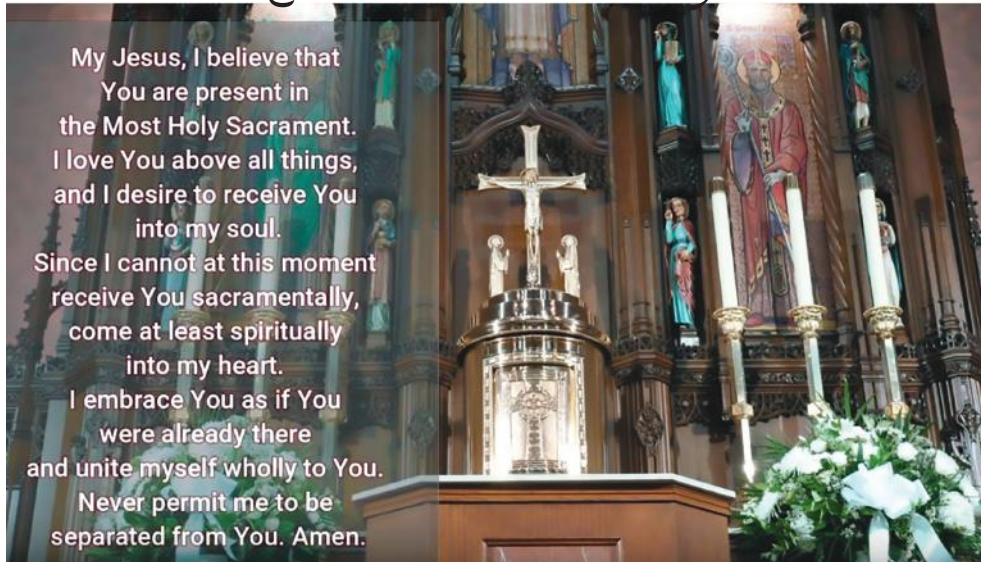


May 3, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — ADMINISTRATOR

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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.

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 2

Saint Athanasius

Souls in Purgatory

Jorge Bohorquez Pena

Msgr. Joseph McLaughlin [60th anniversary]

Sunday, May 3

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, May 4

Thelma Demas

John Michael Dy

Tuesday, May 5

Marie Desabato

Mary Roy-McCarthy

Wednesday, May 6

Paula Ramnauth (mother) and

Paul Ramnauth (son) for thanksgiving

Marie Abrev

Thursday, May 7

Mary M. Martin

Zoila Giron

Friday, May 8

Margaret O' Brien [anniversary]

Ian MacKensie Rogan

Saturday, May 9

George Tharian

Marion Skarka

Chhaya Kulkarni [anniversary]

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, Phillip and Claire Fazio, Nancy Feldman, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Anthony Frankel, 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, 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/olqmcchurch, and the [parish YouTube channel](#).

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door*

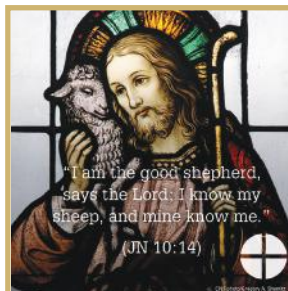
*Note: For parishioners wishing to make a confession, please practice responsible social distancing and enter the rectory one at a time.

Cancellations

At this time there are No Public Devotions.

Parish Group Activities/Meetings are suspended.

Food Panty News from Queens Community House on p. 6



Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church, contact the Vocation Office: phone 718-827-2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Remember Our Deceased

Father Adnel Burgos	Maria Jastrzebski	Evelyn Peterson
Danton Charpentier	Corinne King	Richard Peterson
Johnny Congedo	Dr Geronimo Magsino	Carmen Santos
Antoinette DeGennaro	Joanie Molina	Jerzy Stasiak
Kevin del Rosario	Jorge Munoz	Dr. Burton Wasserman
John Gorman	Theresa Nuciforo	
Msgr. Richard Guastella	Andrew Pecorini	

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, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

Pope Benedict XVI on Christian Hope

From the OLMQ Social Action Committee

According to the Christian faith, redemption is not simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads toward a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey. . . . Here too we see as a distinguishing mark of Christians the fact that they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness. Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well. . . .

