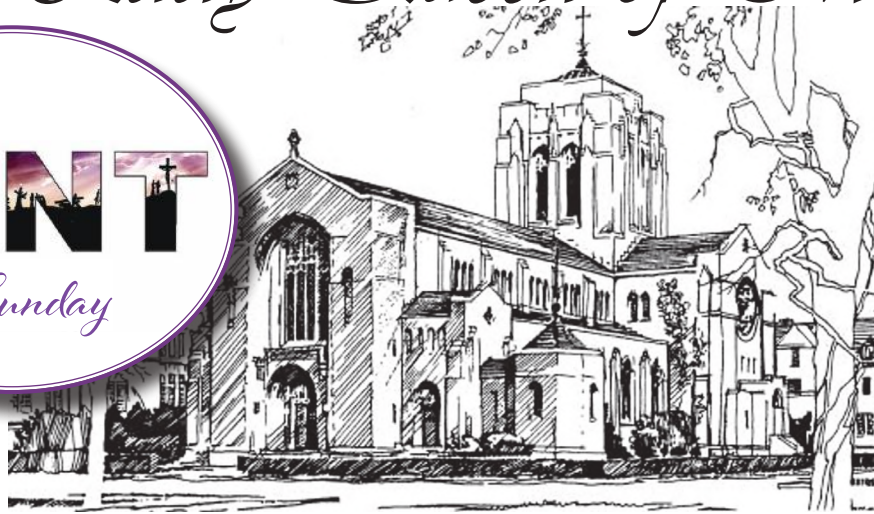


March 29, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

**LENT**

*5th Sunday*



**Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — PASTOR**

**Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — ADMINISTRATOR**

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## Watch Mass on Our Website

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

We have recorded videos of the daily and Sunday Mass on our website as a way to remain united around the celebration of the Mass



**WELCOME!**

Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information.

**GIVE NOW**

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online parish giving. Thank you.



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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

Private Masses will be offered by the priests for the intentions listed.

Saturday, March 28

Ismael Alicea  
James O'Connor  
Victor Maldonado

Sunday, March 29

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, March 30

Joan P. D'Arienzo  
Barbara and George Dean

Tuesday, March 31

Vistalia Garcia  
George Lалos

Wednesday, April 1

Rocio Ochoa [living]  
Manuela Miguel

Thursday, April 2

**Saint Francis of Paola**

John S. DeBiase  
Antoine Lakah

Friday, April 3

Souls in Purgatory  
Robert DeBlasio

Saturday, April 4

**Saint Isodore**

Souls in Purgatory  
Maria and Vincenzo Malizia  
John and Lorrie Mazur

## 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 Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Danielle D'Agostino, 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, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, March 29

**\*\* Church is closed until further notice \*\***

The Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens is asking all churches and church offices to remain closed for the safety of everyone during the COVID-19 emergency. While there is no public celebration of the Mass for the time being, the priests of OLQM are celebrating Mass each day privately for the scheduled intentions. Video recordings of the Masses will be posted on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/olqmchurch](http://www.facebook.com/olqmchurch).

Tuesday, March 31

**Confessions at 11:30 a.m. inside rectory door\***

Thursday, April 2

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

Saturday, April 4

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

\*Note: For parishioners wishing to come to confession, please enter the rectory *one at a time* and please practice *responsible social distancing*.

**\*\* CANCELLATIONS THIS WEEK \*\***

**No Devotions or  
Parish Group Activities/Meetings at this time**

**Faith and Autism with Fr. Matthew Schneider**

Father Schneider was originally scheduled to speak at our Catholic Academy and Sunday Masses in advance of World Autism Awareness Day (April 2). He will be videotaping his presentation and sharing that with us soon. Check our website for updates. Thank you.

## Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Martin F. Kirby  
Gary Lyttle  
Rev. John James Newell  
Helga Niedt  
Liliana Ortiz



Stephanie Peterson  
Ruth Sarmiento  
Rev. James H. Sweeney  
Chris Townley

**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 Moise, 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](mailto: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*

Only through an encounter with God are we able to see in the other something more than just another creature, to recognize the divine image in the other, thus truly coming to discover him or her and to mature in a love that “becomes concern and care for the other... I would like to remind everyone, especially governments engaged in boosting the world’s economic and social assets, that the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is . . . the human person in his or her integrity: Man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life. (Caritas in Veritate)

*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](mailto: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).

PLEASE READ THE MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE (p. 5)  
Sign up for easy, secure online parish giving at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

## Readings and Mass on TV Fifth Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING—Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption  
(Psalm 130)

SECOND READING—Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL—John 11:1-45

Video recordings of the Mass each day with our parish priests are being posted on our church website [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

TO WATCH SUNDAY MASS ON TV

Spectrum Channel 97

FIOS by Verizon Channel 48

Online at [netny.tv](http://netny.tv)

Saturday at 6 p.m.

Vigil prerecorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 a.m.

Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Prerecorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

### Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is an envelope for the Easter Flowers. Sunday, April 5, the second collection is our Easter gift to the church.

» 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).



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We encourage everyone to pray the Stations of the Cross in the privacy of your home this week. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones during these days of Lenten prayer! Visit [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery) for more photos from the Stations prayed in church on March 6, 2020.



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**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

**DID YOU KNOW?** OLQM came in third place in last year's Annual Catholic Appeal out of 112 parishes. We missed second place by just \$100! Let's make it our goal in 2020 to come in first.

Visit our website for directions on how to give online:  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal)

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports the important daily work of our Church in Brooklyn/Queens—work that no one parish can accomplish alone. ACA funds support these key programs:

- Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
- Catholic Charities; Hospital
- College & Prison Chaplains
- Diocesan Vocations Office
- Catholic Migration Services
- Office of Faith Formation
- Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy
- Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

PLUS, all donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. If possible at this time, please make a pledge at this time.

Thank you very much.

## Parish Activities Postponed for Now

As we are all dealing with the effects of the coronavirus on many levels and while social distancing has become our a new “norm” for now, we are suspending or postponing these activities and events. We will keep you informed of new information as it becomes available.

**Nursing Home Masses** (first Thursday of the month at Forest Hills Nursing Home, second Wednesday at Fairview Nursing Home, and third Thursday at Forest View) are suspended until further notice.

**Bereavement Support Group meetings** on the first and third Mondays of the month are canceled until further notice. If you have questions, email Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at [ymizelle@gmail.com](mailto:ymizelle@gmail.com).

**Divine Mercy Bus Pilgrimage** on April 19, with the Charismatic Prayer Group, is canceled.

**The OLQM Catholic Academy Spring Bash**, originally planned for April 25, is postponed.

**The Bible Study Group** of our parish is asking that everyone **pray a virtual rosary**. If you would like to join them or help them arrange a virtual rosary, please email us at [olqmcomm@aol.com](mailto:olqmcomm@aol.com) so that we put you in touch. Also watch our Facebook page for related announcements.

## Adult Confirmation

### Preparation: Registration

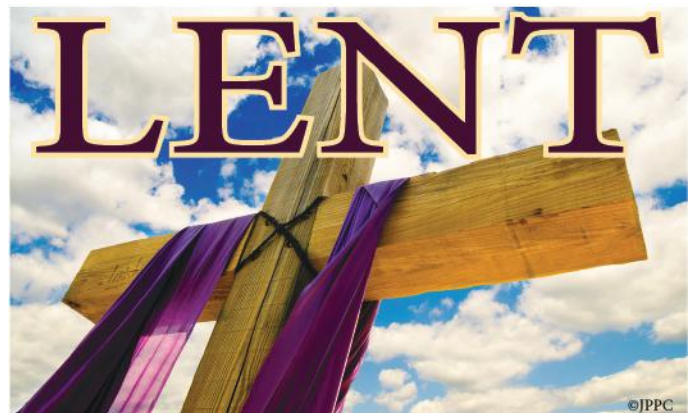
At this time classes are scheduled to begin after Easter. Classes are for adults age 18+ who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have interest in classes for Adult Confirmation, please contact our RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) department by email ([olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrcia@gmail.com)) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message; your call will be returned.



