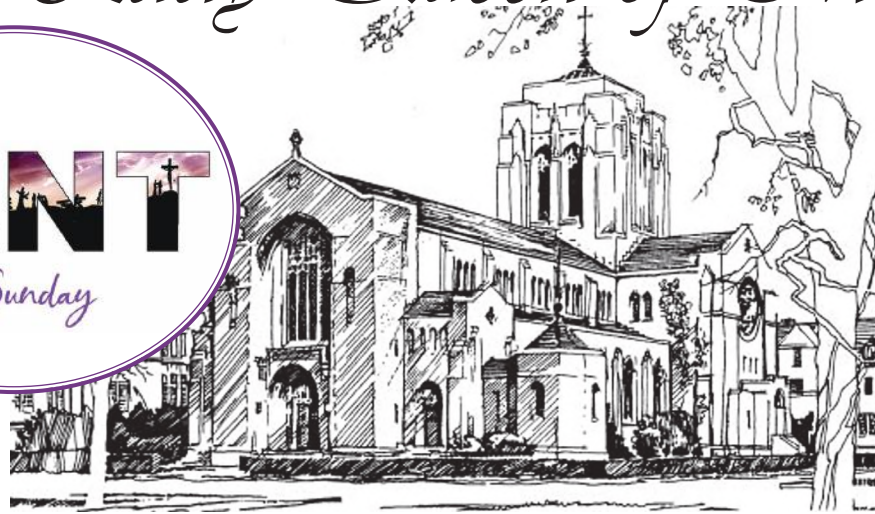


March 1, 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
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.

**CONFESSIONS:** Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

**ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

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

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA**  
First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

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

**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 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, February 29*

8 a.m. Joel Canilla

12:05 p.m. Living members of the McHatton family

5 p.m. Abid, Indira, and Krystal [living]

*Sunday, March 1*

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Monday, March 2*

8 a.m. Consuelo Cruz

12:05 p.m. Daniel Garcia Barrios

*Tuesday, March 3*

Saint Katharine Drexel

8 a.m. Lenny Menendez

12:05 p.m. Jose Miguel

*Wednesday, March 4*

Saint Casimir

8 a.m. Gladys Magier

12:05 p.m. Elaine Trubia

*Thursday, March 5*

8 a.m. Gioachino Mezzo

12:05 p.m. Josef Senicar

*Friday, March 6*

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Marie Laurente and Dorsainville Jean-Jacques

*Saturday, March 7*

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Michael Dempsey

5 p.m. Domenick Golia

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Donald Begola, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Joseph Buatta, Susan Campbell, James Cardone, MaryAnn Cornell, Irene Cucarella, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Anthony Frankel, Alice Fromer, Ogan Gates, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Sean Harrison, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Migdalia Leon, Maria Leon Santiago, James Lung, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Grace Plank, Bonnie Post, Anthony Prestopino, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Soriente, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, March 1*

9 a.m. to noon, *truck in front of church:*

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations Accepted

10 a.m., *rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):* Bible Study

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

*Monday, March 2*

7 p.m., *rectory:* Bereavement Support Group

*Tuesday, March 3*

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

*Wednesday, March 4*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3:45–5 p.m.: levels 1, 2, 3, and 4

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

*Thursday, March 5*

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, *church:*

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

*Friday, March 6*

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

7:30 p.m., *rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road):*

Charismatic Prayer Group

*Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)*



**Next Sunday:** Reset your clocks for Daylight Saving and spring ahead on a bright note at our **TASTE OF THE WORLD FOOD FESTIVAL** March 8 @ 2:30-5 p.m. in McLaughlin Hall  
Tickets \$35 | Children \$10 (save \$5 if you purchase a ticket after Mass today)

**OLQM Catholic Academy Registration (nursery to Grade 8)**

Tuesday, March 3 @ 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4 @ 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

## Remember Our Deceased

Margaret Albanese  
Dr. Geraldine Chapey  
Stephen Conlon

Manuel Jesus Hernandez  
Hiver Leblanc

## 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.**

**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.

## This Week's Reflection

### Pope Benedict XVI on Charity in Truth

*From the OLQM Social Action Committee*

Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. Love—caritas—is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth. Each person finds his good by adherence to God's plan for him, in order to realize it fully: in this plan, he finds his truth, and through adherence to this truth he becomes free.... In Christ, charity in truth becomes the Face of his Person, a vocation for us to love our brothers and sisters in the truth of his plan. (Caritas in Veritate)

### Meeting of the Social Action Committee Tuesday March 10 at 7 p.m. in the rectory

*If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them care of rectoryolqm@aol.com. You are welcome to join us in the rectory at our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced here and from the pulpit. Links to important documents and useful videos are available at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee).*

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for "action alerts" from the New York State Catholic Conference at [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## Lent 2020

### Thursday Evening Devotions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Every Friday of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

### "Go to the poor; you will find God."

—St. Vincent de Paul—

Thank you to everyone who brought clothing donations to the St. Vincent de Paul truck this morning. The SVP truck returns again this summer on June 21 to accept donations of new and used clothing. Find the schedule on our website.

