

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Photo courtesy Denise DeMaria

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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
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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

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



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information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
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 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena

8 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Halina Daniszewski

5 p.m. Nicolae Scurtu

Sunday, May 21

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

8 a.m. Peter J. O'Brien

12:05 p.m. Roman Celmer

Tuesday, May 23

8 a.m. Crispin Que Macam

12:05 p.m. Leon, Lionel, and Vertulia Lubin

Wednesday, May 24

8 a.m. Walter D'sa

12:05 p.m. Fermin Manald, Jr. [living]

Thursday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable

Saint Gregory VII

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Muñoz and Vargas families

12:05 p.m. Clarence W. Nassauer

Friday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri

8 a.m. Nelson Dominguez

12:05 p.m. Gilbert Muñoz

Saturday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

8 a.m. Jorel M. Ilawan [living]

12:05 p.m. Yee Kwan Wong

5 p.m. Debora Vargas

Remember Our Sick

Marylou Bagasan, Adolfo Baquero, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Luigi Cotumaccio, Tracy Cuva, Cesar DeLeon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Catherine Egan, Robert Engel, Annette Fridas, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Liza Gjinaj, Kathy Halston, Mary Hughes, Ana Inzirelli, Terrence Jackson, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Jean Leonard, James Leung, Martha Padilla, Richard Perl, Louis Petulo, Aracelis Phansaitong, Alicia Revutin, William Rocheleau, Victoria Ruiz, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Robert Sorsaia, Sam Stafford, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after four (4) months, unless our office is notified.

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 21

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, May 22

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

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

Wednesday, May 24

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 25

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 27

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

4 p.m. Confirmation Mass



The cover photo was submitted by Denise De Maria. The statue of the Blessed Mother was presented with spring's first flowers and crowned with a small wreath of blossoms during the May Crowning ceremony on May 8.

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Msgr. George T. Deas

John Larkin

John Franklyn Metters

Charles Passenant

Claire Zephirin

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.**

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

Third Marian Dogma: Mary's Perpetual Virginity — *Aeiparthenos*

"A Virgin conceiving, a Virgin bearing, a Virgin pregnant, a Virgin bringing forth, a Virgin perpetual. Why do you wonder at this, O man?" (St. Augustine)

REFLECT: The dogma of Mary's perpetual virginity means that "Mary "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin." (Catechism)

Pope St John Paul II adds: "The singular presence of grace in Mary's life leads to the conclusion that the young girl was committed to virginity. Filled with the Lord's exceptional gifts from the beginning of her life, she was oriented to a total gift of self—body and soul—to God, in the offering of herself as a virgin.... Mary dedicated her virginity to God when she did not yet know whom she would conceive, so that the imitation of heavenly life in the earthly, mortal body would come through a vow, not a precept, through a choice of love, not through the need to serve....

"The Angel does not ask Mary to remain a virgin; it is Mary who freely reveals her intention of virginity.... By choosing the life of virginity, the young girl of Nazareth was responding to an interior call, that is, to an inspiration of the Holy Spirit that enlightened her about the meaning and value of the virginal gift of herself....

"At the time of the Annunciation, Mary had the status of one betrothed. We can wonder why she would accept betrothal, since she had the intention of remaining a virgin forever.... It may be presumed that at the time of their betrothal, there was an understanding between Joseph and Mary about the plan to live as a virgin." In other words, Joseph agreed to love, support, and protect Mary, and respect her vow of virginity out of love for Mary and out of love for God. That is why we should love St Joseph so much!

ACT: Pray for heretical Catholics who dishonor Mary and refuse to adhere to the Marian dogmas with the obedience of faith.

LEARN: Mary as *Aeiparthenos* (Greek) means "ever virgin." Read *Mary in the Catechesis of John Paul II*, available at your Catholic bookstore. Watch Dr. Sri's YouTube presentation on Mary's Perpetual Virginity, at <https://bit.ly/41mkPbR>.

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 A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #545—"Laudate, Laudate Dominum"

MASS PARTS: Haugen/Schiavone

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I believe that I shall see the good things of
the Lord in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:13-16

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J. S. Bach)—Choir
Missal #601—"Christ, Be Our Light"*

COMMUNION

*"The Heavens Are Declaring" (J. van Beethoven)—Choir
"Regina Caelia, Jubila" (M. Praetorius)—Leader of Song (solo)
Missal #438—"Be Not Afraid"*

CLOSING HYMN

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

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the annual Catholic Communication Campaign (how the Good News gets around!).
- » On May 28, the second collection is for the maintenance of the building housing the OLQM Catholic Academy. There is also an envelope for Pastoral Care.
- » 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.
- » Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or sign up for online Parish Giving.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Visit the rectory to make your Mass intention arrangements. Consider also the possibility of honoring a deceased loved one with a donation of the Wine and Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp, or Altar Flowers. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin.



First Holy Communion - Class of 2023

We congratulate all the children of our First Holy Communion class who celebrated their special day on Saturday, May 6. May God's blessings be with them, and may they draw closer to the Divine Presence within them. We extend our gratitude as well to the children's families and the Religious Education instructors of our parish and OLQM Catholic Academy for their wonderful support in making this day possible.

Congratulations!

