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TRUSTEE Veronica McCarthy Roy Joseph

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR Lorna Stark

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m. DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS **EDUCATION** Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR Dennis Francis Portelli

> Weekday Masses (Monday–Saturday) 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Music Director David Close

OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRINCIPAL Anne Zuschlag

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE 11:15 a.m. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance, prior to the proposed wedding date

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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 4

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory 12:05 p.m. Rev. James Tully 5 p.m. Linda Diaz

Sunday, May 5

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 6

8:05 a.m. Georgette Oubda 12:05 p.m. Long and Phung Le

Tuesday, May 7

8:05 a.m. Georgette Oubda **12:05 p.m.** Sisters Coleman and White

Wednesday, May 8

8:05 a.m. Andre Kabore **12:05 p.m.** Bob Sais

7:30 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Cunningham **Vigil Mass for the Ascension**

Thursday, May 9

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Friday, May 10

Saint John of Avila Saint Damien de Veuster

8:05 a.m. Dionicia Maria Sotelo Rodriguez 12:05 p.m. Vivona family [living]

Saturday, May 11

8:05 a.m. Araci Cardoso De Araujo 12:05 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory 5 p.m. Jordan Kenna

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Alfonso Basco Mapoy, Jenny Becker, Rodolfo C. Bernabé, Taylor A. Calder, Rosita Cabral, Susan Campbell, Frances Cesarrano, Carmen Rosa Crow, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, John Easterlin, Domingo Galicia, Lionel Guello, Joey Guastella, Anne Granja, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Theresa A. Houseman, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, John Imperante Sr., Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Alvaro Otilio Fuentes Leal, James Leung, Juan Hua Lin, Benita Mandala, Fred Marks, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, James Monforte, Matilde Munoz, Jorge Luis Olivares, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Rafaella Pak, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Bashar Rammo, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Carmen Tarab, Jamie Vayone, Teresa Wong, Anne Zuschlag—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 list. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 5

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

2 a.m. church plaza: Living Rosary

3 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, May 6

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

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

Tuesday, May 7

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Ascension Thursday, May 9

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 10

6-8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization (MAYO) meeting

Saturday, May 11

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

3 p.m. church: WEDDING
Christina Orellana/Mark Ochetal

Remember Our Deceased

Nestor Ardelano Rodolfo C. Bernabe Eric James Ferber Lionel Genello

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Rosemary Kelly Ann B. Melnick Joseph Nugent Lucy Swanson

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.

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, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

The Social Dimension of the Eucharist

"A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." (Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est)

REFLECT: "The Eucharist draws each of us closer to Christ as individuals, but also as a community. As Catholics, we never really worship alone. [As Pope St. John Paul wrote], 'A truly Eucharistic community cannot be closed in upon itself'; rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family. . . . As we meditate on the Eucharist, we experience Christ's love for us and for others. In the depth of prayer, we become so moved and sensitized to his love for those who suffer that the words of St. Augustine become a reality for us: "The pain of one, even the smallest member, is the pain of all." . . .

"Contemplating Christ's sacrifice for the world in need, we are compelled to follow his example. Drawn into the very dynamic of his self-giving, we are moved to self-giving action in solidarity with the members of our human family who face injustice. St. John Chrysostom's words in the fourth century become real for us. [He writes] Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. . . .

"The Risen Christ in the Eucharist acts as a compelling force for inner renewal, an inspiration to change the structures of sin in which individuals, communities and at times entire peoples are entangled. . . . In the face of the sin and injustice we see present in our communities and in our world, the Eucharist plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us, challenging us to live Eucharistic lives. It affirms our role as citizens and as men and women in various professions at different levels of society in contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan."

LEARN: Read the USCCB publication, Eucharist: Body of Christ, Broken for the World, at https://tinyurl.com/3x7zp7mj.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #174—"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Again"

Mass Parts: Haugen and Schiavone

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"If a Man Love Me" (J. Roff)—Choir Missal #687—"The Lord Is My Light"

COMMUNION

"Salve Regina" (S. P. Waddington)—Choir Missal #186—"Regina Caeli"—Leader of Song Missal #347—"I Received the Living God"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #423—"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for Mother's Day Mass Remembrances.
- » May 12, the second collection is 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.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrances

Masses on Mother's Day weekend will be for the intentions of all our loved ones (living or deceased) listed on the remembrance envelopes placed on the altar.

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 Sunday Masses next week.

OLQM Spring

Watch for updates on these events and additional announcements.

May 9 (Thu) The Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. on 5/8; holy day Masses 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

May 11/12 (Weekend) Mother's Day blessing at all Masses.

May 11/12, 18/19 & 25/26 (Weekends) Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes ticket sales; drawing 5/26 after 1 p.m. Mass.

May 14 (Tue) May Crowning 9 a.m. hosted by OLQM Catholic Academy 8th graders.

May 19 (Sun) Pentecost 4 p.m. Confirmation Mass.

June 2 (Sun) Corpus Christi Procession after 1 p.m. Mass.

