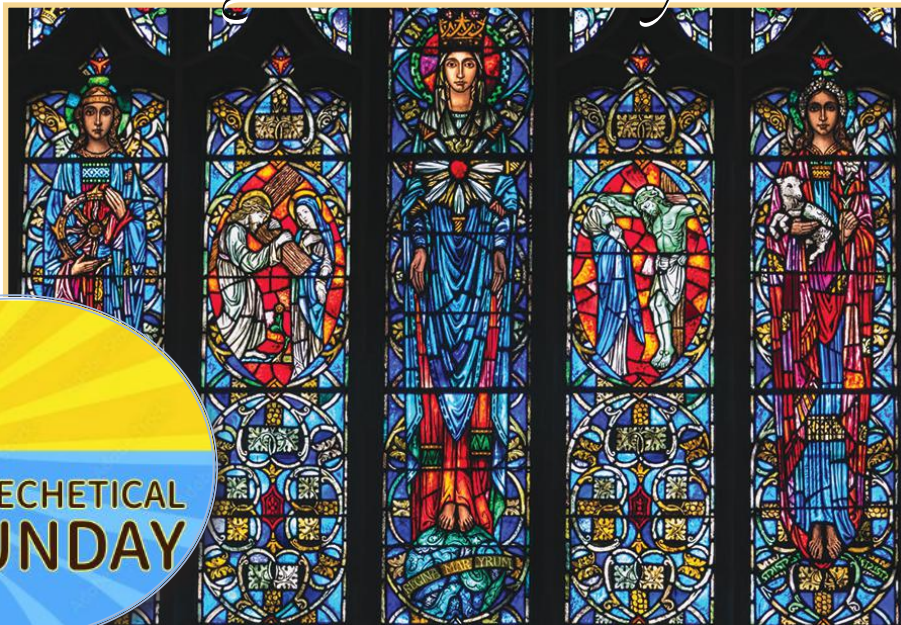


September 17, 2023 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Our Lady of Sorrows and 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**

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.

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.

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 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, September 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:05 a.m. Tom Aughey

12:05 p.m. Amparo Diaz

5 p.m. Louis Assisi

Sunday, September 17

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

1 p.m. **Mass in Honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz**

Monday, September 18

8:05 a.m. Robert Tan

12:05 p.m. Hazel and Ben Singh [living]

Tuesday, September 19

Saint Januarius

8:05 a.m. Nickolas DeSena

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng Ha-sang and Companions

8:05 a.m. Benedicto Le Hien

12:05 p.m. Sharon Nocerino

Thursday, September 21

Saint Matthew

8:05 a.m. Jorge Alsina

12:05 p.m. Leyla Beydoun

Friday, September 22

8:05 a.m. Maria Lourdes Farres

12:05 p.m. Halina Daniszewski

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:05 a.m. Blanche Aepli

12:05 p.m. Jusette and James Meaney [wedding anniversary]

5 p.m. William C. Vogel

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Jacqeline 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, Peter Nicolais, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Jovanka Radeka, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, 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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 17

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Praying for Religious Educators and Parents and Guardians who share the Catholic faith with their families

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, September 18

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45–8:15 p.m., *rectory basement meeting room:*

Bereavement Support Group

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

Tuesday, September 19

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

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

Wednesday, September 20

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 21

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

🍁 *Saturday, September 23* 🍁

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

Next Sunday, September 24

9 a.m.–12 p.m. *front of church (Ascan Ave.):*

St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be accepting drop-off clothing donations

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Msgr. Paul W. Jervis

Gloria Mack

Margaret Mayer

Teresa Munoz



(Baby) Bernadette Peters

Patricia Savino

Peter Tuohy

Charles Tse

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. Padre Pio on Approaching the Eucharist

"If we only knew how God regards it, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass." (Padre Pio)

REFLECT: The church celebrates the feast of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, the stigmatist fondly known as Padre Pio, on September 23. Born in Pietrelcina, Italy, in 1887, he entered the Capuchin Friars at the age of sixteen and was ordained a priest in 1910. He died September 23, 1968, at the age of 81.

