

May 24, 2020 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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## Watch Mass on Our Website

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://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.

**GIVE NOW**

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 23

Sandra Fontana  
Ingrid Zaiden  
Richard Mohr

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25

**Saint Bede the Venerable**  
**Saint Gregory**  
**Saint Mary Magdelene de Pazzi**  
Anthony DeCiccio  
John and Frances DeBiase

Tuesday, May 26

**Saint Philip Neri**  
Gilbert Munoz  
Vincenzo and Maria Malizia

Wednesday, May 27

**Saint Augustine of Canterbury**  
Debora Vargas  
Clarence (Larry) Nassauer

Thursday, May 28

Dr. Helmy Giacomani  
John Bonavita

Friday, May 29

Gladys Carrion  
Saverio Cerminaro

Saturday, May 29

Margaret T. Philomeno O'Brien  
Lynn Mazur Stauffer  
Felice Pacchiano

If you have a new (or old) photo of the church to share, please email to [olqmcomm@aol.com](mailto: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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org), at [www.facebook.com/olqchurch](https://www.facebook.com/olqchurch), and the parish YouTube channel.

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED THIS WEEK

Remembering the men and women who died in all wars

#### 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 on of our prayer groups.

#### 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.

### The Paschal Candle

has been donated in memory of

**Celina Cavalier**

—requested by her niece Jusette Meaney

## Remember Our Deceased

Norma Beswick

Gladys Califano

Lumen Lourdes Javier Farres

Anthony Frankel

Mary Ann Freeman

Edna Freiman

Gonzalo Garcia

Stuart Haver

### 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection

### Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Ascension

*From the OLQM Social Action Committee*

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. . . .

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. . . . Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

*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](mailto: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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee).*

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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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

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### Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Catholic Communications. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building.
- » May 31, the second collection will be for Parish Youth programs.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING—*Acts 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 17:1-11*

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

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

#### SUNDAY MASS ON NET TV

Spectrum Channel 97

FIOS by Verizon Channel 48

Tune in online at [netny.tv](http://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](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com)

Tuesday Evenings: 6:30PM to 8PM

*Through the Word* (Bible Study)

To join please contact Joseph Terry:  
[josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)

## Vote in the June 23 Primaries

New York holds its primary elections on June 23. There are primaries for president, Congress, state Senate, state Assembly, and on the local level, a new Queens borough president. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

The state has begun sending out ballot applications to every registered voter and is encouraging people to vote using the mail-in ballots. If you have not received information in the mail, you can apply for a ballot online at the Board of Elections site: [NYCAbsentee.com](http://NYCAbsentee.com). If you don't have the internet you can call 1-866-VOTE-NYC.

In-person voting will still be possible, including early voting from June 13-21. To do an address lookup for your polling site options and to read what's on the ballot go to: [vote.nyc/page/understanding-ballot](http://vote.nyc/page/understanding-ballot).

### Forest Hills Food Pantry News

Queens Community House (QCH) has reopened the Forest Hills pantry to donations of nonperishable canned, bagged, or boxed foods from individuals or organizations. **Bring all donations to QCH, 108-25 62nd Drive, Forest Hills** (side entrance next to the outdoor benches and tables). Wednesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. (DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD TO THE CHURCH.)

### 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) by email ([olqmrca@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrca@gmail.com)) or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.



**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](http://www.OLQMCA.org).

**Prayer for Memorial Day**



God of power and mercy,  
 you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
 Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
 that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.  
 Keep in your mercy those men and women  
 who have died in the cause of freedom  
 and bring them safely  
 into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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## Immigration Information and Other Help from CMS

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) is supported by our donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal and offer services 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](http://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](http://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.

# Ways to Give

**NEW RECTORY MAILBOX:** We have installed a mailbox to the left of the front door of the rectory where you may leave your church donations. In the vestibule of the church we also have set up a donation box and our DipJar for credit cards donations. We are grateful to all those who are faithfully contributing to the needs of our parish during this time of pandemic. May God bless you and keep you safe!

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 at our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org). Telephone support is available for anyone using Parish Giving to make a one-time or recurring online donation. The toll-free number for support is **866-307-7140**, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** You may leave prayer requests in a separate box in the church vestibule and we will remember in silence all your prayer intentions at Mass this week. If entering the vestibule for private prayer, please practice social distancing and wear a mask for the welfare and protection of your neighbors.



