

May 25, 2025 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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 24

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

5 p.m. Richard Allen Mohr

Sunday, May 25

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri

8:05 a.m. Luciano Abes

12:05 p.m. Gilbert Muñoz

Tuesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Debora Vargas

Wednesday, May 28

8:05 a.m. Yee Kwan Wong

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Muñoz and Vargas families

Vigil Mass for the Ascension

7:30 p.m. Maria Lau

Thursday, May 29

Saint Paul VI

Ascension of the Lord

(Holy Day of Obligation)

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

Friday, May 30

8:05 a.m. Noila Johnson [living]

12:05 p.m. Saverio Cerminaro

Saturday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 p.m. Great-grandchildren of Noila Johnson [living]

5 p.m. Rita Toscani

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, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 25

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: Bible Study

(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

After 1 p.m. *Mass church vestibule*:

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Drawing *(see p. 5)*

2:30 p.m. *rectory meeting room*: Baptism Instruction

Monday, May 26

★ **MEMORIAL DAY** ★

Rectory office closed for the federal holiday

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

church: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, May 27

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

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

7 p.m. *rectory*: Catholic Teaching Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, May 28

Religious Education

7:30 p.m. *Vigil Mass for the Ascension*

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Ascension Thursday, May 29

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 30

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

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, May 31

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

Remember Our Deceased

Carmen Abad Del Rosario
Zultan Bermudez
Barbara Cusumano
Jim Giffels



Camille J. Harriott
Byron Hernandez
Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Healy
Bishop Gerald Walsh

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

Mary, Our Mother

We continue with excerpts from Pope Francis's exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel." In this month of Mary, we reflect appropriately on Mary Our Mother.

"Let Your Heart Not Be Troubled"

"Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love. She is the handmaid of the Father who sings his praises. She is the friend who is ever concerned that wine not be lacking in our lives. She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice. She is the missionary who draws near to us ... opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. As a true mother, she walks at our side, shares our struggles, and constantly surrounds us with God's love. Through her many titles, often linked to her shrines, Mary shares the history of each people which has received the Gospel, and she becomes a part of their historic identity. Many Christian parents ask that their children be baptized in a Marian shrine... We can see how Mary brings together her children who with great effort come as pilgrims to see her and to be seen by her. Here they find strength from God to bear the weariness and the suffering in their lives. As she did with Juan Diego, Mary offers them maternal comfort and love, and whispers in their ear: 'Let your heart not be troubled.... Am I not here, who am your Mother?'" (286)



Star of the New Evangelization

"We ask the Mother of the living Gospel to intercede that this invitation to a new phase of evangelization will be accepted by the entire ecclesial community.... Mary let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit on a journey of faith towards a destiny of service and fruitfulness. Today we look to her and ask her to help us proclaim the message of salvation to all and to enable new disciples to become evangelizers in turn."



Joy of Evangelization

"Along this journey of evangelization we will have our moments of aridity, darkness and fatigue. Mary herself experienced these things during the years of Jesus' childhood in Nazareth: This is the beginning of the Gospel, the joyful good news. However, it is not difficult to see in that beginning a particular heaviness of heart – to use the words of Saint John of the Cross – a kind of 'veil' through which one has to draw near to the Invisible One.... And this is the way that Mary lived in intimacy with the mystery of her Son, and went forward in her pilgrimage of faith." (287)

The Catholic Teaching Committee meets this Tuesday, May 27, at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Order of Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #172—"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"

MASS PARTS: Haugen and Shiavone

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Sacerdotes Domini" (Wm. Byrd)—Choir

Missal #510—"Prayer of St. Francis"

COMMUNION

"Creation Will Be at Peace" (A. Page)—Choir

"Regina Caeli"—Leader of Song

Missal #347—"I Received the Living God"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #176—"The Day of Resurrection"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLM Catholic Academy.
- » June 1, the second collection will be for major repairs. 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.