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule)

## Order of Mass

### First Sunday of Lent

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #125—"Led by the Spirit"*

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

#### FIRST READING

*Missal pg. 80—Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM—***Missal pgs. 80-81*

#### SECOND READING

*Missal pg. 81—Romans 5:12-19*

#### GOSPEL

*Missal pgs. 81-82—Matthew 4:1-11*

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"Since By Man Came Death" (*G. F. Handel*)—Choir  
*Missal #636—"You Have Called Us"*

#### COMMUNION

"Turn Thy Face from My Sin" (*A. Sullivan*)—Choir  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #335—"Eat This Bread"*

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #409—"Christ before Us"*

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will be for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for Black and Indian Home Missions
- » Sunday, March 8, the second collection will be for the Easter Music and Liturgy.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).

## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage with the Charismatic Prayer Group. Sunday, April 19 - Reserve a Seat Early!

Bus departs 7 a.m. (sharp) from in front of our church for the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. **Cost: \$50/person.** Tickets are first come, first serve. Reserve your seat now, invite a friend along, and wear good walking shoes! For tickets or questions, call any one of these prayer group members:

Cely De Borja: 718-255-1654 or 347-743-2304

Cecile Mendoza: 347-453-4147

Virgie Punto: 917-770-0897; Marlyn Pagmanua: 347-791-4398





## Pastoral Letter from Bishop DiMarzio for Lent

Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” These words said on Ash Wednesday remind us of the inconvenient fact that each one of us someday will die. Lent is a time when we learn to die to ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, while at the same time preparing ourselves for our eventual death.

In these days, we are all concerned about the Corona Virus epidemic, which we pray will not become a pandemic. We find ourselves in a time when we must be very concerned for the health of nations throughout the world. During the beginning of an epidemic, unfortunately, we see people looking to blame others: perhaps a nation, for delaying information on the virus, or in this case anyone of Chinese heritage who in some way might be held responsible for the virus. As we begin this Lent, we must reflect on how we look upon our neighbors.

One story that perhaps might put into perspective how we can react to pandemics, which is a worldwide health crisis, may be relevant in today’s world. When I was a little boy of nine or ten years old, I noticed that each year a man would come to visit my maternal grandmother, Angelina, and bring her a small gift. One year I asked her, “Why does this man come to see you every year?” My grandmother told me the story of why he visited her each year. The pandemic of the Spanish Flu in 1918 to 1919 was a terrible time where 600,000 people died in the United States alone. Worldwide, the death toll was in the millions. In the tenements where my grandmother lived in Newark, New Jersey, a neighbor’s parents both died of the flu and left their only son orphaned. It was this orphaned son who came to visit my grandmother every year to thank her and remember that it was she who was the only person who would prepare the bodies of the flu victims for burial, most especially his own parents. I can only imagine her motivation for such heroic action.

In our own day and age, we must recognize that we are not to assess blame. Each year when we come to Lent, we recognize our sinfulness. We do not blame anyone else for our sins. We must take responsibility for our sins. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his message this year for Lent, tells us that the basis

of conversion is inserting ourselves into the Pascal Mystery, meaning that we follow the life and death of Jesus Christ. Jesus offered His life for each and every one of us. In a certain sense, we also must be willing to offer and sacrifice for others. This time of Lent, under these circumstances, gives us a great opportunity to do just that this year.

Pope Francis continues to mention the urgency of conversion. We can only change when we ask God for help. That is why prayer is so important during Lent. The Holy Father says, “Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us.” Prayer is our means of conversion and change. Pope Francis

reminds us, which is so appropriate for our situation today, “Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us.” God is constantly calling us back to Himself. We are reminded by the Holy Father, quoting Matthew 5:43-28: “For

God also loves His enemies.” How true it is that we must love our enemies as God loves us. We are not to make others enemies, but we are to find in them always friends.

Finally, the Holy Father’s Lenten message reminds us about almsgiving. He says, “Charitable giving makes us more human...” Yes, there may be a point at some time if this flu becomes a pandemic that we may need to offer charity. We know already the Holy See has sent material to China to help contain the virus.

As we put out into the deep this Lent, our work is one of prayer, fasting and abstaining from what we do not need, thus perhaps then giving back to others in almsgiving. This reminds us all that this world will pass away and that we will pass away also. But it is a wake-up call reminding us that we have a duty to support one another as the children of God, no matter where we are in the world.

Today we especially pray for all of the victims of the Corona Virus.



