

May 9, 2021- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

TRUSTEES
Roger Aguinaldo
Veronica McCarthy

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

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David Close

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lorna Stark

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (until further notice):
Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

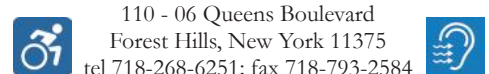
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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org


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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, May 8

8 a.m. James J. Forster
12:05 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Guastella
5 p.m. Anton Skabora

Sunday, May 9

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, May 10

Saint Damien

8 a.m. In Thanksgiving for St. Pancras
12:05 p.m. Josea Gomez

Tuesday, May 11

8 a.m. Ginger Rogers
12:05 p.m. Bart Bertolotti

Wednesday, May 12

Saints Nereus and Achilleus

Saint Pancras

8 a.m. Cindy Lee Overton
12:05 p.m. Antoinette Curcio
7:30 p.m. Jean de La Paz
(Vigil Mass for the Ascension)

Thursday, May 13

**Ascension of the Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)**
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Saint Matthias

8 a.m. Sava Morales [living]
12:05 p.m. Stuart Haver

Saturday, May 15

8 a.m. Larry and Gilda Lascano
12:05 p.m. Albino and Florence Condino
5 p.m. Martine Sironneau

Remember Our Sick

Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Geraldine Casserly, Martha Catel, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Mary Dillon, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Farneil F. Flores, Helen F. Flores, Christina T. Flores, Pat Gmerek, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, James Leung, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ferbian T. Penafior, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Tony Simomes, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, May 9

10 a.m. Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 11

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

Wednesday, May 12

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, May 13

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

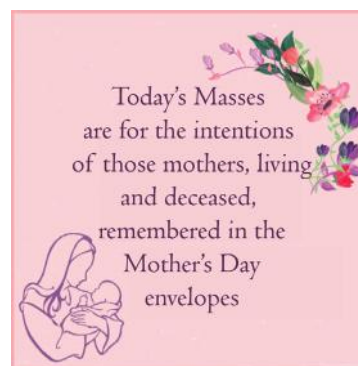
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

Saturday, May 15

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1 p.m. Zoom: Single Adults Group meeting (see p. 6)



Weekday Masses and Confessions: Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses. **Confessions will be heard in the confession room next to the Blessed Virgin Mary altar** (Tue and Thu at 11:30 a.m., Sat at 12:45 p.m.). Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

Remember Our Deceased

Blanche Aepli
Rev. Msgr. Charles P. Boccio
Diana Lang



Adoracion Millares
Maria Wasowski

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 from Catholic Social Teaching

St. Damien – Martyr of Charity

"I would not be cured if the price of the cure was that I must leave the island and give up my work.... I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ. That is why, in preaching, I say 'we lepers'; not, 'my brethren.'"
(St. Damien of Molokai)

REFLECT: Fr. Damien "chose to go to the Island of Molokai to serve the lepers who lived there, abandoned by all. Thus, he was exposed to the disease from which they suffered. He felt at home with them. The servant of the Word consequently became a suffering servant, a leper with the lepers, for the last four years of his life.... His missionary activity, which gave him such joy, reached its peak in charity." (Pope Benedict, homily, October 11, 2009)

"Holiness is not perfection according to human criteria; it is not reserved for a small number of exceptional individuals. It is for everyone; it is the Lord who gives us access to holiness when we accept to collaborate for the glory of God in the salvation of the world, despite our sin and our sometimes rebellious temperament....

"While Damien was among the sick, he could say in his heart: 'Our Lord will give me the graces I need to carry my cross and follow him, even to our special Calvary at Kalawao.' The certainty that the only things that count are love and the gift of self was his inspiration and the source of his happiness. The apostle of the lepers is a shining example of how the love of God does not take us away from the world. Far from it: the love of Christ makes us love our brothers and sisters even to the point of giving up our lives for them." (Pope St. John Paul II, homily, June 4, 1995)

ACT: May 10 is the Feast of St. Damien of Molokai. He "invites us to open our eyes to the forms of leprosy that disfigure the humanity of our brethren and still today call for the charity of our presence as servants, beyond that of our generosity" (Pope Benedict). Let us open our eyes and answer the call to be present for others.