June 5–13 (Wed–Thu) St. Anthony of Padua Novena at 12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon–Sat) & after 11:15 a.m. Mass on 6/9. Distribution of St. Anthony bread at the novena close on 6/13.

June 7 (Fri) Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.

June 15 (Sat) OLQMCA 8th Grade Graduation 10 a.m.

June 15/16 (Weekend) Father's Day blessing at all Masses.

June 23 (Sun) St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation

Truck 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sunday only. Truck will be parked in front of church to accept gently used and new clothing.

Save the Date

CYO Diocesan Mass for All Young Athletes

As the school year draws to a close, CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) of Brooklyn and Queens will honor the champions of 2023–2024 with a Mass celebrated here at OLQM! This Mass will pay tribute to the student athletes and coaches from all CYO leagues. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 29 at 12 p.m.** We look forward to having you join us!

Have you given to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal?

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the diocesan appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift.

Take a pledge card (near the church doors) or scan this code with your phone to donate online. Be sure to select OLQM as your parish when giving online.





God bless you for your generous giving

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



SPONSOR AN ALTAR SERVER

Help us say thank you to our altar servers by sponsoring a day of fun for them at Six Flags! The 2024 cost to cover one server's trip is about \$100. It is in appreciation for all they do for our parish and the care and reverence

they bring to the Holy Mass! To contribute, take one of the sponsorship envelopes at the church entrances.

The altar servers thank YOU for your support.



Raffle Enthusiasts & Music Lovers!

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Tradition Begins Next Week

This fundraiser supports the cause of presenting spiritually uplifting music at our Masses and liturgies throughout the year. Choir members will be selling sweepstakes tickets after the Sunday Masses on May 11–12, 18–19 & 25–26; drawing will be on May 26 after 1 p.m. Mass. You don't have to be present to win. We will announce the winner in the bulletin.

Each ticket costs \$50. If you win, you'll take home \$1,000. With only 100 tickets available, your chances of winning are pretty high. Plus, exciting news: we are accepting credit cards this year!

Thank you for supporting the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.



RCIA at **OLQM**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



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

Today's Living Rosary

All are invited!

Meet us at 2 p.m. in the church plaza on Ascan Avenue as we pray the rosary as a group! We need 60 people for a Living Rosary. Each person represents one bead of the rosary and leads one prayer.





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



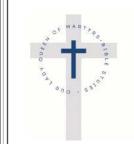
–Weekly Collections—

| | April 28 |
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| Candle Offerings | \$1,665.00 |
| 1st Collection | 8,494.28 |
| 2nd Collection (grounds maintenance) | 2,106.28 |
| Parish Youth programs | 1,227.28 |
| Subtotal - In Church | <u>13,492.84</u> |
| Online Parish Giving | 4,030.56 |
| Mail In | 1,780.00 |
| TOTAL | 19,303.40 |
| Weekly Income Needed* | 24,500.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (5,196.60) |
| * Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses | Totals do not reflect other income |

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.



Faith Sharing **Groups at OLQM**

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10-11 a.m. Meets inperson in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7-8 p.m. on Zoom. Current study: Reflections on the Holy Spirit. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Contact Us

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MAYO (Youth Organization): youth@olqmchurch.org

Pastoral Care Office: dfport@gmail.com

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ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter: @OLQMChurch

YouTube: @OLQMStewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy: www.olgmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

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

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Bereavement Support at OLQM

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 monthly, on the third or fourth Monday, at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Upcoming meetings are May 20 and June 17. For questions or additional information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olgmchurch.org.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish are recognized by St. Francis Preparatory School for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

HONOR ROLL

Natalie Borges, Maya Delgado, Gabriella Edwards, Joshua Jazmin, Isabella Jimmo, Dominic John, Valentina Lorenzo, Angela Morales, Safiya Richens, Alexander Setari, Isaiah Sharpe, Asha Mariana Tetangco, Maria Vulaj, Brooke Welz



Youth Jubilee of the Holy Year 2025

July 27-August 4, 2025: 9-Day Pilgrimage to Rome. Bishop Robert Brennan invites the youth of the Brooklyn/ Queens Diocese to join him on this pilgrimage, which begins in Assisi, where we will walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare and pray near the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. In Rome, attend the Holy Father's general audience and Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and walk through the Holy Doors to receive a plenary indulgence. Email: Peter@petersway.com for all-inclusive package pricing. Enrollment deadline (with \$250 deposit) is June 1, 2024.

Donate Your Car for Charity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) will give back \$100/\$200 to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for each donated car, truck, or van (any condition, running or not). If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor have an old or neglected vehicle to dispose of, please call SVdP. The number is 718-491-2525. Free towing is available. Thank you for your participation.

Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Program

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens, working with the NYC Department of Aging, offers a weekly caregiver support group, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Located in Flushing, with door-to-door transportation available. For more information, call 718-358-3541.

Assisted Living Residence & Respite Care

Dominican Village, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York, has openings. To schedule a tour or request more information, call 631-842-6091 or email iford@dominicanvillage.org.



