

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Must-Read Message
from Bishop Brennan

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

TRUSTEE
Veronica McCarthy

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lorna Stark

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

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

**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.

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

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.

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

GIVE NOW
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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, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours

8:05 a.m. Mariano Cardona

12:05 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Tomanelli

5 p.m. Joseph and Alice Wilfinger

Sunday, November 12

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

Monday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:05 a.m. Teodulo O. Mendoza

12:05 p.m. Ceil Koluch

Tuesday, November 14

8:05 a.m. Dr. Darryl R. Anderson

12:05 p.m. Rosetta Miracapillo

Wednesday, November 15

Saint Albert the Great

8:05 a.m. Dr. Darryl R. Anderson

12:05 p.m. Mary and Joseph Murphy [living]

Thursday, November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland

Saint Gertrude

8:05 a.m. Dr. Darryl R. Anderson

12:05 p.m. Joseph Wengler

Friday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:05 a.m. M. Philomena O'Brien

12:05 p.m. Livia Zambanini

Saturday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:05 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Margaret MacBride

5 p.m. Matthew Patsos

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 12

All Masses: **Thanksgiving Canned Food Collection**

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Tickets on sale after Masses in the church vestibule (see page 6)

9 a.m.–12 p.m. *front of church, Ascan Avenue:*

St. Vincent de Paul Truck accepting drop-off donations of new or gently used clothing

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room:* **Sunday Morning Bible Study**
(enter at glass door near the Mary statue)

Monday, November 13

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, November 14

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

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

Wednesday, November 15

Religious Education

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

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

7:45–9 p.m. *Zoom:* **Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**

Thursday, November 16

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

(see Thursday devotions schedule change on page 3)

Saturday, November 18

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

2 p.m. *church:* **WEDDING**

Martha S. Dologuin / Kevin T. Magee

Remember Our Deceased

Mary Ann Lyons
Kerry Anne McErlean



Phuong Nha Pham
Terry Shanley

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Stephen Gavosto, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Jovanka Radeka, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Julio Enrico Yanez, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Deacon Elias Yepes—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

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

Promoting a Culture of Life

Live as children of light... Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness.
(Ephesians 5: 8, 10-11)

REFLECT: “To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God” (USCCB). As Pope St. John Paul II stated, “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.”

“We are called to express wonder and gratitude for the gift of life... above all in daily living, which should be filled with self-giving love for others.... Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of man [also] impels us to share this message with everyone. [It] involves making clear all the consequences of this Gospel. These can be summed up as follows: human life, is a gift of God.... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern....

“The first and fundamental step [is to] re-establish the essential connection between life and freedom.... There is no true freedom where life is not welcomed and loved; and there is no fullness of life except in freedom.... No less critical in the formation of conscience is the recovery of the necessary link between freedom and truth.... It is essential that man should acknowledge his inherent condition as a creature to whom God has granted being and life as a gift and a duty. Only by admitting his innate dependence can man live and use his freedom to the full, and at the same time respect the life and freedom of every other person.” (Evangelium Vitae)

ACT: Learn about legislative issues impacting Catholics by signing up for action alerts from the NYS Catholic Conference (www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center); form your conscience for faithful citizenship (see <https://tinyurl.com/ypenej43>).

LEARN: To learn how to promote a culture of life, consider reading Evangelium Vitae, at <http://tinyurl.com/4rfdmfxe>; Samaritanus Bonus, at <http://tinyurl.com/ynpu9d5a>; the USCCB’s How to Build a Culture of Life, at <https://tinyurl.com/yckkpwnv>.

Thank You from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who brought clothing donations to the St. Vincent de Paul truck this morning. The truck visits our parish four times a year. Stay tuned. We will post the 2024 dates on our website soon.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

Order of Mass

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #56—“Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer”

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Jubilate Deo Mass/Mass of Creation

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Seek Ye the Lord” (*J. V Roberts*)—*Choir*
Missal #529—“Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning”

COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*G. da Palestrina*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #601—“Christ, Be Our Light”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #580—“In the Day of the Lord”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society’s charitable works.
- » November 19, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD); this collection helps to combat poverty in our country by funding community programs that encourage independence.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday Devotions - Schedule Change

On November 23, Thanksgiving Day, there are no devotions. From November 30 to February 8, Thursday Benediction and Adoration will be held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes on Thursday, February 15, 2024 (the day after Ash Wednesday).

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us for Mass on **Thursday, November 23**
at the special time of **10 am**

Share Your Thanksgiving Blessings
Bring canned & nonperishable food items to Mass

Food will be given to our sister parishes in Queens that have food pantry programs or are helping to feed migrants.
Suggested donations: Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; Canned vegetables; Canned fruits; Shelf-stable milk; Canned & boxed meals (soup, mac & cheese); Canned or dried beans; Pasta, sauce, rice, cereal; Nut butters; 100% fruit juice; Low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar foods & snacks
Canned goods with pull-tops are thoughtful!
Be sure items are not past expiration!

