

October 29, 2023 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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.

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





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Scan for parish registration information and form

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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 28

Saints Simon and Jude

8:05 a.m. Nereida, Eulogio, and Edward Colon

12:05 p.m. Intentions of St. Jude Novena

5 p.m. Elizabeth Mikitik and Anne Wilfinger

Sunday, October 29

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

Monday, October 30

8:05 a.m. Cheryl Dellacroce Steinberg

12:05 p.m. Jose M. Estevez

Tuesday, October 31

8:05 a.m. Tiam and Willy Lao Uy

12:05 p.m. Anna Cerminaro

All Saints Day Vigil Mass

7:30 p.m. Edward J. Walsh, Jr.

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses are at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

All Souls' Day

8:05 a.m. All Souls Intentions

12:05 p.m. All Souls Intentions

Friday, November 3

Saint Martin de Porres

8:05 a.m. Annide Charles Telemaque

12:05 p.m. Margaret and Lawrence Bonamo

Saturday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass

12:05 p.m. Heinz Meyer

5 p.m. Marilyn and Charles Chow

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, October 29

♪ **CHOIR WEEKEND** ♪

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

2:30 p.m. *rectory:* **Baptism Instruction**

Monday, October 30

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

At the 12:05 p.m. *Mass church:*

Novena for "End-of-Life Respect" Begins
(continues daily through November 7)

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

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

Wednesday, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

(Holy Day of Obligation; see Mass times at left)

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 2

ALL SOULS DAY

(see page 4 for our November remembrances)

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday, November 3

6–8 p.m. *McLaughlin Hall:* **MAYO (Martyrs Active Youth Organization) How to Be Better Saints**

Saturday, November 4

10:30 a.m. *church:* **Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass**

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



Remember Our Deceased

Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham

Robert Fanto

Neil Ferrara

Jose Hernandez

Elias Kamaris

Theresina Leung

Stephen Slevin

Msgr. James F. Spengler

Fr. Mathew Hoang viet Dinh

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.**

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarías, 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, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Mary Ann Lyons, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Phuong Nha Pham, 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

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

Respect Life Month: The Eclipse of the Sense of God and the Culture of Death

"See, I have today set before you life and good, death and evil... Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live." (Deuteronomy 30: 15, 19)

REFLECT: Pope St. John Paul II writes that at the struggle between the culture of life and the culture of death is the most fundamental of "tragedies being experienced by modern man: the eclipse of the sense of God and of man... When the sense of God is lost, the sense of man is also threatened and poisoned... By living as if God did not exist, man not only loses sight of the mystery of God, but also of the mystery of the world and the mystery of his own being... He no longer considers life as a splendid gift of God, something sacred entrusted to his responsibility and thus also to his loving care and veneration. Life itself becomes a mere 'thing,' which man claims as his exclusive property, completely subject to his control and manipulation..."

"The eclipse of the sense of God and of man inevitably leads to a practical materialism, which breeds individualism, utilitarianism and hedonism... The values of being are replaced by those of having. The only goal which counts is the pursuit of one's own material well-being. The so-called 'quality of life' is interpreted primarily or exclusively as economic efficiency, inordinate consumerism, physical beauty and pleasure, to the neglect of the more profound dimensions—interpersonal, spiritual and religious—of existence... In such a context, suffering, an inescapable burden of human existence but also a factor of possible personal growth, is 'censored,' rejected as useless, indeed opposed as an evil, always and in every way to be avoided."

We are in the midst of "an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life," John Paul warns, and there is no neutral ground. We are all involved, and we all share "the inescapable responsibility" of choosing a culture of life. (Gospel of Life)

ACT: Sign up for action alerts from the NYS Catholic Conference (link below) and form your conscience for faithful citizenship (see <https://tinyurl.com/ypenej43>); stay informed about legislative issues supporting a culture of death.

LEARN: Consider the factors that support a culture of death. Read Evangelium Vitae, the Gospel of Life, at <http://tinyurl.com/4rfdmfxe>, and Samaritanus Bonus, the Good Samaritan, at <http://tinyurl.com/ynpu9d5a>.

