

September 10, 2023 - **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

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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

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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Scan for online parish giving



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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, September 9

Saint Peter Claver

8:05 a.m. Gilbert Munoz

12:05 p.m. Paul Melendez [living]

5 p.m. Thomas Clarke

Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

8:05 a.m. Liberata Padillo

12:05 p.m. Donna Marie Briguet

Tuesday, September 12

Most Holy Name of Mary

8:05 a.m. Lolita Peña

12:05 p.m. Patrick James Flannery

Wednesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom

8:05 a.m. Joseph Biondo

12:05 p.m. Concetta H. Massimiano

Thursday, September 14

Exaltation of the Cross

8:05 a.m. Nemesio Rollo Bandiang

12:05 p.m. Susan Villani

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:05 a.m. Robert Tan

12:05 p.m. Parish Feast Day Mass

Saturday, September 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:05 a.m. Tom Aughey

12:05 p.m. Amparo Diaz

5 p.m. Louis Assisi

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. Mass **STUDENT BACKPACK BLESSING**

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, September 11

22nd Anniversary (9/11/01) Commemorated at all Masses

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

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

Tuesday, September 12

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

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

Wednesday, September 13

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, September 14

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday, September 15

PARISH FEAST DAY

Sung Mass at 12:05 p.m.

6:30–8:30 p.m. *rectory:* CYO Basketball Sign-up

(for boys and girls grades 3–8)

Saturday, September 16

10 a.m.–12 p.m. *rectory:* CYO Basketball Sign-up

(boys and girls grades 3–8)

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Msgr. Paul Jervis, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Marites Macapagal, Loretta Milana, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Jovanka Radeka, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Deacon Elias Yepes—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Because of space constraints, we must periodically update our list. Names will be removed from the sick list after three (3) months, unless our office is notified.

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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of the
deceased grandparents of the Napoli family

—requested by Gerry Napoli

Remember Our Deceased

Bolivar Alamedi
Vincent Doyle
Gloria Mack



Teresa Munoz
(Baby) Bernadette Peters
Peter Tuohy

**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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

St. John Chrysostom on the Blood of Christ Received in Holy Communion

"When you draw near to the awe-inspiring chalice, approach as if you were going to drink from Christ's own side." (St. Saint John Chrysostom)

REFLECT: The church celebrates the feast of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, on September 13. He was born in Antioch around 349, ordained a priest in 386, and elected Bishop of Constantinople in 397. He was known for the elegance with which he explained Catholic doctrine. He died in 407 after uttering his last words, "Glory be to God for all things."

He wrote: "Let us then return from the [communion] table like lions breathing fire, having become terrible to the devil; thinking [of our Lord], and on the love which He has shown for us. [Our Lord says,] 'I feed you with My own flesh, desiring that you all be nobly born, and holding forth to you good hopes for the future.... I have willed to become your Brother, for your sake I shared in flesh and blood, and in turn I give out to you the flesh and the blood by which I became your kinsman.'

"This blood causes the image of our King to be fresh within us, produces beauty unspeakable, permits not the nobleness of our souls to waste away, watering it continually, and nourishing it.... This blood, if rightly taken, drives away devils, and keeps them afar off from us, while it calls to us Angels and the Lord of Angels....

"This blood is the salvation of our souls, by this the soul is washed, by this is beautiful, by this is inflamed, this causes our understanding to be more bright than fire, and our soul more beaming than gold; this blood was poured forth, and made heaven accessible.... Let us bear in mind of what things Christ has deemed us worthy, let us give thanks, let us glorify Him." (Homily 46 on the Gospel of John)

LEARN: Read the full text of St. John Chrysostom's homily at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9czsys>. To learn more about the life of St. Chrysostom, see <https://tinyurl.com/mr2nk76y>. Remember that when we receive the Eucharist, we receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ.

Order of Mass

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #724—"How Firm a Foundation"

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" (*G. Young*)—*Choir*
Missal #586—"They'll Know We Are Christians"

COMMUNION

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (*J. S. Bach*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation

Missal #618—"I Have Loved You"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #547—"O God beyond All Praising"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for Diocesan Support for Catholic Education.
- » September 17, the second collection is for our parish feast day.
- » 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.

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

Religious Education classes are on Wednesday. Are you registered?

The Religious Education program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is for those interested in furthering their children's faith formation. All new and returning students must register or re-register using our online form at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re. The 2023–2024 school year begins this week. Be sure you are registered.

God bless you, your faith, and your families.—Deacon Thomas Jorge, Director of Religious Education

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or 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.

