

May 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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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 3

Saints Philip and James

10 a.m. First Holy Communion

12:05 p.m. Virginia Kenny

5 p.m. Brittany Pace and family [living]

Sunday, May 4

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 5

8:05 a.m. Everett Glenn

12:05 p.m. Corazon Fule

Tuesday, May 6

8:05 a.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

12:05 p.m. Anne Robibero

Wednesday, May 7

8:05 a.m. Maggie and Bill Donohoe

12:05 p.m. McCabe and Bittner families [living]

Thursday, May 8

8:05 a.m. Jeffrey Weber, MD

12:05 p.m. Silvia Ledezma Duarte

Friday, May 9

8:05 a.m. Robert Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Robert Sorsaia

Saturday, May 10

Saint John of Avila

Saint Damien de Veuster

12:05 p.m. Audrey Ballerini

5 p.m. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 4

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room: Bible Study
(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

2 p.m. church plaza: Living Rosary

3 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, May 5

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

church: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, May 6

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7 p.m. rectory: Catholic Teaching Committee meeting

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

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

Wednesday, May 7

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

7:45–9 p.m. Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, May 8

9:15 a.m., church: OLQMCA May Crowning

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 9

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

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, May 10

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

3 p.m., church: WEDDING

Fedghynie St. Germaine/Andrew Betancourt-Lopez

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, Ronda Esser, Jim Giffels, 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.

The Wine and Host

is offered for the intentions of

Francoise Guyon [living]

—requested by Beata Jawornicki

Remember Our Deceased

Robert Noumair

George Rivera

Lourden Taveras

TJ Ujzdowski

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

Successor of Peter, Apostle of Mercy: In Memory of Pope Francis

Pope Francis always prayed for us and asked for our prayers in return. Use these prayers, taken from the US Bishops' novena, which concludes today, as a guide in honoring his memory.

The Petrine Ministry of Mercy

From the Encyclical Ut unum sint by Pope Saint John Paul II: As the heir to the mission of Peter in the Church, which has been made fruitful by the blood of the Princes of the Apostles, the Bishop of Rome exercises a ministry originating in the manifold mercy of God.... The authority proper to this ministry is completely at the service of God's merciful plan.... Its power is explained from this perspective. Associating himself with Peter's threefold profession of love, which corresponds to the earlier threefold denial, his Successor knows that he must be a sign of mercy. His is a ministry of mercy, born of an act of Christ's own mercy.... The Church of God is called by Christ to manifest to a world ensnared by its sins and evil designs that, despite everything, God in his mercy can convert hearts to unity ... them to enter into communion with him. (nos. 92-93)

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the soul of your departed servant Pope Francis, to whom you committed the care of your family, may, with the manifold fruit of his labors, enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Successor to the Apostle Peter

From a letter to the Corinthians by Pope Saint Clement I: Having received their orders, the Apostles went out, fully convinced by the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, trusting the word of God, and assured by the Holy Spirit. They went out proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was at hand throughout the countryside and in the cities. They tested in the Spirit the first fruits of their preaching, and appointed them to be bishops and deacons for those who would later come to believe.... Our Apostles knew also, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that there would be strife over the office of the episcopate. And so ... when they ordained those men, the Apostles gave them the mandate that when they pass away other proven men should succeed them in their ministry. (42:3-4; 44:1-2)



Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. Hear with favor our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Pope Francis, your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Order of Mass

Third Sunday of Easter

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #583—"Festival Cantic: Worthy Is Christ"

MASS PARTS: Haugen and Schiavone

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Salve Regina" (S. P. Waddington)—Choir
Missal #596—"Worthy Is the Lamb"

COMMUNION

"In the Breaking of the Bread" (M. Ward)—Choir
"Regina Caeli Jubila" (Constanz)—Leader of Song
Missal #342—"Behold the Lamb"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #170—"Jesus Is Risen"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

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Second Collections

- » Today's second collection will help with fuel costs. There is also an envelope for Mother's Day Mass Remembrances.
- » May 11, the second collection will be for major repairs.
- » 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.

God bless all the students from
OLQM Catholic Academy,
Religious Education, and local
public schools receiving
First Holy Communion!



OLQM Spring Calendar

Save these dates and check the bulletin weekly for updates on these and additional church activities.

