

May 12, 2024 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday–Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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



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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 11

8:05 a.m. Araci Cardoso De Araujo
12:05 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory
5 p.m. Jordan Kenna

Sunday, May 12

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

Monday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

8:05 a.m. Christine Bonkougou
12:05 p.m. John Eric II Ilawan [living]

Tuesday, May 14

Saint Matthias

8:05 a.m. Janet Bermudez
12:05 p.m. Burke Gunnell

Wednesday, May 15

Saint Isidore

8:05 a.m. Christine Bonkougou
12:05 p.m. Lawrence and Mitzi Kane

Thursday, May 16

8:05 a.m. Adelaida and Alfredo Cabuay
12:05 p.m. Grace and Benny Amato

Friday, May 17

8:05 a.m. Valentin Tassebeogo
12:05 p.m. Joan Maisch

Saturday, May 18

Saint John I

8:05 a.m. Deacon Lawrence Sanchez
12:05 p.m. Maria and Giuseppe DiCostanzo
5 p.m. Nelson S. Dorado

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Frances Cesarrano, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Domingo Galicia, Lionel Guello, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Maria Rodin, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Carmen Tarab, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—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 list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 12

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):*
Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, May 13

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses *church:*
Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. **Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study**
(new study topic begins; see p. 6)

Tuesday, May 14

9 a.m. *church:* **May Crowning with**
OLQM Catholic Academy 8th Grade Class

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

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

Wednesday, May 15

Religious Education

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

7–8:15 p.m. *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI*

7:45–9 p.m. **Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

Thursday, May 16

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**

Saturday, May 18

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 19

2 p.m. *church plaza:* **Living Rosary (rescheduled)**

4 p.m. *church:* **Confirmation Mass**



The Wine & Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Norma Napoli

—requested by Gerry Napoli

Remember Our Deceased

Rodolfo C. Bernabe
Grazzietta "Grace" Ferrante
Lydia Glut



Rosemary Kelly
Marco S. Martinez
Elena Paredes

**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, Gabriella Mattson, Justin Pabse, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections, and military personnel.**

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, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

The Pneumatological Vocation of Women: Part One

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said." (John 14:26)

REFLECT: "Again and again, one finds in Scripture," writes Catholic theologian Nina Heereman, vocabulary describing women "that is elsewhere reserved for the description of God.... In particular, women are described with attributes which one would otherwise use to describe the Holy Spirit." One might say, as we find echoed in the writings of Pope St. John Paul II and the early church fathers, that while men and women share an equal dignity and a common vocation to give themselves in love as a gift, that they do this in different ways: men are more Christological; women are more Pneumatological.

This is not to say that women have more of the graces of the Holy Spirit. That would be absurd; God loves all without limit. Rather, since God willed the diversity of sexes, we do well to understand this difference shows in God's plan for salvation. This is surprisingly Trinitarian. We believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are equally God; they are consubstantial. But as the catechism states (CCC 258), "While the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one in nature and operation, they still differ in the way they perform the common work of salvation according to their unique personal property."

In Genesis 2, God creates woman as a "helper" for man because of the profound loneliness he has been experiencing up to then. The word "helper" is significant; it is elsewhere used exclusively for God. The catechism puts this with shocking simplicity. "Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another.... The woman, 'flesh of his flesh,' his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a 'helpmate'; she thus represents God from whom comes our help" (CCC 1605). How women do this will be the content of our next reflection.

ACT: Ask for your mom's blessing this Mother's Day. She "represents God from whom comes our help."

LEARN: Read Heereman's book, *Athirst for the Spirit*. Watch her EWTN presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/4ffv5dcz>.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: To learn more about legislative issues that affect 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 NY State Catholic Conference. www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Order of Mass

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #543—"Laudate, Laudate Dominum"

MASS PARTS: Haugen and Schiavone

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:11-16

GOSPEL

John 17:11b-19

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J. S. Bach)—Choir

Missal #599—"Christ, Be Our Light"

COMMUNION

"The Heavens Are Declaring" (L. van Beethoven)—Choir

"Regina Caelia, Jubila" (M. Praetorius)—Leader of Song

Missal #439—"Be Not Afraid"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #734—"Hail, Redeemer, King Divine"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs.
- » May 19, the second collection is for CCD and Religious Ed programs; there is also an envelope for Catholic Communications.
- » 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.

NEW DATE: Our Living Rosary is rescheduled for Sunday, May 19, after the 1 p.m. Mass in the church plaza

Happy Mother's Day
We will ask for God's special blessing on all mothers and expectant mothers present at Masses today



First Holy Communion Joyfully Celebrated!

A week ago, these boys and girls celebrated their First Holy Communion with us. Sincere thanks to Deacon Thomas Jorge and Pat Abes of our Religious Education department and Principal Anne Zuschlag of the OLQM Catholic Academy for their work preparing the children. We also thank Holy Communion catechists Adrienne Faya, Sakura Nakamura, Sheila Smith-Gonzalez, Christine Monforte (Academy), Shereen Beydoun, Jacquelyn Cunniff; assistants Mr. and Mrs. Blackshear, Rosanna Baigorria, Sheila Doherty, Maria Aguirre; ushers Emilio Ozaeta and Terrence Jackson; and David Close and Paula Rocheleau for music. Father Passenant, Bishop Sanchez, and Father Antonin especially thank the students' parents and families for sharing the gift of the Catholic faith!

