

March 7, 2021- Third 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

**GIVE NOW**

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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 6

8 a.m. Roberto Llamas

12:05 p.m. Lillian Gracia

5 p.m. Henryk Gorny

Sunday, March 7

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, March 8

**Saint John of God**

8 a.m. Gisele Bertrand

12:05 p.m. Michael Doyne

Tuesday, March 9

**Saint Frances of Rome**

8 a.m. Elisa A. Fule and Robin Almendral

12:05 p.m. Lydia Galati

Wednesday, March 10

8 a.m. Maria Francisca Achacoso Gadioma

12:05 p.m. Jessica and Lucas Morales

Thursday, March 11

8 a.m. Emy Sequeira

12:05 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 12

8 a.m. Rick Lewallen

12:05 p.m. Nellie Vega

Saturday, March 13

8 a.m. Vito Smeraldi

12:05 p.m. Manuel Seoane

5 p.m. Stuart Haver

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, Mary Dillon, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Christina Gamble, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, 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 7

9 a.m. to noon, front of church, Ascan Avenue:

**Bring clothing donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Truck**

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

2:30 p.m., church: Baptisms

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Wednesday, March 10

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, March 11

**Start of St. Joseph Novena**

(continues daily through March 19)

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

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

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Friday, March 12

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



**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	Tracie McManus	Panfilo Eng
Rev. John J. Denniston	Rev. Paul Palmiotto	Ordenez Montero, Sr.
Deacon Anwar Iqbal	Neil Schneider	Jerry Dy

## 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

### Catholic Social Teaching on Giving Alms

*Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, so that God's face will not be turned away from you. (Tobit 4: 7)*

**REFLECT:** “The Church’s love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, by the poverty of Jesus and by his attention to the poor. This love concerns material poverty and also the numerous forms of cultural and religious poverty. The Church, since her origin and in spite of the failing of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere. Prompted by the Gospel injunction, ‘You have received without paying, give without pay’ (Mt 10:8), the Church teaches that one should assist one’s fellow man in his various needs and fills the human community with countless works of corporal and spiritual mercy. ‘Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God,’ even if the practice of charity is not limited to almsgiving but implies addressing the social and political dimensions of the problem of poverty.

“In her teaching the Church constantly returns to this relationship between charity and justice: When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice. The Council Fathers strongly recommended that this duty be fulfilled correctly, remembering that what is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity. Love for the poor is certainly ‘incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use.’” (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church)

**ACT:** Give to the poor. There are several opportunities for donating through church ministries, such as Catholic Relief Service (<https://bit.ly/35Z04bY>) and Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens (<https://bit.ly/39PyajR>).

**LEARN:** Read the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church on the Universal Destination of Goods (<https://bit.ly/39228BY>). Watch the USCCB video on almsgiving (<https://bit.ly/2KyV9Hv>).

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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

### SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST UPDATE

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed weekly on our home page at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

## Order of Mass Third Sunday in Lent Cycle B

### ENTRANCE

Missal #130—“Take Up Your Cross”

### FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

### GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

“Take Our Bread”

### COMMUNION

Missal #325—“I Am the Bread of Life”

### CLOSING HYMN

Missal # 701—“Lift High the Cross”

*Communion is distributed during exit*

### Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. Livestream at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for winter fuel.
- » Sunday, March 14, the second collection will be for church cleaning. There is also an envelope for Catholic Relief Services.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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

Many THANKS for bringing clothing donations this morning to the St. Vincent de Paul truck. Your generosity is appreciated, as always. You will have another opportunity to give when the St. Vincent de Paul truck again visits our parish on Sunday, June 20.

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

## 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](mailto:olqmrkia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

## Lenten Programs at OLQM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

March 5, 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

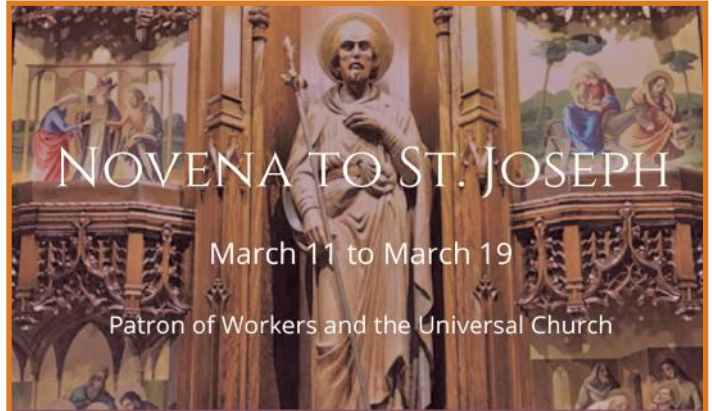
### LENTEN SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICES

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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/holy-week-and-easter-schedule)



Pope Francis announced a Year of Saint Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. We encourage all to pray a novena to St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th.