- May 8 (Thu)—**May Crowning** with the OLQM Catholic Academy eighth-grade class, 9:15 a.m.
- May 10/11 (Weekend)—**Mother's Day Blessing** all Masses
- May 10/11, 17/18 & 24/25 Weekends—**Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes** Tickets will be on sale after Masses over three weekends; drawing on 5/25 after 1 p.m. Mass
- May 28 (Wed)—**May Crowning** with Religious Ed students
- May 29 (Thu)—**Ascension of the Lord** (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. on 5/28; holy day Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
- June 5 (Thu)—**St. Anthony of Padua Novena begins** 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

Spend some quiet time with the Lord.
Exposition and Adoration Thursdays
after 12:05pm Mass and all afternoon.
Benediction at 7:30pm.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Apr 27
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,975.00
1st Collection	8,083.27
2nd Collection (grounds maintenance)	2,835.27
Catholic Home Missions Appeal*	1,542.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>14,435.54</u>
Online Giving	5,563.45
Mail In	2,503.00
TOTAL	22,501.99
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,998.01)

* Special collections that benefit the designated causes (senior priests and Good Friday Holy Land collections); amounts do not accrue to the parish.

** 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.

Have Your Pledged Yet?

Parish goal: \$110,076

Pledged to date: \$69,353

Paid to date: \$43,837

Donors to date: 143



The Annual Catholic Appeal supports vital ministries and services across Brooklyn and Queens—efforts that no single parish could undertake alone. We have already raised over 60% of our goal in pledges, and nearly 40% of our total goal has already been paid thanks to 143 donors. It's a positive sign. We could potentially meet or exceed our goal by end of summer. 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/

Bereavement Support Is Available

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 **May 19** and on **June 16**. All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement**. The group does not meet in July and August. If you have questions, please contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

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LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

From Our Pastor

Easter Gratitude

We wish to thank everyone whose presence, participation, and generous contributions made Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful this year—especially our Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, altar servers, and ushers. We also express our appreciation to those who worked behind the scenes, cleaning and preparing the church and arranging the flowers. God Bless! — Father Passenant

A few photos from Holy Week and the Easter Vigil appear on p. 6 and in the photo gallery section of our church website.

Remembering Monsignor McLaughlin

Easter schedules and, more recently, the death of Pope Francis directed our focus elsewhere, and we overlooked an important part of our parish story.

May 1st marked the 65th anniversary of the passing of a truly foundational figure at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: Msgr. Joseph R. McLaughlin.

Our first pastor, who served from 1917 to 1960, Msgr. McLaughlin was not only the spiritual leader of our Forest Hills parish; he was also the visionary architect behind the beautiful parish campus we know and love today. Under his guidance, the OLQM School (now the Catholic Academy) was established in 1928, followed by the construction of our rectory and church in 1938, and finally the convent building in 1953. We remember with deep gratitude the enduring legacy of Msgr. McLaughlin, whose foresight continues to shape our community of faith.



For Mary's Month

Living Rosary Today at 2 p.m.

All are invited!

Meet us in the church plaza on Ascan Avenue as we pray this devotion to the Blessed Mother as a group. We need 60 people.

Each person represents one bead of the rosary and leads one prayer.

Raffle Enthusiasts & Music Lovers

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Begins Next Week

Your participation in this twice-a-year sweepstakes sustains our sung liturgies and concerts. Sweepstakes tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from choir members after Sunday Masses on these weekends:

Sat May 10, Sun May 11

Sat May 17, Sun May 18

Sat May 24, Sun May 25

Cash and credit cards will be accepted. The drawing will be on May 25 after the last Mass. You don't need to be present at the drawing to win. The winner receives \$1,000—but every ticket purchased is a true win for our parish and everyone who worships here! Thank you for your support.

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact olqmrca@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Masses next weekend will be for the intentions of all our loved ones—living or deceased—listed on the remembrance envelopes placed on the altar. Envelopes are available in church for your use. Enroll your mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmoms, mothers-in-law, favorite aunts, pet moms, and others special in your lives. We will also have a special blessing for all mothers and mothers-to-be in attendance at the Masses.



FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Moments from the Easter Vigil—Father Antonin chanted the Exsultet (Easter Proclamation), Father Passenant preached the homily, and we all renewed our baptismal promises.



Photos by Leon Volskis



Religious Education News

It was a very Happy Easter, indeed! And a record-breaking Easter Sunday, with our highest-ever attendance at Children's Dismissal! Each child received a special Easter egg—40 in all. Inside, they found Hershey's Kisses and a cheerful sticker to remind them of God's love and the joy of resurrection morning. Thank you to our volunteers who made this celebration extra sweet!



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.