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

Order of Mass

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir singing at all Masses

ENTRANCE

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"—*Choir*

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Jubilate Deo/Mass of Creation

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"

(G. Young)—Choir

Missal #679—"Where Love Is Found"

COMMUNION

"Benedictus in C" *(C. V. Stanford)—Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #353—"One Love Released"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #481—"Love Divine"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Say "hi" to a choir member today!

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs. There are also envelopes for All Souls' Day Remembrances.
- » November 5, the second collection is for a holiday church cleaning.
- » 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.

Remembering All Saints and All Souls

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) ~ Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on 10/31 at 7:30pm

Holy Day Masses 8:05am & 12:05pm

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All Souls Day (Nov. 2)



During the month of November
~All Souls' Remembrances~

In the Apostles Creed we pray: "I believe in the communion of saints." The word *communion* means "sharing" and also "communication." *Saints* does not mean only the saints in heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 946) tell us that "the communion of saints is the Church." It includes people who have died but have gone to purgatory and the people who are still alive. It includes us! We are trying to become saints, and we are already part of the communion of saints. The Church calls the souls who are already in heaven the Church *triumphant*. Those waiting in purgatory are called the Church *suffering*, and the rest of us who are still alive on earth are called the Church *militant*.

At Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, we try in our special way during the year, and especially in November, to remember the souls of our faithfully departed brothers and sisters whose funerals were celebrated here. We will be **remembering those we buried these last five years by reading their names, in alphabetical order, at the Masses** starting on November 2.

Active members of our community through their annual almsgiving have remembered the souls of their loved ones in an individual way with their gift of memorial candles at the Sacred Heart of Jesus altar. If you are interested in remembering your loved ones in this individual way, contact Dennis Francis Portelli, Pastoral Care Administrator, 718-268-6251 (ext. 41).

Lastly, Fox Funeral Home has arranged to have a **Memorial Mass** celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church on **Saturday, November 4, at 10:30 a.m.** for the specific intentions of those who died this past year. We hope you will attend and that you will be spiritually uplifted. Following is a list of the names of those individuals we lost this year.

In Loving Memory

Mariela Caicedo
Gloria Abando Estrada
Christel U. Ovalle
Dana Mihailescu
Frances Elizabeth Hatch
Patricia M. Sharkey
Mirleine Joseph
Elizabeth FitzGerald Heskin
Esperanza Castillo Garay
Ernest C. Kmitis
John L. Beglan, Jr.
Carmen Maria Colon
Celia Rodriguez
Maria Correal
Béatrice Rem
Mirta Cruz
Mary Petrocelli
Anthony Lanier Mosely
Concepcion Kane
Josefina Sullivan
Marie F. Gibson
Ana Szekely
Robert T. Woods
Louise Raible
Cesar Castillo

Joseph Segretto
Patrick Sarubbi
Juan Pablo Cabas Miranda
Margaret Kelly
Nina Marie Chow
Ramon F. Rodriguez
Lillian E. Lapen
Katherine Kuzma
Betty Ann Doyle
Homer E. Duren
Anthony DeVincenzo
Coila Sturdevant
Angelo Rifino
Nelia Domingo Acoba
Loretta Cancellara
Cecilia Duarte
John Franklyn Metters
Claire Zephirin
Marie Danielle Morisset
Fernando Navarro
Antonia Genao de Roca
Theresa Pauline Bartolotto
Arturo G. Alvarez
Margaret Mary Ottavino
Thomas Kane

Margaret C. Woo
Tracy Elizabeth Cuva
Philip Hassialis
Lois Joan Wisnewski
Anne-Marie Henriette Bourbon
Delfina Jocson Roka
Antonio A. Gauna
Anthony J. Menninger
Zbigniew Lewko
Maria B. Dorado
Gloria Mack
Rosalina Palisoc De Leon
Bernadette Peters
Peter Tuohy
Patricia A. Savino
Alba Franco
Richard N. Whelan
Dolores Lisi
Carol-Gaye A. Morris
Edward W. Wronski
Robert John Murphy
Theresina Leung
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham
Jose Hernandez



Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass
10:30 AM ~ Saturday, November 4th
All are welcome and invited to light a candle
for those who have passed on this last year.



