

March 14, 2021- Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 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 (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 13

8 a.m. Vito Smeraldi

12:05 p.m. Manuel Seoane

5 p.m. Stuart Haver

Sunday, March 14

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, March 15

8 a.m. The D'Sa family

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Gagliardi family

Tuesday, March 16

8 a.m. Jose B. del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Doris Herrmann

Wednesday, March 17

Saint Patrick

8 a.m. Rosa Sheaffer

12:05 p.m. Angela Bertolotti

Thursday, March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8 a.m. Manuel Fernandez Martinez

12:05 p.m. Josephine Ballerini

Friday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. Msgr. Joseph Funaro and Msgr. Joseph McLaughlin

12:05 p.m. Intentions of St. Joseph Novena

Saturday, March 20

*7:30 a.m. Pro-Life Mass - God's Precious Infants

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Nenita F. Bernabe

*Note time change for the Saturday morning Mass. This Mass will be followed by Exposition and a prayerful procession to a nearby abortion clinic, returning to church for Benediction.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Geraldine Casserly, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, Mary Dillon, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Christina Gamble, Pat Gmerek, Anna Jimenez, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 14

Spring Forward!

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

3 p.m., church: Lenten Prayer Service

Today's Reflections by Deacon Greg Kandra. All Are Welcome!

Monday, March 15

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

7:30 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting

Tuesday, March 16

11:30 a.m., sacristy (Queens Blvd church entrance): Confessions

Wednesday, March 17

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, March 18

11:30 a.m., sacristy (Queens Blvd church entrance): Confessions

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m., church: Benediction

Friday, March 19

Conclusion of the Novena to St. Joseph

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

Saturday, March 20

1 p.m., Zoom: Single Adults Group

Wearin' of the Green meeting

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed weekly on our home page at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org.

Weekday Masses: Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

Remember Our Deceased

Chiu Chan
Rev. John J. Denniston
Jerry Dy

Panfilo Eng
Ordonez Montero, Sr.
Georgette Holland

Neil Schneider
Dennis Smith

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 from Catholic Social Teaching

Pope St. John Paul II on St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. (Matthew 1: 24)

REFLECT: “The Fathers of the Church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St. Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical Body, that is, the Church.... Together with Mary, Joseph is the first guardian of this divine mystery. Together with Mary, and in relation to Mary, he shares in this final phase of God’s self-revelation in Christ and he does so from the very beginning.... Joseph is the first to share in the faith of the Mother of God and that in doing so he supports his spouse in the faith of the divine annunciation....

“St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood, expressed concretely in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it; in having used the legal authority which was his over the Holy Family in order to make a total gift of self, of his life and work; in having turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of self, an oblation of his heart and all his abilities into love placed at the service of the Messiah growing up in his house.... It is thus fitting and most worthy of Joseph’s dignity that, in the same way that he once kept unceasing holy watch over the family of Nazareth, so now does he protect and defend with his heavenly patronage the Church of Christ.” (Redemptoris Custos)

ACT: March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph. Obtain an indulgence for the souls in purgatory by praying the Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary (<https://bit.ly/2Nwh6rH>). During this Year to St. Joseph one can obtain a plenary indulgence each day praying this prayer under the usual condition (see Pope Francis’s “gift of special indulgences” for this Year of St. Joseph, at <https://bit.ly/38FcPup>).

LEARN: Read Pope Francis’s apostolic letter on St. Joseph, *Patris Corde* (With a Father’s Heart), at <https://bit.ly/2XwzsL1>.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Spring Forward
Daylight saving time begins



Forward
Raffle drawing today - March 14
TASTE OF THE WORLD Sweepstakes!

Order of Mass Fourth Sunday in Lent Cycle B

ENTRANCE

“Yes, I Shall Rise”

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #433—“Amazing Grace”

COMMUNION

Missal #331—“Taste and See”

CLOSING HYMN

“These Forty Days of Lent”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. Livestream at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
at netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for church cleaning. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services.
- » Sunday, March 21, the second collection will be for Easter flowers.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our 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.

Pray | Fast | Give

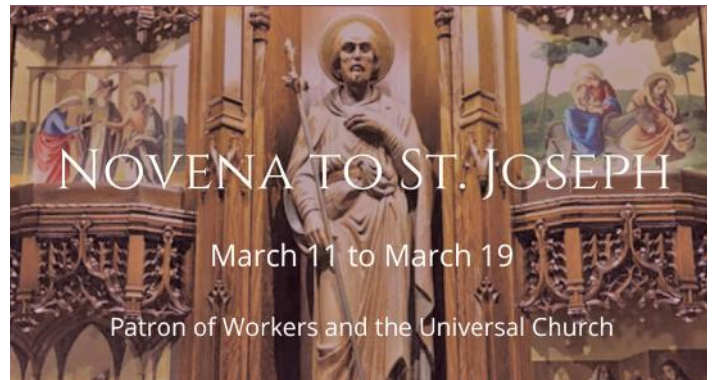
Today’s special collection is for **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. CRS assists people in need in more than 100 countries. Let us see Christ in the poor and vulnerable, and in our brothers and sisters seeking a better home for their families. Let us see them and respond with help. Thank you for your generosity, to the extent possible.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrkia@gmail.com OR call 718-268-6251, ext. *827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.



