

September 1, 2024 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, August 31

8:05 a.m. Jorge Manuel Santiago

12:05 p.m. Sarah Elizabeth Henschel

5 p.m. Marie Therese Miller

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

8:05 a.m. Corinaldi Johnson

12:05 p.m. Carmen Vanga Reyes

Tuesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great

8:05 a.m. Halina Lewsza [living]

12:05 p.m. Anna Nguyen Thi Le

Wednesday, September 4

8:05 a.m. Ann Armatos

12:05 p.m. Michael and Thomas Henschel [living]

Thursday, September 5

8:05 a.m. Jackie and Bob Spengler [living/anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Dr. Herb Lowenstein

Friday, September 6

8:05 a.m. Gladys Victoria Vazquez

12:05 p.m. Rev. Dario Betancourt

Saturday, September 7

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Carmen Herrera

5 p.m. David Stevenson

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Rosita Cabral, Taylor A. Calder, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Rosemary Kelly, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordenez, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Carlos Luis Velazquez, Jamie Vayone, Carlos Luis Velazquez, Teresa Wong—**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

Sunday, September 1

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Resumes September 8 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, September 2

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

★ HAPPY ★ LABOR ★ DAY ★
Rectory closed for the holiday

“Through the Word” Bible Study—Resumes September 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Tuesday, September 3

8:05 a.m. Mass for OLQM Catholic Academy Faculty

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

Wednesday, September 4



Welcome back, OLQMCA students!

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

Thursday, September 5

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, September 7

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

2 p.m. church: WEDDING

Olivia McCarthy/Connor Martinez

Next Sunday, September 8

9 a.m. Mass: Blessing of School Backpacks/Bookbags

11:15 a.m. Mass: Seminarian Installation as Acolyte (see p. 5)

Remember Our Deceased

Meryl Bruner

James M. Cunningham

Elizabeth Ribar



Brian F. Spaulding

Nancy Wang

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

Ed. Note: During the two months prior to the national election, the reflections will focus on the Church's teachings on forming consciences for faithful citizenship.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops on Civil Discourse during This Election Cycle

"May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony." (Pope Francis, April 29, 2017)

REFLECT: "As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus' invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to 'become neighbors to all.' As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in Fratelli Tutti, we can seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good." We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.

"Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics is a response [from the USCCB] to Pope Francis' invitation. Join us to model this 'better kind of politics.' Take the pledge below to commit to seeking the truth, building bridges, and finding solutions together that promote the common good. Individuals, families, and communities can participate. Begin today by loving God through encounter with a neighbor as a sister or brother.

"Take the pledge of charity to 'affirm through my words and actions the dignity of every person, each made in God's image. Even those with whom I disagree are made in his image.' Take the pledge of clarity to engage in critical examination to ensure that 'my perspectives are rooted in truth, that my sources of information are unbiased, and that I do not open myself to manipulation by partisan interests.' Take the pledge of creativity to be a bridgebuilder who participates in constructive dialogue based in shared values, a mutual exchange of gifts, and the humility to together seek the good."

ACT: Take the pledge to "Civilize" debate and discussion during this election cycle at <https://tinyurl.com/yn8n4dnp>.

LEARN: Explore the USCCB's Communities of Salt and Light website at <https://tinyurl.com/ysr8a24j>.



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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #732—"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

MASS PARTS

Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #375—"See Us, Lord, About Your Altar"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #348—"Taste and See"

IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY

Missal #745—"America the Beautiful"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #565—"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the building that houses OLMQ Catholic Academy. There is also an envelope for the Catholic University of America.
- » On September 8, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » 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.

Church Parking Lot Update

New asphalt should be placed by now. We anticipate the new fencing will be installed by the start of school or a few days after. Any inconvenience will be temporary. Thank you for understanding while this improvement is completed.

Returning from Summer Vacation?

It will be very helpful to us if you use the Catch-Up envelope or online Parish Giving on your return.

Bereavement Support Available

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They gather once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. Upcoming meetings are **Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** Questions? Contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

We Surpassed Our Goal in Paid Pledges

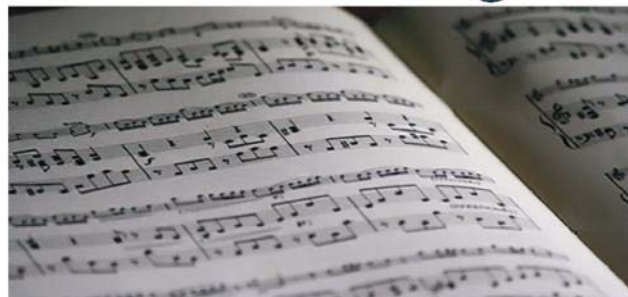


Our goal was to raise \$114,568 for the annual diocesan appeal. Thanks to the generosity of 299 donors, we surpassed that goal on July 30—ahead of our Labor Day target. It's a fantastic achievement.

Parish Goal: \$114,568 Pledged: \$147,021
Paid: \$125,959 (*over goal*) Donors: 299

Our parish contribution will help with the training of diocesan priests, delivery of social services to the needy in Brooklyn/Queens, and sustaining Catholic schools and religious ed programs (including at our parish). The surplus paid over goal comes back to our parish, so please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider a new or one-time gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to help us top 300 donors!

Attention Singers!