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

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OLQM Altar Server Sponsorship Requested for Summer Trip

Help us show our appreciation for our dedicated altar servers by contributing to their summer trip to Great Adventure in June. You'll find envelopes near the church doors and can be dropped it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.



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. It now awaits action in the NYS Senate. 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 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 look up the phone number for your State Senator or compose an email message. Please do so today.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	May 11
Candle Offerings	\$1,960.00
1st Collection	9,086.11
2nd Collection (major repairs)	3,588.11
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>14,634.22</u>
Online Giving	5,126.88
Mail In	2,062.00
TOTAL	21,823.10
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,676.90)

** 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.

OLQM Calendar Highlights

Save these dates & check for updates on these and other church activities.

May 29 (Thu)— **The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)** *Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 5/28; holy day Masses on Thursday at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

June 5 (Thu)—**St. Anthony of Padua Novena begins** *and prayed daily at the 12:05 p.m. Mass and Sunday 6/8, after the 1 p.m. Mass*

June 8 (Sun)—**Pentecost Confirmation Mass** 4 p.m.

June 13 (Fri)—**St. Anthony Novena concludes** *with distribution of St. Anthony bread at the 12:05 p.m. Mass*

June 14 (Sat)—**OLQMCA Graduation** 9 a.m. in the church

June 14/15 (Weekend)—**Father's Day Blessing** at all Masses; *Mass Remembrance envelopes are in your June packet and will also be available near the church doors*

June 22 (Sun)—**Corpus Christi Sunday** *with procession after 1 p.m. Mass*

June 29 (Sun only)—**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing donation truck**, 9 a.m. to noon, *accepting gently used and new clothing for men, women, and children*

RELIC OF ST. ANTHONY - SUNDAY, JUNE 15 -

The relic will be present for veneration after all Sunday Masses. Join us for this special opportunity to honor St. Anthony.

Bereavement Support June Meeting (then a Break in July & August)

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 **June 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement.** The group will not meet in July and August. Meetings will resume in the fall; dates to be announced. If you have questions, please contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

OCIA: For Adults Age 18 or Older

Adults who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments are welcome to join our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. OCIA 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 callback number. All emails and calls will receive a response.



Prayer Focus

*Last Monday in May:
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 defense of our nation
and bring them safely into your kingdom
of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Photo is of the Ramsen Family Cemetery Park in Forest Hills,
the burial site of Revolutionary War soldiers*

Drawing is TODAY — after 1 p.m. Mass

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Attention raffle and music lovers: Support the sung liturgies and concerts in our church by entering this sweepstakes! Remaining tickets will be on sale after today's Masses. Look for choir members in the church vestibule. Cash and credit accepted.

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

The drawing is after today's 1 p.m. Mass. You don't need to be present to win—we'll announce the winner in the bulletin. Thank you for supporting the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

FREE Large Print Bibles & Missalettes

Xavier Society for the Blind has free offerings in large print for people living with vision loss from macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, and other conditions. If you or anyone you know is interested in these free materials, get in touch. Call them at 212-473-7800 or toll-free at 800-637-9193; or visit the society online at xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

Altar Gifts to Memorialize a Loved One

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial or to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in our Mass intentions, please visit the rectory during business hours.

Assisted Living & Respite Care Available

Dominican Village—an independent living retirement community in Amityville, New York, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic—has openings. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org.



Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith and Charity

Have You Pledged Yet?

Parish goal: \$110,076 | Pledged to date: \$78,551
Paid to date: \$53,323 | Donors to date: 160

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. Your generosity enables ministries that serve the poor, support education, strengthen parish life, and bring the Gospel to those who need it most. ACA funds support vocations, especially to the priesthood, and the work of Catholic Charities.

We have raised 70% of our goal in pledges, and 48% of our total goal has already been paid thanks to 150 donors. It's a positive sign. We hope to meet or exceed our goal by the end of summer.

Let's do it! 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/

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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.