LEARN: For a short biography of St. Damien, see <https://bit.ly/3pxjpc3>. For a book-length treatment, read May Quinlan's *Damien of Molokai* (available at <https://bit.ly/3qZcK1b>).

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

The 9 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed weekly at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Order of Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #164—"Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"

FIRST READING

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #478—"What Wondrous Love Is This"

COMMUNION

"Regina Caelia" (*Leader of Song*)

Missal #323—"I Received the Living God"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #444—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Watch Sunday Mass Online

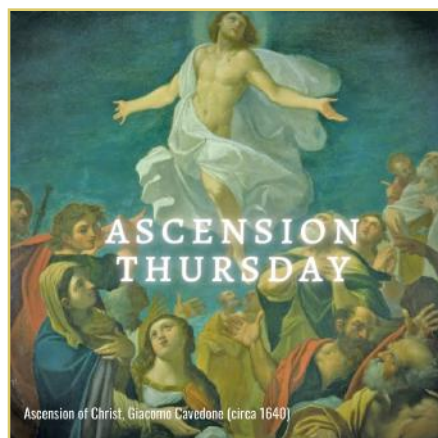
9 a.m. Livestream ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Major Repairs.
- » Sunday, May 16, the second collection will be for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for Catholic Communications.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. For **Parish Giving** technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Holy Day of Obligation

May 12 - Vigil Mass
at 7:30 p.m.

May 13 -
Holy Day Masses
at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

We are asking everyone who is able to make a personal financial pledge as we join together to support our Catholic Church in Brooklyn and Queens. We need your help—as a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic—to spread the light of Christ to our city and neighbors by giving to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation joins you in faith with others doing good works:

- Connecting young people to the Church
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting the sick and imprisoned
- Giving shelter to the homeless
- Welcoming the stranger
- Caring for the elderly
- Sharing our faith
- Educating the young
- Forming deacons and priests

MAKE A COMMITMENT TODAY

We are grateful to the 151 parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs who have already pledged to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our Parish Goal: \$114,568

To make a pledge to help us meet our goal, you can use one of the pledge cards in church. You can schedule payments from **now through December 31**. If you prefer, you may make your gift online at annualcatholicappeal.org* or text **ACA** to **917-336-1255**. You can call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 and have a pledge card mailed to your home. However you give, in whatever amount, it is important for all of us to participate and support our diocese. Thank you.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2021
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I am the CHURCH
You are together
We are together

*Please make online gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal through the ACA's dedicated website. Do not use online Parish Giving.

~Prayer to Our Heavenly Mother~



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Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for academic honors earned at

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Honor Roll Status

**Zara Abraham, Madelena Browne, Joshua Jazmin,
Daniel Morales, Isaiah Sharpe,
Esmeralda Vulaj, Aidan Youngman**

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Many blessings to all our First Communicants and their families!

Congratulations to all the students from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy and our parish Religious Education program who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 8. Their names will appear in next week's bulletin.

Spring Calendar at OLQM

May 8: First Holy Communion, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

May 8/9: Mother's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

May 13: Ascension Thursday. Holy Day of Obligation. *Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. May 12; Holy Day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

May 18: May Crowning. *School Mass with eight graders*

May 23: Pentecost Sunday

June 5-13: St. Anthony of Padua Novena

June 6: Corpus Christi Procession, *after 1 p.m. Mass*

June 6: Confirmation, 2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.

