

May 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday

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.

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

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

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

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



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

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

 **JOIN THE PARISH**
Scan for parish registration
information and form

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

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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 18

Saint John I

8:05 a.m. Deacon Lawrence Sanchez
12:05 p.m. Maria and Giuseppe DiCostanzo
5 p.m. Nelson S. Dorado

Sunday, May 19

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, May 20

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:05 a.m. Yan Eng
12:05 p.m. Dr. Marie Welshinger & Dr. Fidel Valea [living]

Tuesday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:05 a.m. Bess Fritzges
12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Wednesday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

8:05 a.m. Peter J. O'Brien
12:05 p.m. Fr. Ernest Lorfanant

Thursday, May 23

8:05 a.m. Valentin Tassemeogo
12:05 p.m. Liliana Alessandri

Friday, May 24

8:05 a.m. Jonnathan Paul Clegg
12:05 p.m. Dr. Barbara Berger [living]

Saturday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable

Saint Gregory VII

Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
8:05 a.m. Deceased members of the Muñoz and Vargas families
12:05 p.m. Gilbert Muñoz
5 p.m. Richard Allen Mohr

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, Maria Rodin, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Valerie Rizzo, 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. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Main Events of the Week

Pentecost Sunday, May 19

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*

(use glass door by the Mary statue): **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

2 p.m. *church plaza*: **Living Rosary**

4 p.m. *church*: **Confirmation Mass**

Monday, May 20

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

6:45 p.m. *rectory meeting room*: **Bereavement Support Group**

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

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

Wednesday, May 22

Religious Education

Final Class, May Crowning

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

Thursday, May 23

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 24

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

(*Martyrs Active Youth Organization*)

Saturday, May 25

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

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Ahlemeyer

Grazzietta "Grace" Ferrante

Lydia Glut

Marco S. Martinez

Fidelina Mejia

Elena Paredes

Anne Robibero

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.qlqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

The Vocation of Women: Part Two

"Through his grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate to us the new life, which is to know the Father and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ." (Catechism)

REFLECT: In his apostolic letter, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pope St. John Paul II details several ways women live out the Gospel mandate which are characteristically feminine. We will discuss two.

First, women are the "guardians of the Gospel," eagerly proclaiming the good news well before Pentecost. At the presentation in the temple, the prophetess Anna recognizes Christ, "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). It is to the Samaritan woman that Jesus first reveals himself as the promised Messiah. Like Anna, she rushes off to tell everyone, and "many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman" (John 4: 39). At Easter, Jesus first appears as the risen one to Mary Magdalene, who then as the "apostle to the apostles," rushes off to "bear witness to him before the Apostles."

Second, John Paul notes, "a woman is strong because of her awareness of this entrusting [of new life to her]." This is why "women were in the forefront at the foot of the Cross.... John was the only Apostle who remained faithful, but there were many faithful women.... In this most arduous test of faith and fidelity the women proved stronger than the Apostles." Maternal love overcame fear.

John Paul wrote that "even in the distracted atmosphere of a wedding banquet [at Cana, only Mary] realized that the wine was about to be missing. And to prevent the joy of the spouses from turning into embarrassed discomfort, she did not hesitate to ask Jesus for his first miracle. Here is the "genius" of the woman! May the caring delicacy, all feminine and maternal, of Mary, be the ideal mirror of every authentic femininity and motherhood" (July 23, 1995).

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's apostolic letter *Mulieris Dignitatem* (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women) at <https://tinyurl.com/yayna9e9>. Read his *Angelus* from July 23, 1995, at <https://tinyurl.com/6ja96rbt>.

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

Pentecost

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #457—"Come, Holy Ghost"

Missal #196—"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"—Choir

MASS PARTS

Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE

Missal #193—"Veni, Creator Spiritus"

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"With a Voice of Singing" (*M. Shaw*)—Choir

Missal #425—"One Spirit, One Church"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

"Spirit of God" (*P. Kern*)—Choir

Missal #344—"Gift of Finest Wheat"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #213—"God, We Praise You"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for CCD and Religious Ed programs. There is also an envelope for Catholic Communications.
- » May 26, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the school building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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.

IN HONOR OF MARY
THE LIVING ROSARY

Join our parish priests and choir in the church plaza after 1pm Mass

Raffle Enthusiasts & Music Lovers!
**Week 2: Sacred Music Society
Sweepstakes**

Say hello to a choir member, and if you are able, purchase a sweepstakes tickets! They will be selling tickets after today's Masses and again next weekend (May 25–26). By purchasing a sweepstakes ticket, you are supporting the mission of enriching our Masses and liturgies all year round with spiritually uplifting music. **Tickets are \$50 each.** Your generous contribution also offers you the **chance to win \$1,000.** With only 100 tickets being sold, your odds are remarkably good. And they are accepting credit cards!

The drawing will be on Sunday, May 26 after the 1 p.m. Mass. You don't have to be present at the drawing to win. We will announce the winner in the bulletin. *Thank you for supporting the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.*



OLQM Choir after Good Friday evening services, March 29, 2024

**Acts of the Apostles: Monday Night
Bible Study on Zoom**

Delve into the journey of the Acts of the Apostles with our Through the Word bible study program. This weekly study invites us to witness the Holy Spirit's transformative power in building communities, inspiring faith, and guiding the apostles in their courageous missions—and to explore the foundational moments that shaped Christianity and continue to influence believers today. All are welcome! Feel free to invite others to the study, too. To join on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on Zoom, email our instructor Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link.