***“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”***

Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or email [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).



# A Word from the Parish Finance Committee

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

First, we hope that you are all safe, well and coping under the current circumstances. We miss seeing all of you, Bishop Sanchez, Fr. Passenant, Fr. Antonin and Msgr. Cunningham each week at Mass. Even though we cannot be present and together, our parish continues to have costs to operate.

We extend a sincere thank-you to those of you who have signed up at this time and before now for online giving. We take this opportunity to remind everyone that a great way to continue supporting our parish is to contribute through automatic deductions from your bank account or by charging it to your credit card. It is very easy to set up and you can stop and start it anytime, so when we all return to our usual Sunday Masses (our prayers answered!) and you want to use your envelopes again or put cash in the basket you can just turn off the online contributions.

You can set up an account online to donate on a weekly or monthly basis or make one-time donations without creating an account. Please include your envelope number if possible.

OLQM uses Parish Giving, a national online-giving website for parishes. You can go to our parish website at [www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) and look for the Parish Giving logo or you can scan the QR Code shown on this page with your phone to go right to the log-in page.

Parish Giving also has a smartphone app, which makes it even easier. We use it all the time for when we know we will be traveling (but not anytime soon, sadly).

Please remember your parish during these difficult times—even though we cannot attend Mass in person or even visit our beloved church to say a quiet prayer or light a candle. We must help to sustain OLQM so that it too is not a victim of COVID-19.

We know there are many who will be impacted financially by this difficult time, so we are not suggesting that it will be easy to maintain your usual giving. **We all give what we can** and sometimes we give in ways much more important than the “almighty dollar.” Even if you can’t maintain your giving, please keep praying for all of us and your parish family so that we all make it through this, even if all we have is our health.

Hopefully the parish doors will soon be swung wide open again for all of us to greet our parish family with a proper sharing of peace and the blessed Eucharist.

Sincere and heartfelt thank you,

Lorna Stark  
Chair of the Parish Finance Committee

David Lee  
Chair of the Stewardship Committee



Parish Giving  
Enroll Online

**KEEP UP YOUR  
INCREASED SUPPORT**

We extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who has signed up at this time (and previously) for **online Parish Giving**. We will resume reporting the Weekly and Special Collections in the future.

## Pastoral Concerns

Bishop DiMarzio has granted all the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens a **dispensation from the law of abstinence for the Fridays of Lent for this year**. This is being done to assist people who may have difficulties in shopping for food or other reasons, which would make this practice difficult at this time. Please keep the Fridays of Lent (and indeed all year) as days of penance and prayer and that this is needed now more than ever.

Spiritual counseling from the OLQM priests will be given over the phone only.

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## Bishop DiMarzio on Spiritual Communion

In the March 22 online edition of *The Tablet* ([thetablet.org](http://thetablet.org)), is statement by Bishop DiMarzio, who encourages spiritual communion during time of isolation. He says, "When it is not possible for us to go to Church, we can ask the Lord to come to our hearts and unite ourselves with the Lord. For many of us it is a great and new practice."

He encourages the faithful to do a personal penance in this time of isolation. "During this time of confinement," says Bishop DiMarzio, "we are not far from God's grace, not far from the Eucharist, and not far even from the forgiveness of our sins. Keep these things in mind as these days go on. Ask the Lord to come to you, to come to your heart, to bring you His Grace, to bring you His forgiveness."

## Holy Virgin of Guadalupe

In this time of anxiety and need, let us seek together the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

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Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## Catholic Charities Wants You to Know ...

They are available for assistance. The Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens Call Center number is 718-722-6001, Monday through Friday from 9AM to 6PM.

Information is available about **food pantries**—which are considered essential services—and about **mental health services**. The mental health centers have the capacity to offer counseling over the phone.

## Contact Us

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