Bereavement Support Is 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 meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. Their meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are Mondays **September 18**, October 16, November 16, and December 18. **All meetings start at 6:45 p.m.** and end at 8:15 p.m. An RSVP is required. If you wish to attend, please email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Aquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sat, Sept 23 @ 12 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (1550 Hendrickson St, Brooklyn). All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend and renew their marriage vows. There will be special recognition for couples celebrating milestone 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and have their picture taken with Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens. Use the QR code here to register.



Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meetings resume September 10 with continuing study of St. Luke's Gospel, starting from chapter 12. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The evening group resumes meetings on September 11 with a new three-month study on the Eucharist. Contact josephterry@gmail.com to join on Zoom. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can also be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. The group holds weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).

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 12. Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm sharp.

CYO Sports for Boys and Girls

Boys and girls wanting to play basketball and run track (or both) are welcome to join the Catholic Youth Organization sports programs. Girls' swim team also has upcoming tryouts. Here's how to join:

CYO BASKETBALL

Open to boys and girls in grades 3 to 8. Sign-up will be here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs rectory (entrance on Queens Blvd) on Friday, September 15 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 16 from 10 am.–12 p.m. For questions, please contact richard.allen@ropesgray.com.

CYO TRACK

Open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8. Sign-up is online: www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=stmsports. Select 2023/2024 Track Registration Form. For more information, call Michelle Rose at 917-837-5045.

TRI-M GIRLS CYO SWIM TEAM

Girls ages 6–14. Tryouts: Tuesday, September 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Community House (15 Borage Place). Email for more information: Trimswimteam@gmail.com.

Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Christian Orion Jimenez

son of Nicole and Luis Jimenez

Lia Grace Jimenez

daughter of Nicole and Luis Jimenez

Gabriel Emmanuel Lorenzo

son of Jacinth and Emmanuel Lorenzo

Ariella Nuri Prince

daughter of Annabel and David Prince

Arya Jenny Rivera

daughter of Trisha and George Rivera

Sebastian James Rizzo Unda

son of Kristell Unda Jara and Hugo Rizzo Naula

Aloyisa Bernice Schraufnagel

daughter of Allajah and Andrew Schraufnagel

George Teixeira Vesey

son of Luiza and Kevin Vesey

Clark Joseph Fabian Zafra

son of Carlene Medina and Francesco Zafra

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mary's title as Our Lady of Sorrows is the namesake feast for our parish. We will celebrate with a **sung Mass at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, September 15**. We will also observe our parish feast during next weekend's Sunday Masses. In one of the suggested Gospel readings for this feast, Jesus from the cross speaks to John, and to all of us, "Behold your mother." On this day, we do so with special gratitude and love for the Lady of Sorrows and the Queen of Martyrs.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Sept 3
Candle Offerings	\$1,589.00
1st Collection	7,954.03
2nd Collection (school bldg maintenance)	1,373.03
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>10,916.06</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,539.13
Mail-In	1,876.00
TOTAL	\$17,331.19
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,818.81)

* 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

Catholic University of America \$1,025.03

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

BY PHONE OR EMAIL

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718-810-9788 (after office hours)

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YouTube:
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/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.

Community Health Services

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

Mental Health Services. Evidence-based psychological testing and therapy services for children, adolescents, and adults are available at **St. John's University Center for Psychological Services** (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing). Services are provided free to military personnel and their immediate family. For more information or to make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 7, 2023
Maimonides Park, Brooklyn

- 9:00 AM - Gates Open**
- 10:00 AM - Youth Event**
- 11:30 AM - Family Catechesis**
- 12:45 PM - Eucharistic Procession**
- 1:30 PM - Mass and Closing**

"WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"

Registration at BQER.org

Bring the entire family!

UPDATE

Parish Goal:
\$114,568 Achieved!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Donors: 297 Pledged: \$141,728
Paid Pledges: \$123,427 (as of 8/5/23)

Thank you for bringing us over goal in paid pledges! Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledge payments; amounts paid over goal are refunded to our parish. To make a new or one-time gift to the 2023 ACA, there are envelopes in church that you can use.

Next Sunday (September 17): St. Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration

Fr. Patrick Longalong, coordinator of the Filipino Diocesan Apostolate, will celebrate the 1 p.m. Mass next Sunday in honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines. All are invited to this Mass to join us in welcoming him.

Back to Basics: Parish Mission: October 15–18

The theme is Cultivating a Christ-Centered Heart and Parish. The purpose is to help our church members grow together in our love of God. The mission begins with Fr. Michael Bruno speaking at all the Sunday Masses on October 15 and over the next three evenings, Monday through Wednesday, October 16–18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the church. Fr. Bruno is dean of seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, and he will guide us in centering our lives on Christ and understanding our call and our mission, personally and as a parish community, to use the gifts God has given us. More details to follow.