

May 11, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

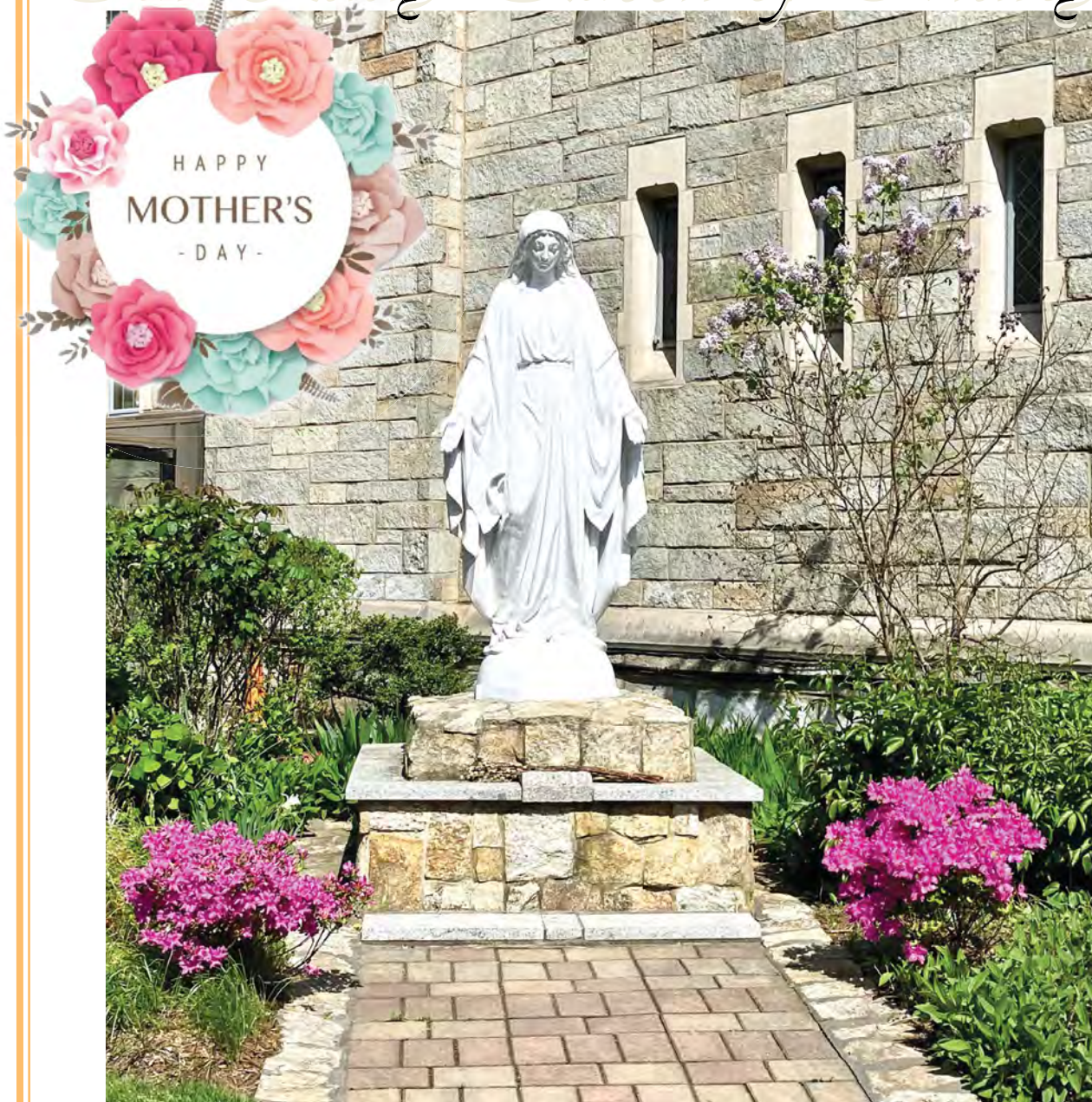


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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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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 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 10

Saint John of Avila

Saint Damien de Veuster

12:05 p.m. Audrey Ballerini

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Sunday, May 11

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 12

Saints Nereus and Achilleus

Saint Pancras

8:05 a.m. Debra Rodriguez

12:05 p.m. Angela Bertolotti

Tuesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

8:05 a.m. Elsie Narvas

12:05 p.m. John Eric II M. Ilawan [living]