Padre Pio wrote to one spiritual daughter: "I exhort you in the Lord to practice the following. Enter the church in silence and with great respect.... Amongst other pious considerations, remember that our soul is the temple of God and, as such, we must keep it pure and spotless before God and his angels.... As soon as you are before God in the Blessed Sacrament, devoutly genuflect. Once you have found your place, kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.... Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.

"When assisting at Holy Mass...carry out every religious act with the greatest devotion. Be modest in your glances; don't turn your head here and there to see who enters and leaves.... Try not to speak to anybody, except when charity or strict necessity requests this.... In short, behave in such a way that all present are edified by it and, through you, are urged to glorify and love the heavenly Father" (Letter, July 25, 1915).

To another he wrote, "Do not be afraid to come to the Lord's altar to be fed with flesh of the Immaculate Lamb, because no one will better reconcile your spirit than your king, nothing will warm it more than his sun, and nothing will soothe it better than his balm" (address of Pope St. John Paul II).

ACT: Commit to a worthy and frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's June 17, 2002, address following the canonization of Padre Pio (<https://tinyurl.com/4a26butj>). Read the full text of Padre Pio's July 25, 1915, letter at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxcw49e>.

Order of Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #490—"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30–28:7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion.*

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #486—"Christians, Let Us Love One Another"

COMMUNION

*"Ave Verum" (W. A. Mozart)—Choir
Organ Meditation*

Missal #353—"One Love Released"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #393—"The Spirit Sends Us Forth"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for our parish feast day.
- » September 23, the second collection is for Religious Education Release Time.
- » 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

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, usually on the third or fourth Monday, in the rectory basement meeting room. **All meetings start at 6:45 p.m.** and end at 8:15 p.m. If you wish to attend the meeting that is on Monday, **September 18**, an RSVP is required. Please contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

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.

CYO Sports Sign Ups

CYO Track is open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8. Sign-up at 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 is for girls ages 6–14. Tryouts are 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.



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.

Today's 1 p.m. Mass

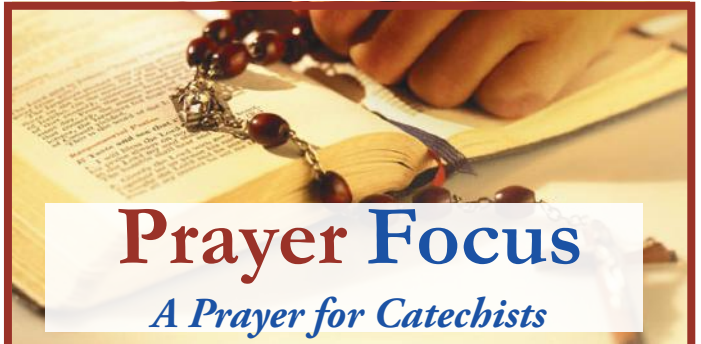
St. Lorenzo Ruiz Celebration

San Lorenzo Ruiz was martyred during the persecution of Christians in Japan during the seventh century while on a missionary expedition; he was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in 1987. The saint's feast day is observed every September 28, but we honoring this patron saint of the Philippines today, at the 1 p.m. Mass, with Father Patrick Longalong, coordinator of the Filipino Diocesan Apostolate. We also wish to acknowledge the Filipino community members of our parish for adding their vitality and enriching our church.

Regis High School

Queens Information Night

Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Ascension Catholic Academy (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park). Regis H.S. in Manhattan is an outstanding all-scholarship high school for Catholic boys. Interested middle-school students are invited to this evening information session. To register for this event or one of the school's upcoming Open Houses, visit www.regis.org/admissions. By the way, OLMQ is proud to currently have five parishioners attending this prestigious high school!