Novena Prayer

Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the heart of Jesus all the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now implore. (*Mention your petition.*)

Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you had for Jesus and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph assist us in our need. Amen.

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection. Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.

Single Adults Group News

Come join us for our *March Wearin' of the Green* meeting on Zoom—**Saturday, March 20 @ 1 p.m.** We will virtually celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's feast days. If you would like to participate, please e-mail dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or leave a message on the group hotline at 718-361-3201.



LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Lenten Programs at OLQM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

March 12, 19 & 26

7:30 pm - Watch video on our website

Mary's Way of the Cross

Reflections on the last moments of Jesus' life through the eyes of his mother

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Thursdays

After 12:05 pm Mass until Benediction at 7:30 pm

Use church ramp entrance only

LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14 @ 3 pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21 @ 3 pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/holy-week-and-easter-schedule

Bereavement Support at OLQM

Spring schedule: The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of the grieving process and point toward healing. Meetings are typically the first and third Mondays of the month and are being held virtually via Zoom until further notice. Meetings are scheduled for **March 15, April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17.** All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Please contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:30 P.M.

Pray the stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus.

Service will be live-streamed on our website.



Lenten

PRAYER SERVICES

SUNDAY MARCH 14

*with reflection by
Deacon Greg Kandra*

SUNDAY MARCH 21

*with reflection by
Joseph Terry*

Both services take place in Church at 3pm

Annual Catholic Appeal

Did you know ... across our diocese, Masses are regularly held in 33 different languages? The Annual Catholic Appeal helps to sustain **Catholic Migration Services (CMS)**, whose mission is to “welcome the stranger in our midst” by providing pastoral, educational, advocacy, and legal services to advance equality and social justice for a changing and diverse population.

This week we put on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal links to a series of video clips so that you can learn **in 40 seconds or less** about the impact of CMS and the other programs and services the Annual Catholic Appeal supports. Let us pray that the 2021 Appeal will be successful in allowing us to reach out in love to those in need and uniting us together in Christ as one Church. You can donate by going to catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal or texting ACA to 917-336-1255.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

I am the CHURCH
You are together
We are together

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT Weekly Collections

| | Mar 7 |
|---|------------------|
| Candle Offerings | 406.00 |
| 1st Collection | 5,762.00 |
| 2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>) | 1,388.07 |
| Academy Building Maintenance | 607.00 |
| <u>In Church Subtotal (629 attending)</u> | <u>8,163.07</u> |
| Lobby Box & Mail In | 2,190.00 |
| Catch-up Envelope | 4,405.00 |
| Parish Giving Online | 7,519.47 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>22,277.54</u> |
| Weekly Income Needs* | 21,250.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 1,027.54 |

*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. 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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Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Luna Arabella Bustos Aranda

daughter of Pamela and Charles Aranda

Valencia Jae Chung Gonzalez

daughter of Jae Yun and Prospero Gonzalez

Mia Lynne Cleary

daughter of Kristin and James Cleary

Chloe Rose Hidalgo

daughter of Rocio and Jose Hidalgo Jr.

Emma Grace Hidalgo

daughter of Rocio and Jose Hidalgo Jr.

Chloe Isabella Posada

daughter of Linda and Juan Posada

Kate Ivory Salva

daughter of Luz and Roberto Salva

Camila Fernanda Valladares

daughter of Maria Lopez and Jose Valladares

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Free Speech and Hearing Screenings

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center, located at 152-11 Union Turnpike (Flushing), is offering speech and hearing screenings AND hearing aid help, free of charge, **through May 4**. Call 718-990-6480 to make an appointment.

K-8 Tuition Assistance Available for School Year Beginning September

Financial aid is available for eligible students who are registered in a Catholic elementary academy or school. You must be able to demonstrate financial need (submitting proof of income; public assistance verification letter, if applicable; and report cards). Scholarships are awarded on a needs-basis considering household size and total annual income. To apply, go to www.futuresineducation.org. There is a nonrefundable \$35 application processing fee.

Deadline: April 30 for new families
Questions? Call 718-965-7340 or email scholarships@futuresineducation.org.

OLQM Catholic Academy (olqmca.org/admissions) currently has rolling enrollment as space allows for nursery and kindergarten to grade 8.



Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11 a.m. Discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7–8 p.m. Catholic bible study that draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

DioceseofBrooklyn.org/prayforme

This online prayer community is available to anyone. By praying for each other and the special intentions we share here, we join in a spiritual communion that strengthens us to continue living a Catholic life.

International Gift of Life Walk

Thursday, March 25 @ 9 a.m. Thomas Paine Park (Lafayette and Worth Streets), Manhattan. Bringing awareness to the gift of life in all of its stages, because we are made in the image and likeness of God. Register online at PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc.

Rachel's Helpers, Post-Abortion Ministry

If a past abortion is weighing on your heart and soul, Rachel's Helpers, a diocesan post-abortion ministry, invites you to participate in a confidential reconciliation program this Lent. Forgiven and Set Free is a 12-week, small-group Bible study experience. Sessions have already begun, but new participants are welcomed. For details, call 347-702-2352.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry (70-01 Kessel St.) is open Saturdays, 10–11 a.m. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. OLM always needs food to restock its shelves. If you would like to lend support, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or ddobbins@diobrook.org.

