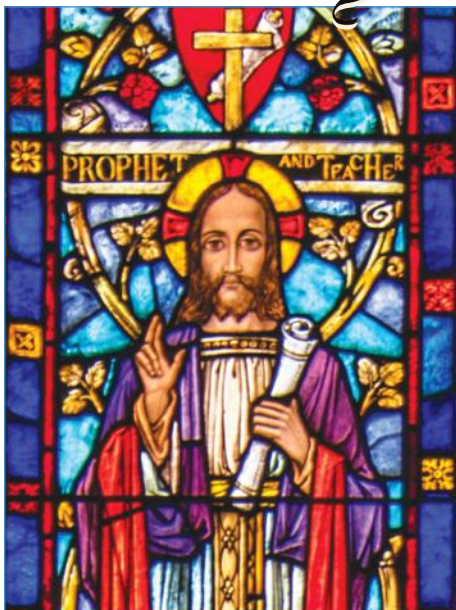


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



## PARISH MISSION Cultivating a Christ-Centered Heart and Parish

Sunday Masses October 15th  
Evenings at 7 pm October 16th, 17th and 18th

Presented by Fr. Michael Bruno, STD

Monday Oct. 16th:  
Encountering  
Christ the Priest: Living a  
Sacramental Life in Christ

Wednesday Oct. 18th:  
Encountering  
Christ the King: Witnessing  
to the Kingdom of Christ in  
Our World

Tuesday Oct. 17th:  
Encountering  
Christ the Prophet:  
Proclaiming the Word,  
Who Is Christ

An inspirational talk series  
over three evenings. Story  
inside on page 5.

**PRAYER | COMMUNITY | SCRIPTURE | SACRAMENTS**

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

**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.

**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

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



**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, October 14

**Saint Callistus I**

8:05 a.m. Christie L. Famularo

12:05 p.m. Kathryn Mets [living]

5 p.m. Eladia and Benjamin Dinglasan

Sunday, October 15

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

Monday, October 16

**Saint Hedwig**

**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**

8:05 a.m. Vernetta Gunnell

12:05 p.m. Doris and Joseph Crane

Tuesday, October 17

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch**

8:05 a.m. Lyda and Ricardo Kaminski

12:05 p.m. Angela and Diego Polito

Wednesday, October 18

**Saint Luke**

8:05 a.m. Margaret Kelly

12:05 p.m. Mario Patrick Mongelli

Thursday, October 19

**Saints John de Brébeuf and Issac Jogues**

8:05 a.m. Lucille M. Leipold

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Friday, October 20

**Saint Paul of the Cross**

8:05 a.m. Emma Castino

12:05 p.m. Annabel Manald [birthday-living]

Saturday, October 21

8:05 a.m. Deceased members of OLQM  
Single Adults Groups

12:05 p.m. Edith Joan Scudellari

5 p.m. Susan and Frank Passenent

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, October 15

All Masses. Parish Mission with Fr. Bruno  
~Cultivating a Christ-Centered Heart and Parish~

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

Monday, October 16

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

7 p.m. *church*: Parish Mission: "Living a Sacramental  
Life in Christ"

"Through the Word" Bible Study

7 p.m. Zoom meetings resume on October 23

Tuesday, October 17

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

7 p.m. *church*: Parish Mission: "Proclaiming the Word,  
Who Is Christ"

7:45 p.m. *church choir loft*: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 18

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 p.m. *church*: Parish Mission: "Witnessing to the  
Kingdom of Christ in Our World"

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

Thursday, October 19

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

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Friday, October 20

12:05 p.m. Mass *church*: Start of the St. Jude Novena

Saturday, October 21

9:45 a.m. *church*: **Altar Server Training** (*continues October 28*)

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

## Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham, 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, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Mary Ann Lyons, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Loretta Milana, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Jovanka Radeka, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Deacon Elias Yepes—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Remember Our Deceased

Julia Chang  
Phyllis Imperante  
Msgr. Paul Jervis  
Dolores Lisi  
Manuel Martinez

Carol-Gaye A. Morris  
Rev. Jerome Nadine  
Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Sherman  
Edward W. Wronski  
Rev. Robert Vitaglione