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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT at 7:30 P.M. with BENEDICTION

Pray the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Passion as told through a first-person meditation by Mary takes us deeper into Christ’s suffering for us. The congregation reads prayers and sings the Stabat Mater in between each station. Please join us this week.

**Taste of the World Participating Restaurants**

Tuscan Hills, La Vigna, La Dolce Italia, Portofino, Matiz, Jack & Nellie's, Rove, Cipollina Gourmet Italian Market, Starbucks, Rintin, Deasura, Buffalo Wild Wings, Keuka Kafe, Banter, Shake Shack, Dante's Pizza, Xin Taste Hand Pull Noodle, Spy C Cuisine, The Reef, Manor Oktoberfest, Alberto's, Guantanamera, Agra Palace Restaurant & Party Hall, Dani's Pizza, Compadre 77, La Boulangerie, DuBois Pastry Shoppe

**PLUS returning from the Lunar New Year event**

East Ocean Palace, Ren Wen Noodle Factory, Noodlefan Staten Island

**Raffle Prizes from**

Aigner Chocolates, dinerbar, Austin's Ale House, Foodtown, Woodhaven House, Nick's Bistro, Queens Bully, T.G.I. Fridays, Young Chefs Academy, Wine Room of Forest Hills, Angie's Market, Zum Stammtisch

**Taste of the World**



**OLQM International**

**Food Festival**

*Serving the world on a platter in McLaughlin Hall*

**Sunday, March 8, 2020 @ 2:30 - 5:00 PM**

**\$35 (buy a ticket after Mass and save \$5) | Children \$10**  
Admission includes samplings of foods & desserts from participating restaurants | Separate raffle tickets available to benefit our church at \$30/ticket (Grand Prize \$1500).

**Daylight Saving Time Weekend**

**Bereavement Support Is Available**

Our support group offers help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month, **7-9 p.m.**, in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming meetings are **March 2 & 16**. If attending for the first time, an RSVP is required. Call the rectory at 718-268-6251 or email Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at [ymizelle@gmail.com](mailto:ymizelle@gmail.com).

**Rite of Election for Our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens**

This weekend marks a milestone in the faith journey for those in our parish RCIA program as they publicly announce their intention to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and, as elect, prepare for the reception of the Sacraments with our parish family. Congratulations to them and their families.

**KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT**

**Weekly Collections**

	February 16	February 23
Candle Offerings	1,442.00	1,599.00
1st Collection	9,445.00	9,706.00
2nd Collection	3,043.00	4,133.00
	<i>(snow removal)</i>	<i>(church cleaning)</i>
Online Parish Giving	1,405.00	1,415.00
Mail In	350.00	350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,685.00</b>	<b>17,203.00</b>
Weekly Income Needs <sup>1</sup>	21,250.00	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,565.00)	(4,047.00)

<sup>1</sup> Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Weekly 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.

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EXTENDED DAY FROM 7AM TO 6:30PM  
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### REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 11, 2020 6:00 - 7:00PM

MARCH 3, 2020 6:00 - 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 7:30 - 8:30AM

MARCH 4, 2020 7:30 - 8:30AM

Contact us at  
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## Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for Honor Roll status earned at **St. Francis Preparatory School**.

**Marqus Mcintosh, Daniel Morales, Jolai Rodriguez, Esmeralda Vulaj**

## Tuition Assistance Available

Students in grades K–8 who are registered/enrolled in a Catholic school or academy may qualify; families must meet financial eligibility requirements. **APPLY ONLINE:** [www.FuturesinEducation.org](http://www.FuturesinEducation.org). \$35 non-refundable application fee. **DEADLINES:** March 31 for families who received an award last academic year; April 30 for new families. Call 866-441-4637 or email [info@factstuitionaid.com](mailto:info@factstuitionaid.com).

**IF YOU HAVE NEED ...** Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Team serves our Queens neighborhoods, providing supportive counseling in the privacy of your home. They can connect you to community-based home care and legal and mental health services. Call 718-456-7001.

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**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

In the coming weeks we will be asking you to respond generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA supports the daily work of our Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone, through these key programs: Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation. All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



**New York State Catholic Conference**  
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## Help Maintain the Ban on Surrogacy

Governor Andrew Cuomo has included language in his state budget proposal to repeal New York's ban on surrogate motherhood for profit. He is committed to undoing the ban, which was signed into law by his father, calling it "antiquated" and "based in fear." His budget language would enable the buying and selling of children and the exploitation of women for their eggs and their wombs. Please urge your elected officials to remove this language from the budget and to oppose any other legislation to legalize commercial surrogacy. Take action!

Go to [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/). Enter your name, email, and address. Select your diocese. Use the Compose Your Message form, which has a pre-written email to be delivered to your state senator and state assembly member. To complete, click Send Message.