

September 22, 2024 -Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

**FORMING
CONSCIENCES
FOR
FAITHFUL
CITIZENSHIP**

Presentation after the 9AM Mass
rectory meeting room



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



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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, September 21

Saint Matthew

8:05 a.m. Blanche Aepli

12:05 p.m. Jorge Alsina

5 p.m. Theresa and Sebastian Bartolotto

Sunday, September 22

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

Monday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

8:05 a.m. Wilson Manuel Gutierrez

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

Tuesday, September 24

8:05 a.m. Robert and Beatrice Kane

12:05 p.m. Angela Carlozzi Rossi

Wednesday, September 25

8:05 a.m. Frank Passenant, Sr.

12:05 p.m. Jorge Bonilla

Thursday, September 26

Saint Cosmas and Damian

8:05 a.m. Steve Brown

12:05 p.m. Antoinette D'Argenio [living]

Friday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

8:05 a.m. Leo Donohue

12:05 p.m. Wilfredo M. Gatus

Saturday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:05 a.m. Marj Pollini [living]

12:05 p.m. Rose Harach Brogno [anniversary]

5 p.m. Josefina Galicia

Remember Our Sick




Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, 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, Zenaida Faya, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Simon Ho, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Theresa Houseman, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, 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, Karimita Villegas, 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.

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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 22

 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**  

9 a.m.–12 p.m. near church entrance on Ascan Ave:

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck

Accepting drop-off donations of gently used and new clothing

After Masses church vestibule: **Voter Registration Drive**

10:15 a.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Faithful Citizenship Presentation

Use the glass door near the Mary statue

3 p.m. church: **WEDDING**

Marony Vargas/Steven Verre

Monday, September 23

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45 p.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Bereavement Support Group Meeting

7–8 p.m. Zoom: “Through the Word” Bible Study

Tuesday, September 24

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

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

Wednesday, September 25

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

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

Thursday, September 26

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 28

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

Next Sunday, September 29

10 a.m.–6 p.m. Austin Street Fair

Remember Our Deceased

Santa Barbara Dominguez Kelly

Bill Donohoe

Maggie Donohoe

John O'Grady

Jessurex Soriano

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

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

The US Catholic Bishops on Protecting Human Dignity as Faithful Citizens

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. (1 John 3:1)

REFLECT: “Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of ‘women’s health.’ Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia and assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

“Catholic teaching about the dignity of life calls us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the indiscriminate use of drones for violent purposes; to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants; to oppose racism; to oppose human trafficking; and to overcome poverty and suffering. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking effective ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort after all peaceful means have failed, and to end the use of the death penalty as a means of protecting society from violent crime. We revere the lives of children in the womb, the lives of persons dying in war and from starvation, and indeed the lives of all human beings as children of God. We stand opposed to these and all activities that contribute to what Pope Francis has called “a throwaway culture” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship).

“For citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life.... In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” (Gospel of Life).

LEARN: Study what the Church teaches on “the Human Person and Human Rights” from the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, at <https://tinyurl.com/472y5pm3>. Read Living the Gospel of Life, at <https://tinyurl.com/yvc5f5fm>. Watch the video “Human Dignity in Catholic Tradition,” at <https://tinyurl.com/4cwfbvbjn>.



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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #717—“Lift High the Cross”

“**MASS PARTS:** Mass of Creation

Missal #859—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12,17–20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

James 3:16–4:3

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me, Lord” (*S. S. Wesley*)—Choir

Missal #535—“Prayer of St. Francis”

COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Casciolini*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #339—“The Supper of the Lord”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #603—“Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior”

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

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for our air conditioning. There is also an envelope for Catholic Education.
- » September 29, the second collection is for CCD-Release Time..
- » **Returning from summer break?** Use the Catch-Up envelope.
- » 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.

Warm Hearts, Warm Clothes, Many Thanks!♥

Thank you to those who brought donations this Sunday morning to the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck! The truck will return one last time this year on Sunday, November 10, from 9 a.m. to noon—just in time for Thanksgiving, a perfect moment for sharing your blessings with those in need. For future drop-off dates, see: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule.

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 (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. There is a meeting this Monday, **September 23 at 6:45 p.m.** With the holidays approaching, this time of year can be a challenging for those experiencing grief. The support group community will be here, meeting again on **October 21, November 18, and December 16.** For more information, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is our religious education program for adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or need to complete their Sacraments. OCIA 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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Sept 15
Candle Offerings	\$1,614.00
1st Collection	8,278.15
2nd Collection (Parish Feast Day)	4,235.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>14,127.15</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,245.02
Mail In	1,012.00
TOTAL	19,384.17
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,115.83)

* 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.

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.

Autumn at OLQM

Save these dates. Check the bulletin weekly for possible updates to these planned activities.

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, Oct 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), 4 p.m. in the church plaza

Stewardship Sunday

Weekend Oct 5 & 6, at all Masses; see p. 5 for more information

Living Rosary

Sunday, Oct 6 (Month of the Rosary), after 1 p.m. Mass in the church plaza

Altar Server Training

Saturdays, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, see p. 5 for more information

Novena to St. Jude

Sunday, Oct 20 to Monday, Oct 28, prayed at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sundays & 12:05 p.m. Mass Mon-Sat

Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass

Saturday, Nov 2, at 10:30 a.m.