Wednesday, May 14

Saint Matthias

8:05 a.m. Bonifacia P. Manalo

12:05 p.m. Janeth Bermudez

Thursday, May 15

Saint Isidore

8:05 a.m. Burke Gunnell

12:05 p.m. Bartholomew Bertolotti

Friday, May 16

8:05 a.m. Frances Capasso

12:05 p.m. Roy Kaufmann

Saturday, May 17

12:05 p.m. Lawrence Sanchez

5 p.m. Maria, Jackeline, and Rocio Vega

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 11

WE ♥ MOMS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

At all Masses: Special Blessing for All Mothers

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room: **Bible Study**
(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

Monday, May 12

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

church: **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, May 13

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7–8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship (see p. 6)

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 14

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, May 15

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: Benediction

Friday, May 16

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall : MAYO Meeting

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, May 17

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Remember Our Sick

Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rob Champion, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Babu Easow, Bruce Edwards, Ronda Esser, Jim Giffels, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Spyro Harisiadis, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Roger Mejia, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Teruko Secor, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Teresa Wong, Mariana Zapata—and **all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes**

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update the prayers for the sick. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

The Wine and Host

are offered in loving memory of

Norma Napoli

—requested by Gerry Napoli

Remember Our Deceased

Tessa Alfonso

John Chu

Luis Figueroa

Marcos Martinez, Sr.

Michael Rosellon

Lourden Taveras

Father Raymond Wadas



WELCOME! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information. 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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

On the Joyful Proclamation of the Gospel

Pope Francis's 2013 apostolic exhortation *"The Joy of the Gospel"* is our suggested spiritual reading for this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

Pope Francis told us to read Sacred Scripture in a reverential way: "The first step, after calling upon the Holy Spirit in prayer, is to give our entire attention to the biblical text... Whenever we attempt to understand the message of a particular text, we are practicing 'reverence for the truth.' This is the humility of heart which recognizes that . . . 'we are neither masters or owners [of the word], but its guardians, heralds and servants.'" (146)

On Spiritual Accompaniment

The Holy Father wrote: "One who accompanies others has to realize that each person's situation before God and their life in grace are mysteries which no one can fully know from without. The Gospel tells us to correct others and to help them grow on the basis of a recognition of the objective evil of their actions (cf. Mt 18:15), but without making judgments about their responsibility and culpability (cf. Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37).... Our personal experience of being accompanied and assisted . . . will teach us to be patient and compassionate with others, and to find the right way to gain their trust." (172)

The Spiritual Savor of Being a People

"Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length. Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery. . . . He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness. Whenever we do so . . . we experience what it is to be . . . part of a people." (170)

The Reflection of God's Glory

He goes on: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness.... If I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life.... We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!... No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted.... It may be that the Lord uses our sacrifices to shower blessings in another part of the world which we will never visit. The Holy Spirit works as he wills, when he wills and where he wills; we entrust ourselves without pretending to see striking results. We know only that our commitment is necessary." (273 and 279)

There are many other rich reflections in the exhortation. Pope Francis proposes Mary Our Mother as "Jesus' gift to his people." His prayer to Mary will be our reflection next week. You can find "The Joy of the Gospel" in its entirety on the Vatican website (Vatican.va).



Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #176—"The Day of Resurrection"

MASS PARTS: Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Cry Out with Joy" (J. Chepponis)—Choir
Missal #450—"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

COMMUNION

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" (J. H. Rogers)—Choir
Missal #191—"Be Joyful, Mary"—Leader of Song
Missal #369—"Shepherd of Souls"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #190—"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs.
- » May 18, the second collection will be for CCD and Religious Ed programs.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mass Book Opens on May 13

Mass intentions for 2026 will be taken starting on Tuesday, May 13. Visit the rectory during our regular office hours to arrange for Masses for our loved ones or in thanksgiving for a particular intention.

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

Celebration of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

Celebration of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date

Raffle Enthusiasts & Music Lovers

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Support the sung liturgies and concerts in our church by entering this twice-a-year sweepstakes!

Tickets are \$50 each. Only 100 tickets are being sold—great odds to win \$1,000.

More important, every ticket purchased is a true win for our parish and everyone who worships here!

To get your sweepstakes ticket, look for choir members in the church vestibule after Masses TODAY and the next two weekends (May 17/18 and 24/25). Cash and credit accepted. The drawing is May 25 after 1 p.m. Mass; no need to be present—we'll announce the winner in the bulletin. Thank you for your support.

