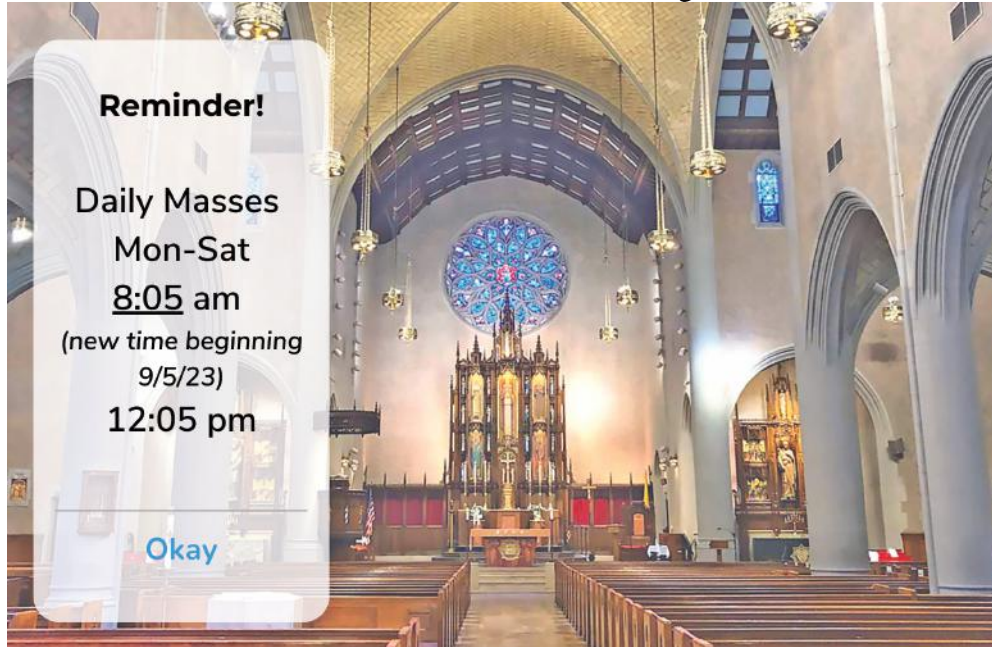


September 3, 2023 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Reminder!

Daily Masses

Mon-Sat

8:05 am

(new time beginning
9/5/23)

12:05 pm

Okay

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

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — PAROCHIAL VICAR

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Anne Zuschlag

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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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 2

8 a.m. Corinaldi Johnson
12:05 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory
5 p.m. Anthony and Ann Wilfinger

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4

8 a.m. Jesus Garcia
12:05 p.m. Susan Melot [living]

Tuesday, September 5

New Time 8:05 a.m. Amin Beydoun
12:05 p.m. Justiniano Manald [birthday-living]

Wednesday, September 6

8:05 a.m. Rose Calicdan
12:05 p.m. Alfonso Casapao

Thursday, September 7

8:05 a.m. Thomas John Lannon
12:05 p.m. Andrea and Frank Coltelli [living]

Friday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:05 a.m. Illawan family [living family]
12:05 p.m. Corace family

Saturday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver
8:05 a.m. Gilbert Munoz
12:05 p.m. Paul Melendez [living]
5 p.m. Thomas Clarke

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, 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, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 3

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10 a.m. Zoom study resumes September 10

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, September 4

★**HAPPY**★**LABOR**★**DAY**★

Rectory offices closed for the holiday
After 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses church:
Miraculous Medal Novena
“Through the Word” Bible Study
7 p.m. Zoom meetings resume September 11

Tuesday, September 5

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions
Choir Rehearsal resumes September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6



Welcome back, students!

7 p.m. rectory basement meeting room:
Basilica Committee informational meeting (see p. 6)

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

Thursday, September 7

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Saturday, September 9

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Next Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. Family Mass Blessing of
Bookbags/Backpacks (see p. 6)

The **Wine and Hosts**
are offered in loving memory of
Diana Napoli
—requested by *Gerry Napoli*

Remember Our Deceased

Bolivar Alamedi
Roselina De Leon
Maria Dorado



Vincent Doyle
Gloria Mack

**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



Marriage and the Holy Eucharist

"The Eucharist is the very source of Christian marriage." (Pope St. John Paul II)

REFLECT: God who created us out of love also calls us to love. We are "the only creatures on earth that God has willed for [our] own sake, and [we] alone are called to share, by knowledge and love, in God's own life... This is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man" (Catechism).

