

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

Father Passenant to Become Seventh Pastor of OLQM

On June 30, 2023, Father Francis J. Passenant will become pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church. This appointment was made by Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens.

Nearly 10 years ago, on June 30, 2013, Father Passenant was named OLQM administrator after Bishop Paul Sanchez was called to serve as our pastor. After 11 years of prayerful leadership at our parish, Bishop Sanchez, who retired from auxiliary bishop duties in March 2022, will remain as pastor emeritus in residence.

Ordained in February 1979, Father Passenant served his first 12 years as a priest in parish work and another 13 years as a chaplain for the New York City Department of Corrections. He

came to OLQM in 2004 as an associate pastor under Monsignor Joseph Funaro. As parish administrator under Bishop Sanchez, he has been active in developing spiritual and social programs, refurbishing the parish facilities, and ensuring the fiscal operations of our parish.

In 2019, he was appointed by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio as regional dean presiding over the nine Catholic parishes in Queens North Deanery #6.

We are delighted that as our next pastor, Father Passenant will be aided by these many years of pastoral experience. Join us in congratulating him! We will have more announcements in coming months in preparation for June.



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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 4

Saint Casimir

8 a.m. Ena Chuck

12:05 p.m. Raz DeAsis

5 p.m. Elaine Trubia

Sunday, March 5

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

Monday, March 6

8 a.m. Jonathan Paul Clegg

12:05 p.m. Aldo Courrau

Tuesday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8 a.m. John M. Graham, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Jose Miguel

Wednesday, March 8

Saint John of God

8 a.m. Philip Lutzak

12:05 p.m. Victor Lamarque

Thursday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome

8 a.m. Dorothy Muller

12:05 p.m. Elisa A. Fule

Friday, March 10

8 a.m. Alberto Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Anna Tran Thi Vinh

Saturday, March 11

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Aldo Arcomano

5 p.m. Melba Magelong

Main Events of the Week

Saturday, March 4

2:30 p.m. church: **Baptisms**

Sunday, March 5

9 a.m.–12 noon *front of church (Ascan Ave):*

Clothing Drop-offs Accepted at the St. Vincent de Paul Truck

10 a.m. Zoom: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Monday, March 6

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

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

Wednesday, March 8

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 9

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 10

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

followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, March 11

9–11 a.m. church: **First Reconciliation**

At 12:05 p.m. Mass: **St. Joseph Novena Begins**

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

Sunday, March 12 - Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m.

Turn your clocks ahead an hour on Saturday night!

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, Elaine M. Kuzlik, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansaithong, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Remember Our Deceased

Pedro Flores

Marie F. Gibson

Giselle Louis

Bishop David O'Connell

Nellie Sanchez



Ana Szekely

Charity TJoe

Caridad Villar

Juliana Widjaja

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.**

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

St. Francis de Sales on Spiritual Friendship

Friendship consists in a full commitment of the will to another person with a view to that person's good. (Pope St John Paul II, "Love and Responsibility")

REFLECT: "Love everyone with the pure love of charity, but have no friendship save with those whose intercourse is good and true, and the purer the bond which unites you so much higher will your friendship be. If your intercourse is based on science it is praiseworthy, still more if it arises from a participation in goodness, prudence, justice and the like; but if the bond of your mutual liking be charity, devotion and Christian perfection, God knows how very precious a friendship it is! Precious because it comes from God, because it tends to God, because God is the link that binds you, because it will last forever in Him. Truly it is a blessed thing to love on earth as we hope to love in Heaven, and to begin that friendship here which is to endure for ever there. I am not now speaking of simple charity, a love due to all mankind, but of that spiritual friendship which binds souls together, leading them to share devotions and spiritual interests, so as to have but one mind between them...."

"In the world those who aim at a devout life require to be united one with another by a holy friendship, which excites, stimulates and encourages them in well doing ... those who are living in the world require such for strength and comfort amid the difficulties which beset them. In the world, all have not one aim, one mind, and therefore we must take to us congenial friends, nor is there any undue partiality in such attachments, which are but as the separation of good from evil, the sheep from the goats.... So, we see that the highest grace does not lie in being without friendships, but in having none which are not good, holy and true." (St Francis de Sales, Introduction to the Devout Life)

LEARN: Read St Francis de Sales's spiritual classic, *An Introduction to the Devout Life*, available at <https://bit.ly/3HEiAsr>.