## 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.**

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### Respect Life Month: Human Dignity in the Vegetative State

*“Open your mouth on behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute; Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor!” (Proverbs 31: 8-9)*

**REFLECT:** “No living human being ever descends to the status of a vegetable or an animal. Even our brothers and sisters who find themselves in the clinical condition of a ‘vegetative state’ retain their human dignity in all its fullness. The loving gaze of God the Father continues to fall upon them, acknowledging them as his sons and daughters, especially in need of help. Against a ‘quality of life’ ethic that makes discriminatory judgments about the worthiness of different people’s lives, the Church insists that the value of a man’s life cannot be made subordinate to any judgment of its quality expressed by other men.

“Because this life has inherent dignity, regardless of its visible quality, it calls out to us for the normal care owed to all helpless patients. In principle, food and fluids (even if medically assisted, as in tube feeding) are part of that normal care. Such feeding is a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act.... Deliberate withdrawal of food and fluids to produce a premature death can be a form of euthanasia, that is, unjust killing. Death by starvation or dehydration is, in fact, the only possible outcome as a result of their withdrawal....

“Patients and families, like others involved in medical decisions, need to understand that while specific medical procedures may at times become useless or burdensome, this can never be said of human persons themselves. Caring for loved ones who may never be able to respond or thank us for our faithfulness could be the ultimate test of our commitment to a culture of life.... [At the same time], we must not forget the needs of families; [we] must not abandon these families but reach out to give them every possible assistance so they will not face their burdens alone.” (USCCB)

**ACT:** Stay informed about legislative issues impacting Catholics by signing up for action alerts from the NYS Catholic Conference at <https://tinyurl.com/4j2tkdp7>.

**LEARN:** Read the USCCB’s paper, Human Dignity in the Vegetative State, at <http://tinyurl.com/burdncay>. Review the NYS Catholic Conference End-of-Life Resources, at <https://tinyurl.com/4wxzhy87>.

Please take home the additional handout materials that we have made available in church on Catholic teachings on respect and dignity for all human beings and on end-of-life issues.

## Order of Mass

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #315—“As We Gather at Your Table”*

*Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass*

**MASS PARTS:** Jubilate Deo/Mass of Creation

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25:6-10a

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I shall live in the house of Lord all the days of my life.*

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:1-14

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

“Let Our Songs Fill the Skies” (*T. Kirk*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #468—“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

### COMMUNION

“Brother James Air” (*arr. G. Jacob*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #337—“The Supper of the Lord”*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #200—“Now Thank We All Our God”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » October 22, the second collection is for Adult Religious Education. There are also envelopes for World Mission Sunday and for All Souls’ Day Remembrances.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.

## Be an Informed Citizen: Let Your Voice Be Heard

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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)





Recently at OLQM

## Blessing of the Animals

On October 4, Fr. Antonin gave a verbal blessing and sprinkling of holy water to dogs, cats, and a bird. Turnout was huge! Students from Religious Ed also came to learn a lesson about St. Francis of Assisi and to pet some of the animals. Photos by Pat Abes and Denise De Maria. More photos from this joyful day are on our website and Instagram page.

# St. Jude Novena: October 20–28

Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Daily Masses & after 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on the 22nd

*Join in prayer and bring your intentions to St. Jude for physical, mental, spiritual health.*

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

### 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. They meet next on **Monday, October 23**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olq church.org](mailto:bereave@olq church.org).

### 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 [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Annual Fall Fling Raffle

We need everyone to participate! Please purchase raffle sheets\* for yourself or as a thoughtful gift for your family and friends. **There will be three cash prizes!** Tickets were mailed to your homes. An increased giving card was also included in the mailing. Whether through raffle ticket purchases or increased giving, OLQM values and appreciates your support for your parish in whatever form it is offered.

\*Raffle sheets are available in back of church and on the piano.

