN. INDEED, HE HAS RISEN.

## **Gratitude in Action**

We wish to thank those who have already made their pledge. Our obligation this year is \$114,568. Whatever we raise over this amount will be returned to our parish. Prayerfully consider



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2024**  
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making a sacrificial pledge to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal to provide for those who depend on the generosity and goodwill of the Church. Pledge cards are near the church doors, or donate online at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org).

## **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, on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Future meetings are April 22, May 20, and June 17. For questions or additional information, please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

RCIA News

## Registration Open for Adult Confirmation Class



If you have been baptized and received First Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Registration is open for classes starting on April 9, with conferral of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Email Veronica McCarthy at [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com) or complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation information form on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia) (from the main menu, under Religious Education, select RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).



## 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 rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to join on Zoom. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://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).

## 2025 MASS BOOK OPENS SOON

Mass Request forms will be available on the piano next Sunday. Completed forms can be dropped off at the rectory beginning April 9. We will schedule your Mass intentions on the date requested or your alternative day and time. The 2025 Mass Book will officially open soon after; date to be announced.

## Weekly Collections

Because of the bulletin's early close for Easter, the collection figures for March 24 were not available. They will be included in the next bulletin.

## From Our Pastor

*Alleluia, Alleluia. He is Risen!* This is the refrain exclaimed over and over again on this Easter Sunday, during the Easter season, and throughout the year. Easter is not just today; it is a 50-day event that culminates on Pentecost Sunday. After that, each Sunday is considered a little Easter, because we are called to rejoice and not to let up rejoicing, for the Resurrection of Jesus means he is alive today and every day.

We are loved by God, and the beautiful presence of the Risen Lord. The joy of today's Resurrection feast is far greater than any struggle, tragedy, or darkness that we may encounter.

May you experience the love and joy of the Risen Lord. May this Easter season bring hope, confidence, and peace into your hearts and the hearts of the whole world.

On behalf of Bishop Sanchez, Father Antonin, our deacon, and the entire OLQM staff, a Happy and Blessed Easter!

—FATHER PASSEANT



## Contact Us

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**LIVESTREAM MASS**  
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

### Join Our Community of Faith!

If you are new to Forest Hills or attend Mass regularly in our church yet have never registered, we encourage you to become a registered parishioner. You can register yourself and your family members using the parish registration form on our website: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/parish-registration). Registration is our primary means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for getting married or baptized in the Church and receiving Catholic funeral rites. Thank you for joining us!

### Deanery Corner

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

**Supermarket Sweeps! Sunday, April 14 @ 2 to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall** (70-01 Kessel St., Forest Hills). Tickets \$20, which includes 2 Bingo cards, coffee/tea, and pastries. Bingo winners receive a bag of groceries! Additional Bingo cards, raffles, and 50/50 tickets are available for purchase. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Adults only, Cash only event. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy. Questions? Email: [OLMCASupermarketSweeps@gmail.com](mailto:OLMCASupermarketSweeps@gmail.com).

## Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Home Academy Association Proudly Presents



**Spring Bash 2024**  
**Saturday, April 27**  
**6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
**McLaughlin Hall**

Please join us for an evening of dining, dancing, and great raffle prizes!

Our **ANNUAL SPRING BASH** is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with fellow parishioners. Gather your friends for a special evening in a beautifully transformed McLaughlin Hall!

**Tickets \$80 per person or \$750 to reserve a table for 10 people.**

Price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, soda, and coffee. Bring your own wine. 70s disco attire is encouraged but not required. **Reservations are necessary.**

**All proceeds benefit Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy.**

Complete this reply form and return with payment by April 16th, to the school.

PRINT NAME(S) & PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE: \_\_\_\_\_ TICKET(S) FOR \$80 PER PERSON  
\_\_\_\_\_ TABLE FOR 10 PEOPLE FOR \$750

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE SEATED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

Your tickets will be held at the door. Please complete and return this form with your check payable to OLQMCA by April 16th. Mail to: OLQMCA – Spring Bash 72-55 Austin Street, Forest Hills NY 11375

For more information, contact the school: [info@olqmca.org](mailto:info@olqmca.org) or call the office at: (718) 263-2622