

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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.

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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 our parish priests for the intentions listed.

Saturday, May 9

George Tharian
Marion Skarka

Chhaya Kulkarni [anniversary]

Sunday, May 10

For those enrolled in the
Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Monday, May 11

Robert Moise
Norine Garofalo

Tuesday, May 12

Saints Nereus and Achilleus

Saint Pancras

Bridget Sonntag
Peter and Vincent Genova

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Victor Paul D'Souza
Minnie Campione

Thursday, May 14

Saint Matthias

Timothy P. Guzman
Saluzinho Patrick Nazareth

Friday, May 15

Saint Isidore

Mark Cabanos, Jr.
David Kovach

Saturday, May 16

Jorel and John Ilawan [living]
Manuel De Jesus Rodriguez
Robert T. Marsh

Today's bulletin cover is courtesy Regina Faighes. If you have a new (or old) photo of the church to share, please email to olqmcomm@aol.com and we'll evaluate for possible use here in the bulletin or online.

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, Kathleen and Brian Gordon, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Paulina Guballa, Alexander Gutierrez, Philip Hassialis, 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

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

The Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens is asking churches and church offices to remain closed for the safety and well-being of everyone during the COVID-19 emergency. While there is no public celebration of the Mass for the time being, our priests are celebrating Mass each day privately for the scheduled intentions. You can watch our recorded Masses from your home or phone at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org, at www.facebook.com/olqmchurch, and the [parish YouTube channel](#).

Virtual Living Rosary

Pray a rosary with our priests and parishioners this week.
A prerecorded video is on our website.

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
See page 5 for information on how to join.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door*

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

Cancellations

At this time there are No Public Devotions.
Parish Group Activities/Meetings are suspended.

Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these. Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office: phone 718-827-2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Remember Our Deceased

Danton Charpentier	Dr Geronimo Magsino
Kevin del Rosario	Joanie Molina
Lumen Lourdes Javier Farres	Dr. Burton Wasserman
John Gorman	

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 Christian Hope

From the OLQM Social Action Committee

When we pray properly, we undergo a process of inner purification which opens us up to God and thus to our fellow human beings as well. In prayer we must learn what we can truly ask of God—what is worthy of God.... For prayer to develop this power of purification, it must, on the one hand, be something very personal, an encounter between my intimate self and God, the living God. On the other hand, it must be constantly guided and enlightened by the great prayers of the Church and of the saints, by liturgical prayer, in which the Lord teaches us again and again how to pray properly....

Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, in his book of spiritual exercises, tells us that during his life there were long periods when he was unable to pray and that he would hold fast to the texts of the Church's prayer: the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the prayers of the liturgy. Praying must always involve this intermingling of public and personal prayer. This is how we can speak to God and how God speaks to us. In this way we undergo those purifications by which we become open to God and are prepared for the service of our fellow human beings. We become capable of the great hope, and thus we become ministers of hope for others.

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 when we meet next. Future 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.

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.nycatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Readings and Mass Options

Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING—*Acts 6:1-7*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING—*1 Peter 2:4-9*

GOSPEL—*John 14:1-12*

Video recordings of the Mass each day with our parish priests are being posted on our church website

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

SUNDAY MASS ON NET TV

Spectrum Channel 97

FIOS by Verizon Channel 48

Tune in online at 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)

May is Mary's Month

In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary,
whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear.

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Major Repairs.
- » May 17, the second collection will be for Pastoral Care.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. For [online Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Fruits of the Mother's Day Mass intentions are for the living or deceased listed on the remembrance envelopes during the month of May. Envelopes are in your packet or the church lobby.

For All Motherly Figures in Our Lives, A Blessing!

Loving God, as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless all women, that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and
daughters, may honor them always with a
spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Pray for Us!