Michael Abbruzzese
Ethan Adams
Jayden Aleman
Grey Angelson
Cooper Aquart
Kathleen Banach
Emily Barrientos
Olivia Caceres
Alexandra Camacho
Victoria Castillo
Emanuel Cheikh
Anais Conde
Jean Sebastien Conde
Ariella Copiaco
Grant Czyzewski
Riordan Delgado
Adam Diab
Alia Diab

Marley Diaz
Maia Eguren
Valentina Fernandez
Georgina Finn
Michael Finn
Ethan Fishman
Trey Flannery
Olivia Gaweda
Olympia Gaweda
Agim Gega
Saffiya Girao
Jason Gonzalez
Carsen Gregorio
Samantha Rose Ilardi
Antonio Izcara
Zaria Joaquin
Claire Kambourian
Ben Karwacki

Adrian Klay
Penelope Koda
Antonina Koszulinski
Cassandra Lugo
Anthony Marin
Christian Martinez
Maryann McGovern
Jaden Napp
Alexander Nazem-Bannon
Benjamin Nazem-Bannon
Dylan Ortega Campos
Leannie Platero
Stephanie Rakus
Jeremy Reciniello
Asher Rogers
Jacob Sanchez
Sophia Santana
Khloe St-Cyr

Adrian Surita
Dylan Tambini
Michelle Trujillo
Alex Valuev
Veronica Valuev
Bianca Vildoso
Shiloh Wanyama
Olivia Ziolkowski



SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY SWEEPSTAKES

(weekend 2)

Attention raffle enthusiasts and music lovers! Say “hi” to a choir member today and don’t miss your chance to get a sweepstakes ticket. Choir members are selling tickets after Sunday Masses this weekend and next (May 27/28). By purchasing a ticket, not only will you be supporting our cause of presenting spiritually uplifting church music, but you also get a chance to win a cash prize. Only 100 tickets are being sold, so your odds of winning are fantastic.

**Tickets are \$50 each.
Winner receives \$1,000.**

Drawing will be Sunday, May 28 after the 1 p.m. Mass. You don’t need to be present at the drawing to win; the bulletin will announce the winner.

Many thanks for your support!



—Weekly Collections—

	May 7
Candle Offerings	\$1,450.00
1st Collection	6,510.00
2nd Collection (CCD & Religious Ed)	2,170.00
<i>Subtotal - In Church</i>	<u>10,130.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,797.11
Mail In	2,171.00
First Holy Communion (5/6)	1,850.00
TOTAL	19,948.11
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,201.89)

* 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.

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Gianna Nina Benvenuto
daughter of Adriana and Matthew Benvenuto

Nicolas Fajardo
son of Nicollatte Wolinsky and Alex Fajardo

Alias Deen Antenor Ford
son of Josephine Wood and Malik Ford

Sienna Rose Harris
daughter of Alisha Gravino and Thomas Harris

Hannah Lily Mangal
daughter of Shery Jacob and Daynesh Mangal

GianCarlo Antonio Piazza Santos
son of Jeanelle Ruiz and Christopher Piazza Santos

Blake Francoise Laurent Godard
daughter of Chase and Gautier Godard

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Our Altar Servers Are Counting on Your Support!

To thank them for their dedication to our parish, we are taking them to Six Flags Great Adventure. You can thank them, too, by making a financial contribution toward their trip. There are *OLQM Altar Server Sponsorship envelopes* near the church doors that you can use.



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YouTube (Sunday livestream):
www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:15AM & available in its entirety on demand. Use “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. 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.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish are cited by their high schools for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's List: **Matthew Fernandez**

Second Honors: **Peter Anderson**

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Honor Roll: **Addison Hamilton**

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Honor Roll: **Dominic John, Marqus Mcintosh, Angela Morales, Isaiah Sharpe, Esmeralda Vulaj, Brooke Welz**

Summer Program for Young Men

Father Edward Troike Leadership Program, July 5–28 at Cathedral Prep (56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst). For 6th and 7th graders to sharpen their academic skills and develop leadership potential. Academic study in the mornings, including TACHs prep for those entering 8th grade in September; athletics and recreation in the afternoons. Cost: \$500. Contact Fr. Kuroly at 718-592-6800 or cpadmissions@cathedralprep.org.

Community News

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center (152-11 Union Tpk, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a screening with a hearing specialist. Free service will be offered from May 31 to July 27. Free hearing aid help will also be available.

BOOKING NOW! May 20–31, 2024, Holy Land Pilgrimage with Deacon Greg Kandra. Cost: \$4,895. For details, visit SelectInternationalTours.com or call 1-908-237-9262 (request Tour Code: 24RS05HLGK).

Bereavement Support Group

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 once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. The next meeting is **June 26 at 7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the bereavement group facilitator, Mike Acquilano, at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom



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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic: St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The Monday evening group is engaged in a year-long study of the Sunday Reading Reflections. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. The charismatic group holds weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the **Annual Catholic Appeal** and the good work being done by the ministries of the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge, payable through December 31.

Ways to Donate: Scan the QR code above; complete a pledge envelope (located at the church entrance); pledge online at www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org (be sure to select OLQM as your parish); text DONATE to 917-336-1255. God bless you for your generosity!