In memory of Louise Raible, good friend and beloved member of the Catholic Social Teaching Committee, who passed to her eternal reward earlier this year.

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #128—"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

MASS PARTS: People's Mass (*Vermulst*)

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Come to the Table of the Lord" (*J. Althouse*)—Choir
Missal #123—"Transfiguration"

COMMUNION

"Shine Jesus, Shine" (*G. Kendrick*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #335—"Taste and See"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #400—"Be Thou My Vision"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for fuel.
- » March 12, the second collection is for a church cleaning to prepare for Easter.
- » 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

TODAY ONLY ~ 9 A.M. TO NOON

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations

A big thank-you to everyone who dropped off clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Truck this morning. May God bless you for your generosity. The donation truck returns on Sunday, June 25. For all future dates, see:

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

United in **Communion**
 United in **Charity**
 In Brooklyn and Queens



We encourage all to watch the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal video (it is posted on our website) to learn about the many good works and services that the ACA supports in ways no one parish alone can accomplish. ACA funds support Catholic Charities; Catholic Migration Services; hospital and prison chaplains; seminarians and vocations; faith formation programs; care for infirmed clergy; and the Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 toward the Diocesan goal of \$8 million by December 21, 2023. During Masses

on **March 25/26, we will conduct an in-pew commitment weekend asking for the support of all who are able.**



SCAN to DONATE to the ACA

If you received an ACA envelope at home, please use it. You may also use the QR code to donate online (please select OLQM as your parish).

Tuesday,
 March 21
 at
 OLQM
 Church

All are welcome.

- 11:30 AM Confessions
- 12:05 PM Mass Exposition
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Holy Hour - Adoration
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Youth Holy Hour
- 7:30 PM Benediction



2023
 Diocesan
 Lenten
 Pilgrimage

Lenten
 NIGHTS OF PRAYER

THURSDAYS
 Adoration and Benediction
 12:40-7:30PM

FRIDAYS
 Stations of the Cross
 7:30PM

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RCIA at OLQM
 Rite of Christian Initiation
 of Adults



If you are 18 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. To find out more, contact olqmrchia@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.

Memorialize a Loved One

If you would like to honor a deceased loved, consider a memorial of the Wine and Hosts or Sanctuary Lamp this Lenten season. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial or to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in our Mass intentions, please call or visit the rectory during business hours.

Reminder: During the 40 days of Lent, flowers are not permitted in the church. Requests for memorial flowers can be accepted for the rest of the year.



Faith Sharing on Zoom

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic is St. Luke’s Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The group is engaged in a year-long study on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join on Zoom, contact Joe: josepherry@gmail.com. Recordings of the Bible studies can be viewed on YouTube (youtube.com/@bktheologian) for those unable to attend the Monday evening Zoom meetings.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).

Bereavement Support

The parish bereavement support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet next on **Mar 27 at 7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