Thank you for your generosity.

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Maxine Arya Espinal

daughter of Paola Saldarriaga and Kenny Espinal

Roselys Valerio Jaquez

daughter of Rocelina Jaquez Cruz and Johnny Valerio

Stella Rose Sheppard

daughter of Daisy and Stephen Sheppard, Jr.

Lucas Flint Thorp

son of Lacey and Dillon Thorp

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Bereavement Support Is Available

The parish bereavement support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. The group meets this week on **November 13** and again on **December 18**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

WHEN: Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19, at 4 p.m. at the **Forest Hills Jewish Center**. Embrace community and faith at this annual gathering of neighbors and friends. The FHJC is located at 106-06 Queens Blvd (use the 69th Rd entrance). Collation to follow the service. All are welcome.

—Weekly Collections—

	Oct 29	Nov 5
Candle Offerings	\$1,769.00	\$2,026.00
1st Collection	8,859.00	10,712.00
2nd Collection	2,430.00	3,004.00
	<i>(major repairs)</i>	<i>(church cleaning)</i>
All Saints Day (Nov 1)	-	3,268.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>13,058.00</u>	<u>19,010.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	3,743.00	2,584.56
Mail In	4,391.00	5,880.30
TOTAL	21,192.00	27,474.86
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,958.00)	4,324.86

*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.

Contact Us

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

From Our Pastor's Desk

Bishop Brennan asked us to share his letter (below) so parishioners are aware of his thinking on these important matters to ensure the local Catholic Church in Brooklyn and Queens remains effective and vibrant. These conclusions were not made in a vacuum. As the dean of our Queens 6 area, I have been consulted, along with the other deanery heads, on many of these points. He has also sought input from diocesan lay and clerical advisory committees. Many of these directives are already in place. We have implemented programs in collaboration with neighboring parishes, contributing to the broader and more dynamic vision Bishop Brennan is advocating in the Catholic Church of Brooklyn and Queens. — *Father Passenant*



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

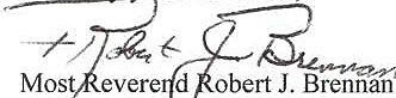
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

This biannual fundraiser supports the liturgies and concerts presented by the Sacred Music Society. You should plan to act fast because only 100 sweepstakes tickets at \$50 each will be sold (offering a high chance of winning). Choir members are selling tickets in the church vestibule today and again on the weekends of **November 18/19 & 25/26**. The drawing will be after the 1 p.m. Mass on November 26 for one cash prize of \$1,000. You don't need to be present at the drawing to win; we will announce the winner in the bulletin. Say hello to a choir member today, and please purchase a sweepstakes ticket in support of the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Concert of Advent & Christmas Music Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m.

Tickets \$30 available in the rectory
Children 12 & under free

Free Estate Planning & Will Seminar

Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m. in our church rectory's basement meeting room. We are hosting this seminar in partnership with Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens. You will learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs, and promote the legacy of your Catholic faith for future generations. This informative program is FREE and open to all parishioners and friends. No solicitations will be made at this presentation, but an RSVP is required by calling the rectory.

OLQM Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Nov 25/26 to Dec 9/10



Gift tags will be available on November 25/26 weekend.

Pick a gift tag and purchase a brand-new gift that is suitable for the child or teenager's age as written on the tag.

Gift cards that are brand new are welcome for teens so they can pick out something they truly need or want.

Return all gifts UNWRAPPED* and with the tag attached to the church tree on the weekends of December 2/3 or 9/10.

** Please do not leave gifts unattended in the church vestibule. Leave all gifts at the designated tree in the church or bring them to the rectory during business hours. Gift cards can be dropped in the rectory mailbox (write "Giving Tree" on the gift card envelope). Thank you for participating!*

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WREATHS

Please place your order early for a memorial Christmas wreath or tree or poinsettia plant. Order forms are in the church. Thank you.

Help Us Keep the Church Clutter-Free

The holidays are approaching, bringing friends and family—and, unfortunately, more unsolicited mail. Please do not leave in the church any religious materials or items that you receive at home in your personal mail. If you do not want these items, you can dispose of them as you would your other unwanted mail. Your cooperation in maintaining the tidiness of our church is greatly appreciated.

A Follow-Up on the DOT Parking Study

A few months ago, we alerted you to a possible redesign of Austin Street (see the news item on our website: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/car-free-austin-street). The Department of Transportation is setting up small tents on Continental Avenue and nearby locations to poll pedestrians about safety and open spaces. This polling will be used in the plan to pedestrianize Austin Street and remove parking. If you oppose losing parking spaces on Austin Street, you can make your voice heard by signing the DOT survey and saying no.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming Catholic, or if you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact olqmrkia@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.