It is not the elemental spirits of the universe, the laws of matter, which ultimately govern the world and mankind, but a personal God governs the stars, that is, the universe; it is not the laws of matter and of evolution that have the final say, but reason, will, love—a Person. . . . To come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope. (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 at our next meeting. 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 Parish Youth. Envelopes for Mother's Day Mass Remembrances are also available.
- » May 10, the second collection will be for Major Repairs.
- » 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING—Acts 2:14A, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING—1 Peter 2:20B-25

GOSPEL—John 10:1-10

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)

**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!

Keeping the Faith Alive: Virtual Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

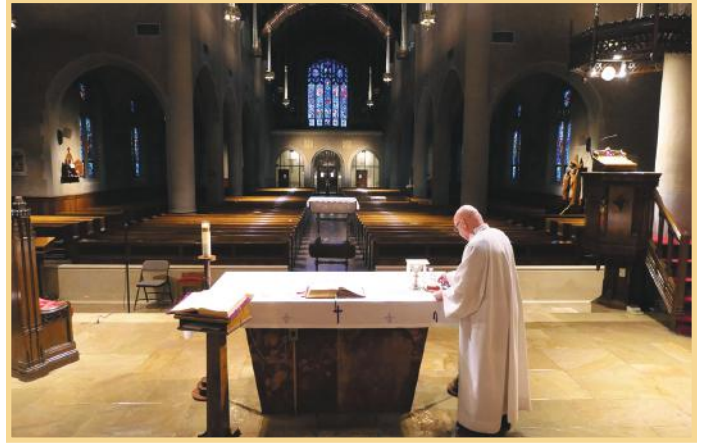
by Father Antonin Kocurek

Life can take unexpected turns. I never thought I would fulfill one of my ambitions—to make short movies. I used to think it would be interesting to make movies of my vacations with my family and friends. Now, out of a different need, I am fulfilling my bucket list item, following in the footsteps of the Czech-American film director Milos Forman, who also lived in New York (and counted among his award-winning films *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *Amadeus*).

All kidding aside, when the pandemic began, there arose the question of how to put our daily Masses online. This mission has become important for all of us in these unhappy days.

Because I am the youngest of the priests and have some tech-savvy with computers and editing, Bishop Sanchez and Father Passenant asked me to assume this daily assignment. Initially, I simply recorded the video on my iPhone and put it on YouTube and the parish Facebook page. Others who manage our website do the rest, posting the videos to ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org. As we celebrate a video-recorded Mass every day, we soon discovered the videos also needed to be hosted on the official parish YouTube channel.

There was a little problem with audio at first—I was unable to get clear sound. So we began to use one iPhone for recording sound and one for video. If you watched our Triduum services, you would have noticed that there was even a third camera phone in use, to better show the altar from a different angle. In that moment I realized I needed an editing program



Father Antonin preparing for Mass in church, which has also become a YouTube studio. Photo by Deacon Greg Kandra.

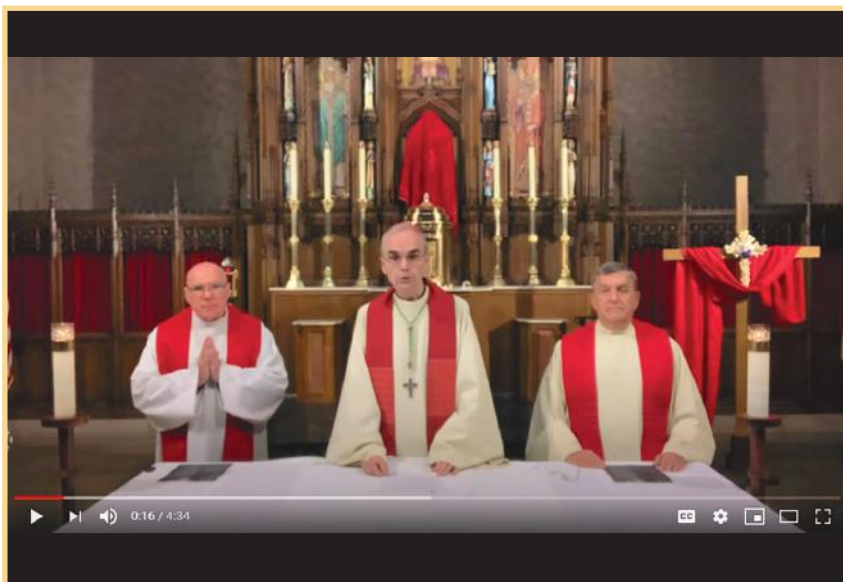
to match sound and video. Using this software (Filmora9) I am now able to add some introductory graphics and pictures for the particular Mass and other recordings.