Early Bulletin Deadlines for May: While our printer upgrades its digital press, our May bulletins will be produced early. Please submit news requests 10 full days before the Sunday publication date. Some news items may shift to the next issue.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

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LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	May 4
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,705.00
1st Collection	8,019.27
2nd Collection (fuel)	2,685.00
First Holy Communion (1st collect \$1340; 2nd: \$740)	2,080.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>14,489.00</u>
Online Giving	5,526.71
Mail In	2,192.00
TOTAL	22,207.71
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,292.29)

** Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Consider a Legacy Gift

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2025



Dressed in their finest, these children received First Communion on Saturday, May 3, during a 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Father Passenant, pastor, celebrated the Mass with Deacon Thomas Jorge, Director of Religious Education, assisting. The dedicated teachers who guided them at OLQM Catholic Academy are Ms. Monforte and Ms. Marrero; their Religious Ed instructors are Ms. Faya and Ms. Sakura. It is our sincere hope that the children recognize the profound gift they received through the Eucharist on this special day and cherish it always. In total, 46 children received First Holy Communion on Saturday, with two teens having previously received the sacrament on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Antonella Luisana Accetta
Jade Khaleesi Aleman
Nicolas Salvatore Barba
Gabrielle Barlaan
Emily Harper Barreto
Angelina Rose Barrientos
Ryan Jordan Bretsch *
Liam Brooks
Daniel Camargo
Joel Duncan Capili
Marcello Alberto Andrade Castillo
Ezio Sonic Cecilio
Eugene Choi
Juliet Custodio
John Diaz
Lillian Marie Dohnalek
Giovanna Cardoso Miliao Doocey

James Anthony Duggan
Carolina Eve Faya
Adelina Grasso
Amelia Teresa Hajrizaj
Arianna Gabriela Hajrizaj
Korra Lee Holden
Nico Hotinceanu
Aiden Alexander Huynh
Giulia Harper Ilardi
James Charles Kambourian
Allison Kim
Marcos Andres Klay
Everett Lam
Ian Lam
Tyler Lane
Benjamin Kai Leong
Eloise Lin

Katherine Lin
Jonathan Asher Mariano
Annelise Jordan Nieto
Juliette Rose Pascuzzi
Daniel Ramos
Camilla Jane Rivas
Arabella Marcellones Roxas
Kate Salva
Cooper Lynn Shillito
Eliana Tanzil
Brenden Tavarez
Santiago Torres-Ayon
Elinor Mariz Valenzuela*
Malaya Louise Yee

**received First Holy Communion
on April 27, 2025*

Urge Your NYS Senator to Reject Assisted Suicide

At the end of April, the NY State Assembly passed a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The Senate may vote next. Senate Bill 138 would let doctors prescribe lethal medication to end a patient's life.

Lawmakers need to hear from constituents to reject this dangerous practice. Assisted suicide endangers patients, caregivers, and vulnerable patients, especially the elderly and those with disabilities, and undermines the dignity of life. Suicide is not medical care.

The bishops of New York State encourage you to contact your NYS Senator and urge them to oppose this bill.

How? Visit www.NYSCatholic.org/action-center for tools to quickly locate the phone number for your State Senator or compose an email message. Please do so today.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Hailey Winter Porcino Fenwick

daughter of Daniela Porcino and Thomas Fenwick

Anthony Felipe Gonzalez

son of Stephanie Khan and Luis Felipe Gonzalez, Jr.

Lucas William Grady

son of Carolyn Milano and Christopher Brady

Logan Thomas Thorp

son of Lacey and Dillon Thorp

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Ensuring a Safe Environment for All

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement requires updated training for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions. If you are working with children in any capacity at our church, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete any outstanding training items. If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300, ext. 607.

Sponsorship Envelopes for the Altar Server Summer Trip are available in church

Have you returned yours yet? Help us thank our amazing altar servers for their dedication by supporting their summer trip to Great Adventure! Thank you for your generosity.

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. Meetings are held monthly, typically on the third or fourth Monday. They meet next on **May 19** and on **June 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. The group does not meet in July and August. If you have questions, please contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Have Your Pledged Yet?

Parish goal: \$110,076

Pledged to date: \$71,578

Paid to date: \$46,497

Donors to date: 150



The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. We have already raised over 65% of our goal in pledges, and 42% of our total goal has already been paid thanks to 150 donors. It's a positive sign. We could potentially meet or exceed our goal by end of summer. If you have not yet contributed to this diocesan campaign, help us keep the momentum going—every gift matters! Use the envelopes in church or give to the ACA online. You can find the link on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue).

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Gather weekly with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 to request meeting location.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Through the Word: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.