### Taken from the Litany of Saint Joseph

Joseph most chaste and just, Joseph obedient and loyal, Pattern of patience, Lover of poverty, Model of workers, Example to parents, Guardian of virgins, Pillar of family life, Comfort of the troubled, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of evil spirits, Protector of the Church, pray for us.

O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we who revere him as our protector on earth may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 2021 Taste of the World Sweepstakes

Please support our parish fundraiser

Even though it is not possible to have our early spring food festival this year, we are appealing to you to participate in a raffle to raise needed funds for the parish.

We have mailed to you a sheet of five raffle tickets, with a chance to win one of three cash prizes: \$1000, \$250, or \$100. Tickets are \$25 each; the full sheet of five chances is \$100. The drawing will be on Sunday, March 14, which would have been the usual day of the event. The proceeds will help offset the cost of further major repairs that are planned for summer 2021.

We know we will receive your cooperation, and we appreciate your enthusiasm in supporting this effort.

—Bishop Sanchez and Fr. Passenant

## Bereavement Support at OLQM

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. The next meeting is **March 15** beginning at **7:30 p.m.** Please contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at [ymizelle@gmail.com](mailto: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*

*(Set clocks ahead on March 14)*

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Every year near the start of the Lenten season, we kick-off the Annual Catholic Appeal in our diocese. We encourage all to watch the short video to learn about the faith of the Church at work in Brooklyn and Queens. You can find it online at: [catholicfoundationbq.org/ACAVideo](http://catholicfoundationbq.org/ACAVideo)

The work and services made possible through your donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. Let us pray that the 2021 Appeal will be successful in both allowing us to reach out in love to those in need and uniting us together in Christ as one Church. We hope you will join us in proclaiming the gospel of God by participating in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

You can donate by going to [catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://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

	Feb 28
Candle Offerings	737.00
1st Collection	4,788.00
2nd Collection (Easter liturgy & music)	1,732.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (579 attending)</u>	<u>7,257.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,240.00
Catch-up Envelope	2,302.00
Parish Giving Online	4,025.49
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>15,824.49</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,425.51)

\* 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.

**Special Collection: Black & Indian Missions (does not accrue to our parish)** 863.00

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.

### Contact Us

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#### ONLINE

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

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

OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

## 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.

## International Gift of Life Walk

**Thursday, March 25 @ 9 a.m. Thomas Paine Park (Lafayette and Worth Streets), Manhattan.** A pro-life walk to bring awareness to the gift of human being in all of its stages, because we are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Online registration at [PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc](http://PersonhoodEducationNY.com/international-gift-of-life-walk-nyc).

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## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:scholarships@futuresineducation.org).

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



## 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](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org).

## 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.

## 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.



If you'd like to sign up for an online gathering to pray with other Catholics, we have these recommendations:

## Online Retreats

### National Catholic Women's Conference (NCWC)

**March 12–14** | Learn how prayer enhances your vocation as a mother, spouse, professional, and friend. This virtual event is free, but you must register: [go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021Registration](http://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021Registration).

### Holy Trinity Catholic Church Retreats

Explore, encounter, and engage a 450-year-old tradition that is Ignatian spirituality. A weekly hour-long Zoom prayer session is available. Visit [trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality](http://trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality)

### Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Virtual zoom retreats on Saturdays. Suggested donation \$45. [www.trappist.net/virtual-zoom-retreats-2021](http://www.trappist.net/virtual-zoom-retreats-2021)

### Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

The 2021 retreat season theme is "Lord, it is good for us to be here." (Mt. 17:4). Upcoming online retreats scheduled for April and July; fee \$100. Visit [holynameretreatcenter.com](http://holynameretreatcenter.com)