

May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Giotto's Ascension, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy, ca. 1300

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Watch Mass on Our Website

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 16

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

Sunday, May 17

For those enrolled in the May
Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Monday, May 18

Saint John I

Dcn. Lawrence Sanchez
Miguel Angel Garcia

Tuesday, May 19

Jorel and John Ilawan [living]
Yan Eng

Wednesday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena

Lewis Clifton Weldon
Catherine Baker [anniversary]
Marie England

Thursday, May 21

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Friday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

Vincente Miranda
John Massimiano

Saturday, May 23

Sandra Fontana
Ingrid Zaiden
Richard Mohr

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, 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, Juan Sanchez, 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.

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. & Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

See page 3 for information on how to join.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY
(HOLY DAY, NO OBLIGATION)**

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.

Fellowship and Community

Watch the next webisode in our "Pathways to Faith" series on "Fellowship and Community," produced by our volunteer Parish Video Committee. To view the short video, go to ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org.

Remember Our Deceased

Gladys Califano

Lumen Lourdes Javier Farres

Anthony Frankel

Edna Freiman

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 Tessler-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

If “purgatory” is simply purification through fire in the encounter with the Lord, Judge and Savior, how can a third person intervene, even if he or she is particularly close to the other? When we ask such a question, we should recall that no man is an island, entire of itself. Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse. So, my prayer for another is not something extraneous to that person, something external, not even after death.

In the interconnectedness of Being, my gratitude to the other—my prayer for him—can play a small part in his purification. And for that there is no need to convert earthly time into God's time: in the communion of souls simple terrestrial time is superseded. It is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it ever in vain. In this way we further clarify an important element of the Christian concept of hope. Our hope is always essentially also hope for others; only thus is it truly hope for me too. (Spe Salvi).

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

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » May 24, the second collection will be for Catholic Communications. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building.
- » 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.

Readings and Mass Options

Sixth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING— *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING— *1 Peter 3:15-18*

GOSPEL— *John 14:15-21*

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)

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:
josephterry@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET YOUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER

Call or email your fellow parishioners, especially the vulnerable!

Please send in your envelopes or make an online donation!

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.

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.

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 olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for their commendable academic performance.

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Honor Roll Status: **Madelena Browne, Gabriel Joseph, Marqus Mcintosh, Daniel Morales, David Nasser, Nathaly Perez-Maldonado, Jolai Rodriguez, Esmeralda Vulaj, Aidan Youngman**

Immigration Information and Other Help from CMS

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) is supported by our donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal. At an online Immigration Town Hall on May 7, CMS staff explained the services they offer in three areas: immigration issues, tenants’ rights, and workers’ rights.

1. Individuals with questions about their naturalization process and those at risk of deportation are encouraged to call the CMS office at 718-236-3000. Anyone needing information about their immigrant rights should visit the CMS website at catholicmigration.org. Immigrants with a valid Social Security number who have paid their taxes are **eligible for the stimulus check** that is part of the CARES Act, the new legislation passed to provide COVID-19 relief.
2. For helpful tenants’ rights information, visit the website JustFix.nyc or call the CMS office at 347-472-3500. ext 1019, and speak with Stefanie.
3. CMS has a workers’ rights hotline at 1-877-525-2267 to help with questions about wage theft, furloughs, lost jobs, and wage complaints. New legislation has increased unemployment benefits for workers who have a valid work authorization. If concerned about sick leave, especially if connected to COVID-19, you are encouraged to call the hotline.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



For information about the 2020–2021 academic year at OLQM Catholic Academy (nursery through K-7), visit the academy website: www.OLQMCA.org.

Ways to Give

The vestibule of the church is open for private prayer (use doors on Ascan Avenue). If entering, please practice social distancing and wear a mask. 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 and our DipJar is set up to accept credit-card-only donations. We encourage you to use the [online Parish Giving](#) service as the safest way to make a contribution. You can enroll from your phone using the QR code below, or visit our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. Telephone support is available for anyone using Parish Giving to make an online donation (one-time or recurring donation). Please call this toll-free number: **866-307-7140**, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.



Use Smartphone



Parish Giving

Enroll Online



Dip to Donate

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

May is Mary's Month

Pray a Rosary. Light a Candle

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

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Visit our parish website and celebrate the

Mass,
with our parish community!

A Memorable Living Rosary

Thank you to Pastoral Care Director Dennis Portelli for coordinating our May 10 (Mother's Day) Living Rosary videos, our participating parishioners, and Father Antonin for his expert video editing. Thank you as well to the students of OLQM Catholic Academy for participating in the virtual May Crowning. These religious traditions continue in new ways in this time of pandemic.

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.

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RCIA Office:
718-268-6251, ext. 27

OLQM Charity Outreach:
718-268-6251, ext. 43

ONLINE

Website:
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:
[@OLQMChurch](#)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Prayerful Resources During Quarantine

Various Catholic publishers have made their content freely available to support prayer at home.

- Give Us This Day (giveusthisday.org)
- Magnificat (us.magnificat.net)
- Living with Christ (www.livingwithchrist.us)
- The Word Among Us (wau.org)
- 3-Minute Retreats (www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer)

The Mass at OLQM is video-recorded daily and posted on our website and Facebook page. We are grateful for your virtual attendance. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recommends these additional Mass resources:

- Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Morning Masses (search YouTube)
- Catholic TV Mass (www.watchthemass.com)
- EWTN Daily Mass (www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (www.nationalshrine.org/mass/)
- Catholic Faith Network Masses (www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses)
- Relevant Radio Daily Live Mass (relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video)



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Rx for Body and Spirit

For Your Body	For Your Spirit
Wash your hands often.	Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
Avoid close contact with other people.	Pray the Rosary.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.	Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.
Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).	Take time for family prayer.
Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.	Practice Lectio Divina.
	Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

DIocese of Brooklyn/Queens

DID YOU KNOW? OLQM 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 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 ACA 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.