Use Smartphone



Enroll Online



Dip to Donate

*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

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) COLLECTION

These recent months have highlighted the important role of the internet and TV in spreading the Gospel message, sharing daily reflections, and reaching Catholics locally and nationally. Half of the funds received in the annual CCC collection remain here in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens to support NET-TV and The Tablet newspaper. Your continuing support for our parish also helps us to produce our videorecorded Masses, social media, and weekly print bulletin, all of which allow us to remain connected with all of you. Thank you for your support.

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Income from Weekly Collections 2019 vs. 2020 (Four Weekends)

**2019**

Votives, Collections/Parish Giving/Mail-in  
 Apr 21 (Easter), Apr 28; May 5 & 12 ..... \$120,415.15

**2020**

Votives, Collections/Parish Giving/Mail-in  
 Apr 19 & 26; May 3 & 10..... \$ 63,370.50

**Income Deficit 2020 vs. 2019** ..... (\$57,044.65)  
 -47.4%

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

## Contact Us

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 718-810-9788 (after office hours)

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 718-263-2622

Religious Education Office:  
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 718-268-6251, ext. 27

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

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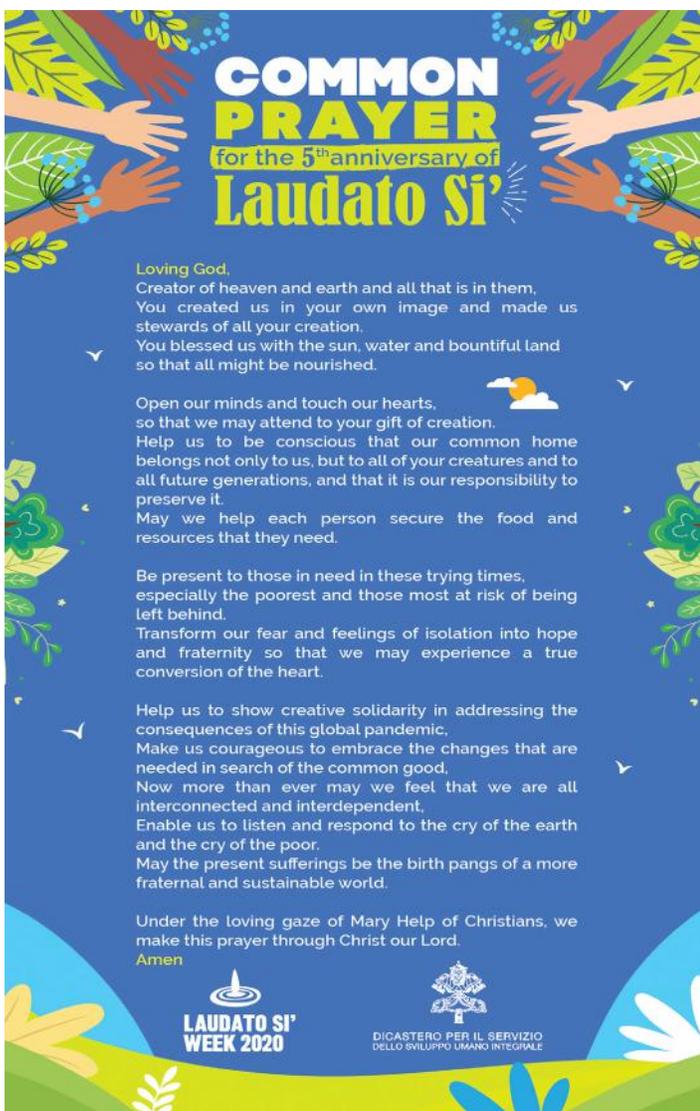
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*“For where two or three gather in my name,  
there am I with them.”  
Matthew 18:20*

*Two members of the OLQM choir share their friendship in faith in “Fellowship and Community,”  
the newest webisode of Pathways in Faith, viewable on our website.*



**COMMON PRAYER**  
for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
**Laudato Si'**

Loving God,  
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to  
all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to  
preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and  
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.  
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope  
and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic.  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are  
needed in search of the common good.  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent.  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more  
fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2020  
DICASTERO PER IL SERVIZIO DELLO SVILUPPO UMANO INTEGRALE



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN/QUEENS

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

**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](http://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.

**“THEY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT.”** The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).