June 11: Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 19/20: Father's Day weekend. *Special blessing at all Masses*

Because activities may be subject to late changes, always check our website and the bulletin weekly for possible updates to our calendar of events.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Aine Grace Carrig
daughter of Anna and Kevin Carrig

Dylan Mateo Fant
son of Jessica Zapata and John Fant

Ethan Joseph Flores
son of Valerie and Juan Flores

Lucas Ignacio Klay
son of Jessica and Philip Klay

Lucas Kolanovic
son of Denise and Tomislav Kolanovic

Wilson Li
son of Haowei Li and Jianbo Pan

Andre Mercado
son of Clarice and Augusto Mercado

Camilio Leon Mejia Valencia
son of Diana Valencia and Andres Mejia

Lorenzo Antonio Ortega
son of Claudia Patricia Ortega

Cristian Matteo Quesada
son of Sandra and Ghiomar Quesada

Isabella Reina Quesada
daughter of Sandra and Ghiomar Quesada

Francesca Alix Mayuga Santi
daughter of Karina and Francis Albert Santi

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Car Donations for Charity

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn (formerly St. Vincent de Paul Society) will give back **\$75/\$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 **718-491-2525**. Free towing is available; IRS tax-deductible. Visit SVDPAuto-BrooklynQueens.org for more information.

Weekly Collections

	May 2
Candle Offerings	922.00
1st Collection	5,807.00
2nd Collection (<i>Parish Youth programs</i>)	1,387.00
<u><i>In-Church Subtotal (714 attending)</i></u>	<u>8,116.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	1,769.50
Catch-up Envelope	1,921.00
Parish Giving Online	4,397.06
TOTAL	16,203.56
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,946.44)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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.

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.

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Facebook and Instagram:
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Single Adults Group News

The next group meeting on Zoom is **Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m.** We will be catching up on all the news about the parish, the area, and our members. Newcomers are always free to join us. For log-in instructions, please either e-mail dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or call our phone hotline at **718-361-3201**.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrchia@gmail.com OR call 718-268-6251, ext. *827, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of grieving and point toward healing. Meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month and are being held virtually via Zoom until further notice. All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** The next meeting is scheduled for **May 17**. Contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Several of our parishioners volunteer at two local food pantries. One pantry operates weekly on Saturday mornings out of **Our Lady of Mercy Church** on Kessel Street. If interested in helping there, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at 718-268-6143 or ddobbins@diobrook.org. The other pantry operates out of **Queens Community House** (108-25 62nd Drive) on Wednesdays. The volunteer shift is 4-7 p.m; the pantry opens its doors at 5 p.m. to start handing out food to those in need. If you are interested in volunteering at QCH's pantry, please leave your name, phone number, and email and our parish coordinator will contact you. You can use this tear-out form and drop it in the collection basket, or contact the OLQM rectory during the week. Thank you for your help.—BISHOP SANCHEZ

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10-11 a.m. Discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Through the Word, Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m. Catholic bible study that draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed for the Queens Community House **Friendly Visiting** program. QCH pairs kindhearted individuals with homebound older adults in need of companionship. Time commitment is one hour a week for at least six months for making regular visits to participants' homes OR virtual visits with phone calls and video chats. Must be age 18 or older. Call 347-356-5794 or email volunteer@qchnyc.org if interested.



NY Project Hope: Coping with COVID

Need to talk? If you are experiencing **uncertainty and anxiety about COVID**, call the **Catholic Charities Call Center at 718-722-6001**, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. It's a free, anonymous, and confidential help and information line. You can also visit NYProjectHope.org for other helpful resources.

Summer Leadership Program

July 6-July 30. Annual Fr. Troike Leadership Program for young men from the 6th and 7th grades. Mornings dedicated to academic study, including TACHS prep; afternoons for athletics and recreational activities. Held at **Cathedral Prep (Elmhurst)**. Program cost: \$500. For more information or to register, call 718-592-6800, ext 137.

Summer Theology Courses

Expand your understanding of the Catholic faith this summer with thought-provoking lectures offered in a prayerful, collegial setting. Join a class in person or Zoom in from any location. **Graduate theology classes June 1 to July 14** are 50% off tuition for new students. For more information, visit Saint Joseph's Seminary online at www.dunwoodie.edu.