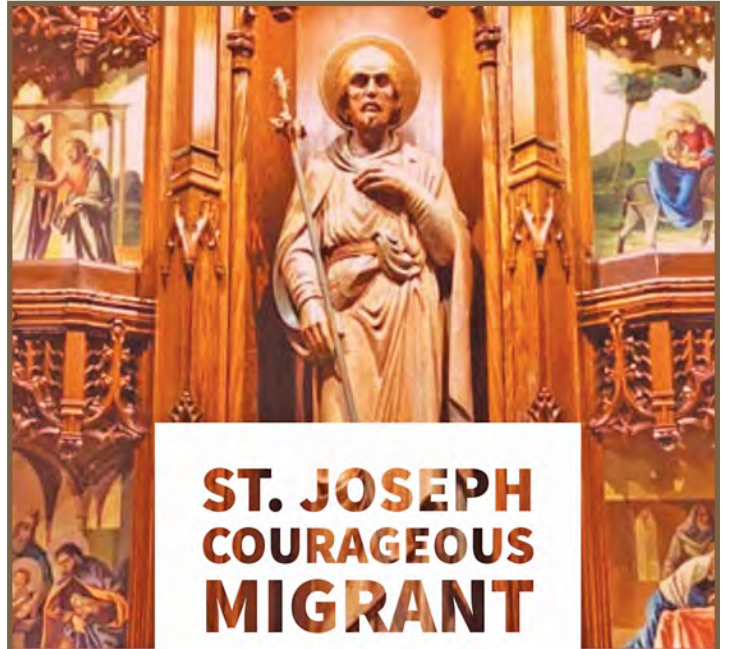
Weekly Collections

	Feb 26
Candle Offerings	\$1,059.00
1st Collection	7,267.26
2nd Collection (<i>Easter Music & Liturgy</i>)	3,015.26
Ash Wednesday (Feb 22)	8,010.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal</i>	<u>19,351.52</u>
Online Parish Giving	2,032.00
Mail In	4,305.14
TOTAL	<u>25,688.66</u>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,538.66

**Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do 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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.



ST. JOSEPH COURAGEOUS MIGRANT

PRAYER SERVICE & BENEDICTION

Sunday, March 19
4 pm

Praying for Migrants and Refugees

Guest Speaker: Father Felix Sanchez
Pastor of St. Pius V in Jamaica whose parishioners have fed southern border migrants

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www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter:
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

YouTube (Sunday livestream):
www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:15AM for the homebound and the sick. If you miss a livestream the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

Attn: Parents & Students
**Tuition Assistance Available for
2023–2024 School Year**

Financial aid is for eligible students in grades K–8 who attend a Catholic school or academy in Queens or Brooklyn. Applications are open at www.FuturesinEducation.org (from the main menu, click Scholarships/Apply Now). You can also use your phone and scan the code here for the eligibility requirements and application details.

For families that received an award last academic year, the deadline to reapply is March 31. Deadline for new applicants is April 30. Questions? Call 718-965-7340.



OLQM Catholic Academy

Registration Open for Grades K-8
To request a tour and start the registration process, head to olqmca.org/how-to-apply

Student Honors

The following students from our parish are recognized by **ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL** for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Honor Roll: **Grace Edwards, Joshua Jazmin, Dominic John, Valentina Lorenzo, Marqus Mcintosh, Angela Morales, Isaiah Sharpe, Esmeralda Vulaj, Brooke Welz**

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Sunday, March 12 @ 4–8 p.m. @ Resurrection Ascension Gym (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park). Irish food, drink, dancers, pipers, music, raffles. \$35/person, \$300 table of 10, children under 12 free. Call 718-424-5212 or email rarectory@gmail.com for reservations.

Radio Bingo, Saturday March, 11 @ 7 p.m. @ Our Lady of Hope Gym (parking lot Eliot Ave & 72nd St, Middle Village). Bingo meets “Name That Tune.” \$35/person (must be 21+). Includes bingo games, beer, wine, soda, snacks. Sponsored by the OLH Holy Name Society. RSVP to Anthony Zalak (646-354-0743/tony2819@aol.com) or Thomas McCabe (718-779-2692/tombren5@aol.com).

**PRAY THE
ST. JOSEPH NOVENA**

**Saturday, March 11th
through Sunday, March 19th**
Weekdays (Monday through Saturday)
at the 12:05 p.m. Mass
Sunday, March 19
*after the 11:15 a.m. Mass & at the
4 p.m. St. Joseph Prayer Service*

Big City Catholics

In search of a good podcast? Here's one. Every Friday, tune in for a new episode of Bishop Brennan's Big City Catholics podcast. The Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens and guests discuss events in the diocese and explore questions of faith that affect us as parents, friends, and professionals. Listen on your favorite platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music) or at podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Mar 24–26 @ Marianist Family Retreat Center (Cape May Point, NJ). All are welcomed, first-timers and those familiar with contemplative prayer. Weekend (Fri–Sun) will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies, and daily Mass. Cost: \$150/person (single occupancy, unless married). Information and application at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

Lenten Retreats in the Diocese

“Life in the Spirit” Retreat Fri–Sun, Mar 10–12. \$100/person. **Men's Retreat Fri–Sat, Mar 17–18.** Topic: “Going from Overwhelmed to Fulfilled.” \$40/person. Both retreats are being held at the Spirit Retreat Center (62 Bay 47th St, Brooklyn), sponsored by Most Precious Blood Saints Simon & Jude parish. For more information and to reserve a room, call 718-372-8022 or visit MPB-SSJ.org.



Free Speech & Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call **St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Tpk, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a free screening with a hearing professional. Through Apr 27. Free hearing aid help is also available.