Prayer Focus

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In Recognition of Our Parish Feast Day

Our Lady of Sorrows is the namesake feast for our parish. In one of the suggested Gospel readings for this feast—which was observed on September 15—Jesus from the cross speaks to John, and to all of us, “Behold your mother.” We do so always with heartfelt appreciation and affection for Mary, the Lady of Sorrows, who is intricately connected to our parish as the Queen of Martyrs. We thank all of you for reaffirming your support for our parish today, whether through your prayers or through a gift using the Parish Feast Day envelope. God bless you all.

Clothing Drive - One Day Only Sunday, September 24 ♥ 9 a.m. to noon

Please check your closets for gently used clothes and shoes that you no longer wear and can donate to those in need. Used items must be clean and in wearable condition (do not give stained, ripped, or worn-out clothes). Then **bring your items to church next Sunday to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul truck.** The truck will be parked near the church entrance on Ascan Avenue during the designated hours only. Tell your friends. Thank you for your generosity!

The St. Vincent de Paul donation truck will return to our church once more this year, on November 12.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

From the Pastor

Basilica Committee Meets, Enthusiasm Grows for Project

On the evening of September 6, we convened the first basilica informational meeting in the rectory meeting room. In addition to Roger Aguinaldo, KM, the chair of the committee, over 20 people attended to learn more about this project. Roger made a PowerPoint presentation that demystified the question of what a basilica is, outlined the requisite steps in the application process, and identified the committees needed to guide the project. Each participant was asked to submit two reasons why Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church should be considered for basilica status. Two committees were formed: an Application/Formation committee and a Finance/Development committee.

The first step agreed on is that it is necessary to write to Bishop Robert J. Brennan, DD, the Ordinary of the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese, to ask for his permission to pursue this program and his support.

Notably, the letter to Bishop Brennan was dated Friday, September 15, 2023, a symbolic choice as it is our parish feast day.—*Father Francis Passenat*

Vendors Wanted! American Martyrs Christmas Fair is scheduled for December 2 & 3. To participate as a vendor, email Christmas.fair@yahoo.com or call 718-464-4582. American Martyrs is located at 79-43 Bell Blvd in Bayside.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Sept 10
Candle Offerings	\$1,597.00
1st Collection	8,431.10
2nd Collection (<i>Pastoral Care</i>)	2,389.10
Diocesan Catholic Education	1,082.10
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>13,499.30</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,884.24
Mail-In	2,622.00
TOTAL	\$21,005.54
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,144.46)

* 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 Passenat 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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LIVESTREAM MASS

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

OLQM October Highlights

More details on these events and more will appear in future bulletins!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Oct 4 (Wed, St. Francis of Assisi Day) 4 p.m., in the church plaza

LIVING ROSARY Oct 8 (Sun) after 1 p.m. Mass, in the church plaza

ANOINTING MASS for the Sick and Elderly Oct 14 (Sat) 12:05 p.m. Mass

PARISH MISSION Oct 15–18 (Sun–Wed) at all the Sunday Masses (incl. the 5 p.m. Vigil on 10/14) and at 7 p.m. in the church over three evenings

ST. JUDE NOVENA Oct 20–28 at 12:05 p.m. Mass (Mon–Sat) and after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on 10/22

FALL FLING Raffle Drawing Oct 22 (Sun) after 1 p.m. Mass

CHOIR SUNDAY Oct 28/29 (Weekend) all Sunday Masses

ACA UPDATE

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

Donors: 301 Pledged: \$142,328

Paid Pledges: \$124,757

(\$10K over goal as of 9/11/23)



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you for allowing our parish to meet our Annual Catholic Appeal commitment AND for bringing us over goal in paid pledges! Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges; 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.



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. Topic is the continuing study of St. Luke's Gospel. Meeting in-person in the rectory meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Starting September, the evening group is undertaking a three-month study on the Eucharist. To join on Zoom, contact josepherry@gmail.com. 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 Charismatic 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).

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 is being offered through November 30. Free **hearing aid help** is also available.

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





Diocesan Eucharistic Revival



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!