

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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Ranked #1 Top Contributor



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**The 2024 final
report is out.
Well done!
Thank you all for
your support.**

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Amount pledged: \$200,280
Amount paid: \$195,159
Our parish goal: \$114,568
Over goal returned to OLQM: \$80,591

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

DAILY MASSES

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

SUNDAY MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

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

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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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



JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

GIVE NOW

Scan for online
parish giving



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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 8

Saint John of God

12:05 p.m. Razelo De Asis

5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

8:05 a.m. Alberto Muñoz

12:05 p.m. Ana Chuck

Tuesday, March 11

8:05 a.m. Corazon Fule

12:05 p.m. Maureen Lima [living]

Wednesday, March 12

8:05 a.m. Rejane Serao

12:05 p.m. Robert Tan

Thursday, March 13

8:05 a.m. Ray Vogt

12:05 p.m. Aldo Arcomano

Friday, March 14

8:05 a.m. Doris Herrmann

12:05 p.m. Daniel L. Brogno [anniversary]

Saturday, March 15

12:05 p.m. Eufemia and Sevelio Rosado

5 p.m. Fe R. de Luna

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 9

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, March 10

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

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, March 11

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

At 12:05 p.m. Mass

Saint Joseph Novena Begins

7 p.m. rectory: **Catholic Teaching Committee Meeting**

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

Wednesday, March 12

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class (*First Confessions*)

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 13

LENTEN AND JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE DAY

8:05 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. church: **Stations of the Cross**

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary

3 p.m. church: **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

Friday, March 14

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

followed by **Benediction**

Saturday, March 15

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



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, Khalid Jalajel, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, 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.

The **Wine and Hosts** are offered in loving memory of **Rocco Napoli** —requested by *Gerry Napoli*

Remember Our Deceased

Gaye Fruscione

Maria Gonzalez

Winnie Hallex

Brian Lai



Irene Mentel

Fran Pignotelli

Msgr. Francis J. Schneider

Deacon Elias Yepes

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

The Jubilee Prayer

The official prayer of His Holiness Pope Francis

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



Order of Mass

First Sunday of Lent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #130—“Led by the Spirit”

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me, Lord” (S. Wesley)—Choir

Missal #139—“Ashes to Ashes”

COMMUNION

“Ave Verum” (A. Guilmant)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #565—“On Eagle's Wings”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #132—“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for the holiday church cleaning. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.

» March 16, the second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for the Easter music and liturgy.

» 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

REGISTRATION OPEN for Adult Confirmation Classes

If you have been baptized and received First Holy 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 now open for the **twelve classes that will begin on March 18**, with conferral of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.

Please email Veronica McCarthy at olqmrcia@gmail.com for information. You may also complete and submit the Adult Faith Formation Information Form found on our church website under Religious Education (select OCIA/RCIA).

Sign Up for the May 31 Prayer Group Bus Trip to Sight & Sound: Noah

Join the OLMQ Charismatic Prayer Group on their day trip to Lancaster, PA, to experience *Noah* at the Sight & Sound Theatre—an stage production that brings the story of Noah’s Ark to life.

WHEN: Saturday, May 31

TIME: Departing at 6 a.m. Showtime: 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: Bus will be in front of Queens Center Mall.

COST: \$200 per person (includes transportation, lunch, show ticket).

TO RESERVE A SEAT, contact a prayer group member:

Araceli De Borja: 347-743-2304

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897

Cecille Mendoza: 347-453-4147

—Weekly Collections—

| | Mar 2 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Candle Offerings | \$1,812.00 |
| 1st Collection | 8,567.01 |
| 2nd Collection (<i>fuel</i>) | 2,918.01 |
| Black & Indian Home Missions** | 1,365.00 |
| <u>Subtotal: In Church</u> | <u>14,662.02</u> |
| Online Giving | 4,217.95 |
| Mail In | 1,014.00 |
| TOTAL | 19,893.97 |
| Weekly Income Needed* | 24,500.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (4,606.03) |

* 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.

** Special collection that benefits the designated cause; does not accrue to the parish.

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.

NEW! Tuesday Evening Faith-Sharing Group: All Are Welcome

This faith-sharing group meets on **Tuesday nights, from 7–8:30 p.m.**, with fellowship continuing until 9:30 p.m. These gatherings for reflection and conversation draw from works such as Fr. Richard Rohr’s spiritual insights, John O’Malley’s *What Happened at Vatican II*, and Herbert McCabe’s *God, Christ and Us*. Over eight years, this group has built a warm and welcoming community—come and be part of it! For the meeting location in Kew Gardens, please **call Bob and Melinda Nobbs at 718-805-7232** (landline) or text them at 917-545-8049 (Bob’s cell).

The Catholic Teaching Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the rectory. If you are interested in joining this committee, please try to attend.

Bereavement Support

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. Upcoming dates are **Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement. Questions? Contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Contact Us

MAIN PHONE AND EMAILS

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Bulletin Subjects:
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Disabilities Advocate:
disabilities.olqm@gmail.com

MAYO (Youth Organization):
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Pastoral Care Office:
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[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

YouTube:
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

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



Jubilee
YEAR 2025

Lenten

PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:05 AM: Mass

10:30 AM: Stations of the Cross
(Pilgrims & OLQMCA Students)

11:30 AM-12:00 PM: Confessions

12:05 PM: Mass Followed by Exposition
and the Rosary

Adoration until 7:30 PM

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30 PM: Benediction & Closing



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

We had a record-breaking 2024. Let's continue in 2025!

Last week, we launched the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal and shared the news of the incredible impact we made in last year's campaign! In 2024, our parish was, for the second year in a row, the top contributor in the diocese, with over \$200,000 pledged—and more than \$195,000 already paid. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our parish goal by over \$80,000. These funds have already been returned directly to us and are being used for much-needed work on our church doors and vestibule areas.

This year, the Annual Catholic Appeal again aims to raise \$8 million to support vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. **Our parish goal for 2025 is to raise \$110,076.** Once we surpass that amount, every additional dollar will again come back to us. With your support, we can continue making a difference both in our own parish and throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal!

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph Dinner-Dance Party at Our Lady of Mercy (Lower Church Hall, 70-01 Kessel St., entrance on Juno St.) **Saturday, March 15**, from 6–10 p.m. Organized by the Knights of Columbus, with DJ, pipers, drums, dance, music performances, Irish and Italian cuisine and drink. Neighborhood community welcomed for what always is a fun night. \$60/person. Contact Helen at 917-952-5142 to see if tickets are still available!

FREE LARGE-PRINT BIBLE AND MISSALETTES available for those living with vision loss due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. Call the **Xavier Society for the Blind:** 212-473-7800 or toll-free 800-637-9193; or email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING RETREATS hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope and Healing Mission, for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. Upcoming meetings in the NYC area are scheduled for **March 15 and May 31**. For retreat locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible 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).

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.

OLQMA 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