**Bereavement Support Group to Meet
on Monday**

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. They meet next on **Monday, May 20, at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). For questions or additional information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

**Brooklyn Afire: Calling All
Interested Young Adults**



A month ago, we heard Father Henry Torres's presentation on Young Catholic Professionals (YCP). Here's an update: Our diocese has a related group called **Brooklyn Afire** offering spiritually enriching programs for Catholic youth and young adults. The inaugural event is a Q&A session with a biblical scholar from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. The evening portion of the June 8 event in Brooklyn is free for high school juniors, seniors, and young adults up to their 30s; dinner will be provided for those young people who register.

**Stump the Professor: Q&A with Dr. John Bergsma
Sunday, June 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

The Opera House at Emmaus Center, Emmaus Center Hall, 288 Berry St., Brooklyn. Register at www.brooklynafire.com (select the Events menu)

Anyone wishing to attend Dr. Bergsma's June 8 lecture on Healing in Scripture, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., also at the Emmaus Center, can register for \$30/person.

Brooklyn Afire is planning future events, including Life in the Spirit seminars at parish deaneries and college campuses and healing Masses where God's love is present in Word and Eucharist. More to be announced.

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.

**JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU.
AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU." (John 20:21)**

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage May 26–27 in Brooklyn

Be a part of an exceptional experience! The pilgrimage is traveling the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route through 18 dioceses and over 100 select locations on the East Coast. Join our diocese's pilgrims at the Brooklyn Bridge to receive the Eucharist on Sunday, May 26. Then, on May 27, join them as they journey through Brooklyn en route to the Diocese of Metuchen in Piscataway, New Jersey. Following this leg of the pilgrimage, a small group of pilgrims will continue west to rendezvous with others in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, for the National Eucharistic Revival.



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

Diocese of Brooklyn
May 26-27, 2024
www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

3:15 PM Arrive at **St. James Cathedral**
3:30 PM Leave for **Brooklyn Bridge**
4:00 PM Greet the Eucharist **Mid-Span of the Brooklyn Bridge**
4:30 PM Process to **Our Lady of Lebanon**
Prayer and Adoration
5:00 PM Process to **Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph-St. Teresa of Avila**
6:00 PM Holy Hour Adoration
7:00 PM Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Whoever eats
this bread
will live forever*
John 6:51

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

7:00 AM Mass at **St. James Cathedral**
8:30 AM Process to **Mother Cabrini Park**
Prayer
9:30 AM Process to **Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary-St. Stephen-St. Mary Star of the Sea**
Prayer-Rest Stop
10:00 AM Process to **Holy Family-St. Thomas Aquinas**
Prayer-Rest Stop
11:15 AM Process to **St. Michael**
Lunch-Prayer-Adoration
1:00 PM Process to **Our Lady of Angels-St. Andrew the Apostle**
Prayer-Rest Stop
2:15 PM Process to **69th Street Pier**
3:00 PM Departure to the Diocese of Metuchen

Congratulations to all the young people from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs—Religious Education, RCIA & OLQM Catholic Academy—receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at today's 4 p.m. Mass. Their names will appear in next week's bulletin so that all of you can continue to pray for their faith journey.



**PENTECOST &
CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**



About Today's Special Collection for Catholic Communications

This yearly collection helps bring the Church's social teachings to life through engaging media—print, TV, and web-based communications. Half of the funds collected remain in our diocese to support local news services like *The Tablet* and Net-TV. The remaining funds are used to produce media for the national bishops' conference, provide media training, and award grants to Catholic communicators in developing nations.

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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

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	May 12
Candle Offerings	\$1,655.00
1st Collection	8,675.12
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	2,783.12
Ascension Thursday/HDO (5/9)	2,343.09
HDO 2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	1,162.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>16,618.33</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,091.97
Mail In	1,496.00
TOTAL	\$23,206.30
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,293.70)

* 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.

OLQM June Calendar

Watch for updates on these events and additional announcements.



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

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

June 7 (Fri) Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the 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 the church to accept gently used and new clothing.

June 25 (Tue) Altar Server Trip to Great Adventures bus departs from our church at 7:30 a.m.

June 29 (Sat) CYO Diocesan Mass for All Young Athletes 12 p.m. Student athletes and coaches from all CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) leagues in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens are invited to this Mass in our church to honor the champions of 2023–2024. We look forward to having you join us!

Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide

New York rightly invests millions of dollars annually in suicide prevention efforts, yet there is a legislative proposal that could undermine these endeavors by framing suicide as “death with dignity.” Despite lingering in subcommittee for years, this legislation has gained momentum, and with strong sponsorship this year, there are indications it might soon be put to a vote. We ask you to voice your opposition by contacting your state senators and assembly members, specifically referencing Senate bill #2445 and Assembly bill #995. Opponents, including the New York State Catholic Conference, patient rights advocates, disabilities rights advocates, and civil rights organizations, advocate for alternatives such as enhanced access to palliative care (comfort care) rather than physician-assisted suicide.

The NYS Catholic Conference has a letter that you can sign expressing your stance. Please visit their website at www.nyscatholic.org/action-center.

Mental Health Services

St. John’s University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike) offers psychological testing and therapy services for children, adolescents, and adults. To make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.

In the Community

Sunday, June 9 @ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Forest Hills Festival of the Arts. The street fair runs along Austin Street between 69th and 72nd Roads. For those driving to church for Mass that day, the church parking lot on 72nd Road off Austin Street will remain accessible.



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 in-person 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: Acts of the Apostles. 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).

Have you given to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal?

Our parish goal is to raise \$114,568 for the diocesan appeal. Right now, 182 families have already pledged, and we ask all families to 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.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



God bless you for your generous giving

“Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

Matthew 6:21