It took some effort to find the best way to copy video and sound to my computer. Sometimes (mostly during weekdays) I have problems with a slow internet connection and it takes much longer to upload the videos, which average 30 minutes in length, to the internet. One time somebody's incoming call stopped the recording.

So, there are both small and bigger challenges in producing the daily Mass videos. We are improving, though. Recently, we decided to buy a camcorder and a digital sound recorder so that we don't have to rely on our iPhones.

I am very pleased to be able to prepare the video-recorded Mass each day. I am gratified to know that so many of you can be with us daily, connected through the internet. The Mass is posted to the parish's online channels (YouTube, Facebook, and website) generally by noon.

One thing I always remember as I prepare for Mass is that this is a very exceptional situation, and virtual Mass remains something very strange. I am looking forward to the day when we will see all of you once again in church, and when we can be together with each other in celebration of a real "Last Supper" with our Lord Jesus Christ.



Screenshot from the Litany of the Sacred Heart video, produced for Good Friday services on April 10.

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.

**Catholic Migration Services
CMS Helplines**

Catholic Migration Services (CMS) has hotlines to answer questions about workplace health and safety concerns and your rights during the COVID-19 crisis—including information on what public benefits may be available to you if you were laid off or had your work hours reduced. CMS also continues to provide free immigration phone consultations if you have pending immigration cases or want to start an immigration case. If you have need in any of these areas, please contact Catholic Migration Services at the numbers below.

- Housing Assistance & Immigration Services: 347-472-3500
- Workers' Rights (Labor Hotline): 877-525-2267
- General Information: 347-472-3500

May is Mary's Month

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

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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



Weekly Collections: We will do 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.

Ways to Give

The vestibule of the church is open for private prayer (use doors on Ascan Avenue) 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 and *Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes* or cash donations. Our DipJar is also available to accept credit card donations. We are very grateful for your continued generosity to provide for your parish.

We encourage you to use the [online Parish Giving](#) service as the safest way to make a one-time or recurring contribution. You can enroll from your phone using the QR code below, or visit our website. Telephone support is available for anyone using Parish Giving. If you have problems or questions about setting up your online donations, please call this toll-free number: **866-307-7140**, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.



Parish Giving
Enroll Online

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

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718-268-6251

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718-810-9788 (after office hours)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
718-263-2622

Religious Education Office:
718-263-0907

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

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

ONLINE

Website:
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:
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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Prayer of Renewal of Our Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. We renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us. In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who consoles with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who comes to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embraces all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary, our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Annual Catholic
Appeal 2020

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN/QUEENS

**WE ARE THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER**

DID YOU KNOW? OLMQ 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 for ▪ 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 Annual Catholic Appeal 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.

News from Queens Community House (QCH) Food Pantry

QCH has made some adjustments to the Forest Hills Food Pantry at the present time. In the past, a pantry was available to older adults three mornings a month along with the monthly evening pantry, which many volunteers—including several members of our parish—have been instrumental in making happen.

With the rising demand for food, the QCH morning pantry will now be **open to all local residents of any age every Thursday**. With this change, QCH is temporarily suspending the monthly Wednesday evening pantry and directing all those in need to the weekly morning pantry.

If interested in volunteering for the Thursday morning pantry—shift is 8AM to 11AM (approx) every Thursday at the Forest Hills Community Center, 108-25 62nd Drive—please call **347-356-5794**. Only those who are not part of what have been determined to be COVID-19 vulnerable populations (people over age 60 or with underlying health conditions) should consider volunteering at this time.

Additional 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.