*If you enjoy singing, then we're for you!
If you believe that singing at Mass
adds a special dimension to worship,
11:15 am Mass each Sunday, then we're for you!*

*Remember the words of St. Augustine:
"They who sing, pray twice."*

*If you would like to join the choir, please come up
to the choir loft on Tuesdays starting September 10.
Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm sharp.*

On behalf of Father Cletus Forson, the Archdiocese of Accra (Ghana), and the office of the Propagation of Faith, thank you for your very generous donations to last Sunday's Summer Missionary Appeal.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 25
Candle Offerings	\$1,717.00
1st Collection	7,590.00
2nd Collection (<i>grounds maint.</i>)	2,431.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>11,738.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	3,830.17
Mail In	2,514.00
TOTAL	18,082.17
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,417.83)

* 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: Summer Missionary \$4,023.00
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish.

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
Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

RCIA Is Now **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The name is changing but the mission remains the same. Our religious education program for adults age 18 or older welcomes those who wish to join the Catholic Church or need to complete their Sacraments. OCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact olqmrca@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.

Welcome Back, Students!

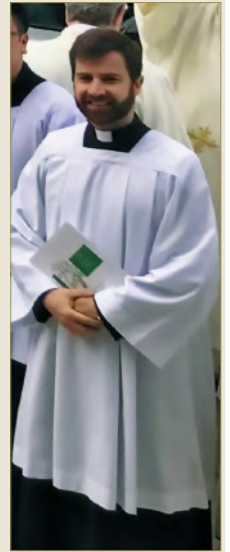
Bring your school bookbags or backpacks to the **9 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday, September 8** for a blessing so we can send everyone back to their first full week of school with our prayers. The schoolchildren from OLQM Catholic Academy will again be joining us daily at the 8:05 a.m. Mass starting next week, too. The 7th and 8th graders will attend Mass on Tuesdays, the 6th graders on Wednesdays, 2nd and 3rd graders on Thursdays, and 4th and 5th graders on Fridays. We are excited for their return. Let's all embark on the new school year with faith guiding us.



Welcome, Seminarian **Louis de Rohan Cabot!**

Today, we welcome to our parish Louis de Rohan Chabot, a seminarian from St. Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie, who is spending his pastoral year with us in his preparation for the priesthood. He will be installed into the Ministry of Acolyte by Bishop James Massa at next Sunday's **11:15 a.m. Choir Mass, September 8**, here at OLQM.

We are looking forward to his time with us and invite all our parishioners to give him a warm welcome.



New & Returning Students: Register ASAP for Religious Education Classes

The Religious Education program will be holding **in-person registration** for the 2024–2025 school year after every Mass on **Sundays, September 8 and September 15** in the back of the church. Please register and/or re-register your child.

Registration and payment can also be completed online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

Altar Server Vestry Gifts and Memorials

Since our altar servers do such a good job and are a central part of the liturgical worship, we want to upgrade their cassocks and surplices, most of which are over 20 years old and at this point beyond repair. Memorial donations for these needed items may be noted as "In Memory of . . ." OR "Gift from . . ."

Item:	Price
High School member — Black Cassock	\$200
High School member — Banded Surplice	\$125
Grade School member — Black Cassock	\$150
Grade School member — Plain Surplice	\$100
Combos:	
High School member — Black Cassock with Banded Surplice	\$300
Grade School member — Black Cassock with Plain Surplice	\$225



To make a request, complete this form and return with payment to the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT FROM OR GIFT IN MEMORY OF: *please print name(s)* _____

Requested by: _____

Requester's phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (selected from items and prices above): _____

Voter Registration Drive

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will be conducting a non-partisan voter registration drive after all Masses on **Sundays, September 15 and September 22**. As our bishops remind us, “In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation” (Faithful Citizenship, No. 13). We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election. We will have a table in the vestibule with registration forms. If you are a citizen and you are not registered to vote at your current address, please take time to register.

Relatedly, we will have a special presentation by Vincent LeVien of DeSales Media, head of government and community affairs, at the Masses on September 22. More information to follow.

Next Sunday’s Special Collection

The U.S. Bishops designate the second Sunday in September for the national collection for **Catholic University of America**. Please be generous to the extent possible in support of students and university research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.



*It’s time to do something different ...
Do something life changing...
Live your best life in love!*

Attend an upcoming WWME experience!

Sept. 20-22, 2024

**The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Huntington, NY**

Scan QR to apply
Additional info??
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Visit: www.wwme.org
Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org



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The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There’s no group discussion.

It’s just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

Living your best life in love



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. Weekly gatherings resume September 8, in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. Study on the Acts of the Apostles resumes on September 9. All are welcome. 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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Diocesan Events

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Honoring the Cause of Canonization of Servant of God, Msgr. Bernard Quinn: Mon, Sept 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn (856 Pacific St). Solemn vespers, Eucharistic adoration. Light reception to follow. RSVP by email to BlackCatholicConcernsBK@gmail.com or phone 718-924-2549.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sat, Sept 28 @ 11:30 a.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Brooklyn (1550 Hendrickson St). All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to renew their vows. Special recognition for couples celebrating 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. Registered couples receive a personalized certificate; those in attendance can have a picture taken with the presiding bishop. Fee: \$35/couple. Online registration with payment due by Sept 15. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyu7um7>. To request more information, email precana@diobrook.org.

Filipino Day at OLQM! Sunday, September 15, at the 1 p.m. Mass, we will honor Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines. All are invited to attend.