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. Current study topic is the Eucharist. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies 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).

Take home our flyer with the Christmas Memorial Wreath order form and the musical Christmas Festival details!

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

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 or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.



A Fall Favorite OLQM Church Fall Fling Raffle



Raffle winners are . . .
 First prize: L. Gomez (\$1000)
 Second prize: C. Laspinas (\$350)
 Third prize: P. Nicolais (\$150)

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU ALL!

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Oct 22
Candle Offerings	\$1,601.00
1st Collection	8,026.22
2nd Collection (<i>adult religious ed</i>)	1,410.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>11,037.22</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,421.34
Mail-In	2,555.00
TOTAL	\$18,013.56
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,136.44)

* 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.

Special Collection
 World Mission Sunday \$2,509.22

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.

Contact Us

Please note the new email address for the church rectory.

PHONE AND EMAIL

Rectory Office:
 718-268-6251
NEW: rectory@olqmchurch.org

Emergency (last rites):
 718-810-9788 (after office hours)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
 718-263-2622
info@olqmca.org

Religious Education Office:
 718-263-0907
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RCIA Office:
 718-268-6251, ext. *827
olqmrcia@gmail.com

OLQM Charity Outreach:
 718-268-6251, ext. *843

ADDITIONAL EMAIL

Administrator's Office:
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Baptisms:
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

Bereavement Support:
bereave@olqmchurch.org

Bulletin Subjects:
olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org

Disabilities Advocate:
disabilities.olqm@gmail.com

MAYO (Youth Organization):
youth@olqmchurch.org

Pastoral Care Office:
dfport@gmail.com

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 @OLQMChurch

YouTube:
 @OLQMStewardship

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



Prayer Focus

Prayer for Life and Dignity

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Source: USCCB)

We will pray a novena from October 30 to November 7 at the 12:05 p.m. Mass daily and after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 5, for end-of-life respect and dignity.

Community Health Services

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a screening with a hearing specialist. Free service through November 30. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Mental Health Services available at St. John's University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike). Testing and therapy available for children, adolescents, and adults. To make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.

Assisted Living Residence and Respite Care Available

Dominican Village, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY, is an independent living retirement community that offers a nurturing environment with a balance of personal choices, care, and support. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org.

Are You Struggling in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille, a Christian peer ministry and marriage-saving program, has an upcoming weekend on November 3-5 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. For questions and to register (there is a fee), call 800-470-2230 or sign up at HelpOurMarriage.org.

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 will be meeting next on November 16 and December 18. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Save the Date

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. This informative program is **FREE** and open to all parishioners and friends, but an RSVP is required by calling the rectory. No solicitations will be made at this presentation. You will learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs, and promote the legacy of your Catholic faith for future generations. More details to follow.

ACA UPDATE

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

Donors: 311

Pledged: \$147,310

Paid Pledges: \$134,430

(\$19.8K over goal as of October 23)



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Your response to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been phenomenal. We have met our ACA commitment AND we are nearly \$20,000 over goal in paid pledges! Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by December 31. Amounts paid over goal are refunded to our parish. God bless you for your generosity!

Finish Your Bachelor's Degree Online

Molloy University offers a fully online program so you can complete your schoolwork at your convenience and advance your career. Flexible course offerings are available. No application fee. Offered at a discount rate. For more information, contact Lara Sehne, office of enrollment management, 516-323-4411 or enrollonline@molloy.edu.

Deanery Corner

A place for news & events at nearby parishes

Vendors Wanted for American Martyrs (79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside) **Christmas Fair** 🎄 **December 2 & 3.** Email Christmas.fair@yahoo.com or call 718-464-4582.