Congratulations!

To all the students, may your hearts be filled with a love for Jesus in the Eucharist always.

Eloise Abdel-Misih
Luca Acosta
Sophie Alfonso
Stephano Altamirano Salinas
Anthony Aquino
Mía Aramendiz
Axel Arouche
Samantha Bacalzo
Irsa Bahmaie
Benjamin Blackshear
Clara Bradshaw
Marleen Calderon-Marine
Isabella Carpio
Madison Charles
Gabriela Chavez
Roberto Chavez
Chloe Clarke
Isaac Colón

Dean Cruz
Ridley Cuva
Alan Czarnecki
Laura Czarnecki
Anthony DeLessio
Xiomara Espinoza
Isabella Fernandez
Elias Filpo, Jr.
Agustin Garcia
Bellamy Gladyshev
William Gschlecht
Stella Rose Huynh
Henry Hyatt
Sean Hynes
Daniel Izcara
Vanessa Joseph
Max Karwacki
Abaz Kupi

Jagger Lazaro
Ryder Lozada
Sydney Mangal
Aleni Mapoy
Paul Daniel Martucci
Franklin Monzon
Ethan Moronta
Nicole Muniz
Abigail Munoz
Nathalia Narayan
Nathan Narayan
Anabella Nika
Charlotte Nika
Jaylee Perez
Nora Perrouault
Satoshi Reames
Hugo Renaud
Sebastian Rodriguez-Vargas

Lorealy Schaper
Alexis Yeji Schober
Maddie Son
Jaderiane Rose Sotto
Victoria Tecidor
Caroline Treanor
Laurel Winters
Jessie Yax
Hunter You
Olivia Marie Zabala
Kristopher Ziemski



Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Camilio Cruz

son of Carissa and Christopher Cruz

Luke Bennett Delbrey

son of Blesslynne and Steven Delbrey

Gabriel Raul English

son of Kristen Ramos and Jon English

Jax Francho Espanol-Rudolph

son of Nadine Rudolph and Jorge Espanol

Frank Frederick Morales

son of Elizabeth Espinal and Frank Morales Jr.

Margaret Elizabeth Morrill

daughter of Catriona Schlosser and Mark Morrill

Daniel Brian O'Grady

son of Valerie and Adam O'Grady

Noelle Capri Rizzo

daughter of Leah and Anthony Rizzo

Cooper Lynn Shillito

daughter of Jessica and Nils Shillito

Kaitlyn MacKenzie Zuniga

daughter of Jessica Zimmel and Norman Zuniga

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Raffle Enthusiasts & Music Lovers!

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Choir members are selling sweepstakes tickets after Masses today and again on May 18–19 & 25–26 weekends. By purchasing a sweepstakes ticket, you will be supporting our choir's mission of enriching our Masses and liturgies all year round with spiritually uplifting music. **Tickets are \$50 each.** Your generous contribution also offers you the **chance to win \$1,000.** With only 100 tickets being sold, your odds are remarkably good.

To make participation more convenient, we are accepting credit card payments!

The drawing will be on Sunday, May 26 after the 1 p.m. Mass. You don't have to be present at the drawing to win. We will announce the winner in the bulletin. Say hello to a choir member, and please purchase a sweepstakes ticket today!

Thank you from the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.



"And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are."

JOHN 17:11

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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 5
Candle Offerings	\$1,639.00
1st Collection	7,954.05
2nd Collection (<i>fuel</i>)	2,017.05
First Holy Communion	1,840.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>13,450.10</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,072.66
Mail In	1,702.00
TOTAL	20,224.76
Weekly Income Needed*	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,275.24)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. 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.

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 Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Acts of the Apostles: New Study Topic for Monday Night Bible Study on Zoom

As we approach Pentecost, the event associated with the birth of the Catholic Church, the Monday evening “Through the Word” bible study program begins a new study, delving into the Acts of the Apostles. Starting on May 13 at 7 p.m., we’ll explore the Holy Spirit’s transformative power in inspiring faith and guiding the apostles in their courageous missions, and discover the foundational moments that shaped the early Church and continue to influence believers today. For newcomers joining this study for the first time, contact our instructor, Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link.

Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet monthly, on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Upcoming meetings are May 20 and June 17. For questions or additional information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. Current study: Acts of the Apostles. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Have you given to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal?

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the diocesan appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Take a pledge card (near the church doors) or scan this code with your phone to donate online. Be sure to select OLQM as your parish when giving online.



God bless you for your generous giving



Prayer Focus

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving creator, you called upon your servant Mary to bring your Son into the world. We give thanks for her, and for all mothers who bear witness to your love. Their generosity and strength have blessed generations.

Please bless our mothers. Ease their worry for the families you entrust to them, guide them in times of doubt, and hold them close when they are overwhelmed by both joy and sorrow.

May they know our deep gratitude for giving us life and love. In union with Mary, we ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

RCIA at OLQM

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.