**A Fall Favorite**  
**OLQM Church**  
**Fall Fling Raffle**

Drawing is Sunday, October 22

The air is getting cooler. It's time for pumpkin spice anything,  
warm sweaters AND **church raffle tickets!**

**\$25/each**  
**\$100 for a sheet of six (6) chances**

Three cash prizes: \$1,000 Grand prize  
\$350 Second prize | \$150 Third prize

**Thank you for your support!**



## 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.** The group is studying St. Luke’s Gospel and meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** The evening group is undertaking a three-month study on the Eucharist. To join on Zoom, contact [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com). Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can also be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian).

**Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m.** The Charismatic group holds 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).

## Our Parish Mission

We encourage each and every one of you to participate over three evenings this week as Fr. Michael Bruno, chair of Church History at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers, presents our parish mission program.

Our theme is cultivating a Christ-centered heart and parish. At the moment of our Baptism, we were anointed by the Holy Spirit “to live as members of Christ’s body.” We are called personally and as a parish community to center our lives in Christ, who is Priest, Prophet, and King, and to use the particular gifts God has given us, to witness to Jesus in our homes and in our community.

By reflecting together on the identity of the Lord Jesus during our parish mission, we will be able to more fully understand our call and our mission as disciples and as stewards in our parish community. We should consider how having a Christ-centered heart can be expressed in action by demonstrating good stewardship of the gifts we have received from God, sharing them lovingly with others in our lives, and living out good stewardship as active members of this parish.

**Committee Advances Basilica Status Quest, Awaits Bishop Brennan’s Reply.** At the inaugural committee meeting last month, many volunteers came forward, and their collective wisdom was instrumental in our composing a formal letter addressed to our bishop, Bishop Robert Brennan of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, respectfully seeking his approval and blessing for this important undertaking. The letter was dated September 15, our parish feast day, symbolizing our dedication to this cause. Now, as we await a response from the bishop, we extend our sincere appreciation to our committee chair and everyone else who helped us to take this first step in our journey toward basilica status.—*Father Passenant*

### KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	<b>Oct 8</b>
Candle Offerings	\$1,542.00
1st Collection	7,290.08
2nd Collection ( <i>major repairs</i> )	2,698.01
<i>Subtotal - In Church</i>	<u>11,530.09</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,978.54
Mail-In	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,508.63</b>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,641.37)

\* 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 with Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving a legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

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[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

### LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the “past livestreams” link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)





**Fall Fun Day at OLMQCA** Fr. Passenant, Principal Anne Zuschlag, students, and teachers all enjoyed a glorious play day on the church grounds on October 5. Photos by Robert Schnell.

### Living Rosary

After the last Sunday Mass on October 8, we formed a circle in front of the church to recite a rosary together. Thank you to all who participated in our October tradition of praying a Living Rosary during the month of the rosary. Photos by Denise De Maria.



### Deanery Corner

*A place for news & events at nearby parishes*

**October 22 @ 1 pm. Living Rosary with the Holy Rosary and Altar Society of Our Lady of Mercy** (70-01 Kessel Street, Forest Hills). Refreshments to follow afterward in the OLM Parish Hall.

### ACA UPDATE

**Parish Goal: \$114,568 (Achieved!)**

**Donors: 304**

**Pledged: \$144,125**

**Paid Pledges: \$130,290**

*(\$15.7K over goal as of October 10)*



Your response to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been phenomenal. We have met our ACA commitment AND are nearly \$16,000 over goal in paid pledges! Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges. Amounts paid over goal are refunded to OLMQ. To make a new or one-time gift to the 2023 ACA, there are envelopes in church for your use.

## Catholic High School Open Houses

*Parents and students should contact each school's admissions office directly. RSVPs and advanced registration may be required.*

**Cathedral Prep and Seminary** (boys). 56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst. Sun, Oct 22 @ 11:30am–2pm. 718-592-6800; cathedralprep.org

**The Mary Louis Academy** (girls). 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates. Sun, Oct 22 @ 10am–3pm. 718-297-2120; www.TMLA.org

**Christ the King** (coed). 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village. Oct 26 @ 6–8pm. 718-366-7400 ext. 240; www.ctkny.org

**Notre Dame High School** (girls). 327 West 13th St., Manhattan. Sun, Oct 29 @ 1–5pm. 212-620-5575, ext. 318; www.cheznous.org