Catholic Migration Services CMS Helplines

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) has hotlines to answer questions about workplace health and safety concerns and your rights during the COVID-19 crisis—including information on what public benefits may be available to you if you were laid off or had your work hours reduced. CMS also continues to provide free immigration phone consultations if you have pending immigration cases or want to start an immigration case. If you have need in any of these areas, please contact Catholic Migration Services at the numbers below.

- Housing Assistance & Immigration Services: 347-472-3500
- Workers' Rights (Labor Hotline): 877-525-2267
- General Information: 347-472-3500

Catholic Charities Call Center is 718-722-6001

Monday through Friday from 9AM to 6PM. If you have need at this time, they can help you with information about food pantries—which are essential services—and mental health counseling over the phone.

Ways to Give

The vestibule of the church is open for private prayer (use doors on Ascan Avenue) You may leave prayer requests in the box set up there and we will remember in silence all your prayer intentions at Mass this week. There is also a place to deposit your offertory envelopes or cash donations. Our DipJar is set up as well to accept credit-card-only donations. We are very grateful for your continued generosity to provide for your parish.

We encourage you to use the [online Parish Giving](#) service as the safest way to make a recurring or one-time contribution. You can enroll from your phone using the QR code below, or visit our website. Telephone support is available for anyone using Parish Giving. If you have problems or questions about making online donations, please call this toll-free number: **866-307-7140**, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.



Parish Giving
Enroll Online

We humbly ask you to please keep up your increased support and continue your weekly contributions.

Adult Confirmation and RCIA

We want all who want to form a connection with our Church to feel welcome, even during this difficult time. If you have questions about classes for Adult Confirmation, contact RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults): Email olqmrkia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



Weekly Collections

We will publish collection income reports and comparisons every four weeks until our church returns to her normal activity. Thank you for keeping up your increased support by enrolling in online giving. Please visit the parish website for more information.

Prayer of Renewal of Our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. We renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us. In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who consoles with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who comes to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embraces all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary, our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Virtual Living Rosary at OLQM

Please join online to pray the Living Rosary with our parish staff and parishioners reciting the Hail Marys. Visit our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org and scroll below Today's Mass video.

Faith Sharing Groups Meet via Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Then Join Us

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10AM to 11AM
Discussing St. John's Gospel
To join please contact Noila Johnson:
noilas@hotmail.com

Tuesday Evenings: 6:30PM to 8PM
Through the Word (Bible Study)

To join please contact Joseph Terry:
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**GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND
STRENGTH, AN EVER PRESENT
HELP IN TROUBLE.**
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A new webisode of Pathways in Faith on Faith in Difficult Times
is viewable on our website.



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**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

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

Visit our website for instructions on
how to give online:
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 provide support for these specific 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

The Annual Catholic Appeal is different from a one-time special collection. It is a **pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments until December 31. All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Thank you very much for your consideration.

News from Queens Community House (QCH) Food Pantry

QCH has made some adjustments to the Forest Hills Food Pantry at the present time. In the past, a pantry was available to older adults three mornings a month along with the monthly evening pantry, which many volunteers—including several members of our parish—have been instrumental in making happen.

With the rising demand for food, the QCH morning pantry will now be **open to all local residents of any age every Thursday**. With this change, QCH is temporarily suspending the monthly Wednesday evening pantry and directing all those in need to the weekly morning pantry.

If interested in volunteering for the Thursday morning pantry—shift is 8AM to 11AM (approx) every Thursday at the Forest Hills Community Center, 108-25 62nd Drive—please call **347-356-5794**. Only those who are not part of what have been determined to be COVID-19 vulnerable populations (people over age 60 or with underlying health conditions) should consider volunteering at this time.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Additional Food Assistance City-wide

nyc.gov/GetFood has a map of grab-and-go food assistance sites in NYC and a map of food pantry location. You can also sign up for SNAP benefits and food delivery assistance. To find a meal hub location near you and their hours, you can also go to schools.nyc.gov or text "FOOD" or "COMIDA" to 877-877. Meal hubs at city schools do not require registration, identification, or documentation. No one will be turned away.