All Soul's Day Remembrances

Saturday, Nov 2, Sung Mass at 12:05 p.m. At all Masses during November, we begin a reading (in alphabetical order) of the names of those buried at our parish these past five years

**Spend quiet time with the Lord.
Exposition and Adoration every Thursday after
12:05pm Mass until Benediction at 7:30pm.**

Contact Us

MAIN PHONE AND EMAILS

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baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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

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

Today's Voter Registration Presentation After 9 a.m. Mass in the rectory meeting room

Join us for an insightful talk by Matthew McKeon-Slattery, assistant to Vincent LeVien, director of external affairs for DeSales Media, a Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn. He will discuss the U.S. bishops' teaching document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, and share how the Church in Brooklyn and Queens carries out its mission when it engages with elected civil officials. Light refreshments will be provided.

Register to Vote Today. You will have an opportunity to register to vote in November during this gathering and after any of today's Masses. Members of our parish Catholic teaching committee have a table in the vestibule with voter registration forms. This is a nonpartisan effort. If you are a citizen and not registered to vote at your current address, please take advantage of this convenient opportunity to stop and fill out one of the registration forms. As Catholics, we have an obligation to promote the common good by exercising our right to vote. We urge you to register today. Vote, and the choice is yours. Don't vote, and the choice is theirs. Register, or you have no choice!



A Fall Favorite
OLQM Church
Fall Fling Raffle
Drawing Sunday, November 3

It's time for pumpkin spice, warm sweaters, and **church raffle tickets!**
Tickets are being mailed to you. Please buy one for yourself or as a gift for family and friends!

\$25/each | \$100 for a sheet of six (6) chances
Three cash prizes: **\$1,000 Grand prize**
\$250 Second prize | \$100 Third prize

Thank you for your support!

Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM



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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. The group meets weekly in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

Monday Through the Word Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. Current study topic: the Acts of the Apostles. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. All are welcome. 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).

“Stewardship Is Heart Work”

In preparation for Stewardship Sunday (October 6), we will have parishioners speak at each Mass next Sunday to talk about the importance of stewardship and the need for each parishioner to support the temporal needs of the parish with their finances. Our theme, “Stewardship Is Heart Work,” is a reminder to us that our weekly financial support is the heart of keeping our parish fiscally afloat, which we hope to strengthen with a heartfelt appeal to “Gimme Five!” This simple phrase symbolizes a gesture of agreement and commitment as we encourage each parishioner to increase their weekly donation by five dollars. This small step, taken by many, can make a difference in ensuring our parish's financial health, essential to carrying out our parish mission, and reaffirming our dedication to stewardship.

Altar Server Training Begins October 5th

We are having a four-week program of altar server training. The Altar Server Society at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is open to all young people of the parish, beginning in the fourth grade and through high school.

Anyone may join as long as they desire to be of service to the parish by participating in the liturgical services. The training will be held over four consecutive Saturdays in October—Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26—at 10 a.m. in the church. Please speak with Fr. Passenant after Mass or leave him a message at the rectory at 718-268-6251 if you have questions.

Austin Street Fair Next Sunday

Sunday, September 29, is the Austin Street Fair. It starts at 10 a.m. and runs between 69th Rd and 72nd Rd. It's a good occasion to support local businesses, including some that advertise in our parish bulletin. For those attending Mass, rest assured—the church parking lot entrance at 72nd Rd will remain accessible during the event.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry (70-01 Kessel Street) helps local families with difficulties maintaining their monthly food supplies. The pantry is open on Saturdays from 10–11 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering or donating nonperishable food items to help replenish the pantry, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at Our Lady of Mercy rectory: phone: 718-268-6143, or email: ddobbins@diobrook.org.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our parish goal was to raise \$114,568 for the diocesan annual Appeal. We have met our obligation—in fact, we have surpassed goal in paid pledges! So far, \$128,801 has been paid, with a total of \$148,768 pledged by 305 donors. We are extremely grateful to those participating in the Appeal. Your contributions help to fund many pastoral, charitable, and educational programs in Brooklyn and Queens, including religious education, programs to support seminarians and future parish priests, and of course, Catholic Charities.

We still have outstanding pledges, so please continue to fulfill all pledges by **December 31**. The surplus paid over goal will come back to our parish. God bless you for your generosity!



Catholic High School Open Houses

Parents and students can visit these schools during the dates and times listed. Contact the school admissions offices or visit their websites for updates about admission events, pre-registration requirements, or private tour options.

ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY (coed)

83-53 Manton St., Briarwood

Sunday, October 20 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

P: 718-441-2100; www.molloyhs.org

CATHEDRAL PREP & SEMINARY (boys)

56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst

Saturday, October 19 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 27 | 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

P: 718-592-6800; www.cathedralprep.org

CHRIST THE KING (coed)

68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village

Saturday, October 5 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23 | 6–8 p.m.

P: 718-366-7400 ext. 240; www.ckny.org

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL (coed)

26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd, Flushing

Sunday, October 19 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

P: 718-886-7250, ext. 524; www.holycrosshs.org

THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY (girls)

176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates

Sunday, October 20 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

P: 718-297-2120; www.tmla.org

MSGR. McCLANCY (coed)

71-06 31st Ave., East Elmhurst

Saturday, October 12 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1–4 p.m.

P: 718-898-3800; www.msgrmcclancy.org

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL (boys)

55 East 84th St., Manhattan

Thursday, October 10 | 5–8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 20 | 1–4 p.m.

P: 212-288-1100; www.regis.org/admissions

ST. FRANCIS PREP (coed)

6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Fresh Meadows

Saturday, October 19 | 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

P: 718-423-8810 ext 229; www.sfponline.org

ST. JOHN PREPARATORY SCHOOL (coed)

2121 Crescent St., Astoria

Saturday, October 19 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

P: 718-721-7200; www.stjohnsprepschool.org

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL (boys)

30 West 16th St., Manhattan

Saturday, October 19 | 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

P: 212-924-7900; www.xavierhs.org/inquire