Pope Benedict XVI: "Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." Pope St. John Paul II reminds us that God's love, as seen in Jesus' Paschal Sacrifice, is one of total self-giving, and we, made in God's image, only find ourselves truly human in acts of self-giving. In marriage, this self-giving is mutual and total; it is covenantal and Eucharistic.

Pope Benedict XVI: "The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation ... we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving. The imagery of marriage between God and Israel is now realized in a way previously inconceivable: it had meant standing in God's presence, but now it becomes union with God through sharing in Jesus' self-gift, sharing in his body and blood."

Pope St. John Paul II: "The Eucharist is the very source of Christian marriage. The Eucharistic Sacrifice, in fact, represents Christ's covenant of love with the Church, sealed with His blood on the Cross. In this sacrifice of the New and Eternal Covenant, Christian spouses encounter the source from which their own marriage covenant flows, is interiorly structured and continuously renewed."

DO: If you are married or contemplating marriage, worthily receive the Eucharist and ask Christ to form you as self-gift for your beloved.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio* (<https://tinyurl.com/3kepnycz>). For his January 16 and February 6, 1980, talks on marriage as mutual self-giving, see <https://tinyurl.com/4pfj89y4> and <https://tinyurl.com/jkac8mus>. Read Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (<https://tinyurl.com/ye293aup>).

Order of Mass

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

Missal #729—"At the Name of Jesus"

Missal #858—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #505—"Only This I Want"

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #329—"I Am the Bread of Life"

AFTER CLOSING PRAYER - FOR LABOR DAY

Missal #745—"America the Beautiful"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #380—"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for maintenance of the school building that houses OLMQ Catholic Academy. There is also an envelope for Catholic University of America.
- » September 10, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for Diocesan Support for Catholic Education.
- » 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.
- » **Traveling?** Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or use online Parish Giving
- » 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

Have you registered for Religious Ed?

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 calendar is also available at the website. God bless you, your faith, and your families.—Deacon Thomas Jorge, Director of Religious Education

Diocesan Events

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass. Sat, Sept 23 @ 12 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Church (1550 Hendrickson St, Brooklyn). All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend; special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries.

Registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and have their picture taken with Bishop Brennan.



Eucharistic Revival. Sat, Oct 7 @ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maimonides Park, Brooklyn. Join with others for a special day of unity among Catholics of all cultures and ages. Music, rosary, Eucharistic procession, youth and young adult ministries, family catechesis, vocation talks, Benediction. Register at DioceseofBrooklyn.org/eucharistic-revival-2023.

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 Group 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 announced meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are **September 18**, October 16, November 16, and December 18. **All meetings start at 6:45 p.m.** and run until 8:15 p.m. An RSVP is required. If you wish to attend, please email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

OLQM September Calendar Highlights

Sun, September 10: **Blessing of Student Bookbags/ Backpacks.** 9 a.m. Family Mass

Sun, September 10: **Sunday morning bible study program resumes.** 10 a.m. on Zoom

Mon, September 11: **9/11 Commemoration (22nd anniversary).** 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

Mon, September 11: **New 'Through the Word' bible study begins.** 7 p.m. on Zoom

Tue, September 12: **Choir rehearsals resume.** 7:30 p.m. church choir loft

Wed, September 13: **Religious Ed orientation.** Classes for 2023–2024 school term begin Wed. 9/20

Fri, September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows): **Parish Feast Day celebrated.** 12:05 p.m. Sung Mass

Sun, September 17: **San Lorenzo Ruiz celebration.** 1 p.m. Mass

Mon, September 18: **Monthly Bereavement Group meetings resume.** New time 6:45–8:15 p.m., rectory basement meeting room

Sun, September 24: **St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Truck visits to accept gently used clothing.** Sun. only, from 9 a.m. to noon (truck will be on Ascan Ave. near church entrance)

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.*



Recently at OLQM

Our parish joined forces with the Office of Mission of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens to gather both pre-loved and new clothes for migrants to stay comfortable and warm this winter. The response from all of you, our parishioners, was nothing short of heartwarming. It actually took three trucks to transport everything.

*God bless you all for your charity.—
Fr. Passenant*



KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Aug 27
Candle Offerings	\$1,421.00
1st Collection	7,743.00
2nd Collection (grounds maintenance)	2,006.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>11,170.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,173.98
Mail-In	2,255.00
Potluck Donations (8/13)	410.00
TOTAL	\$18,008.98
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,141.02)

* 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 \$5,025.00

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

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LIVESTREAM MASS

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

Blessing of the Backpacks/Bookbags

9 a.m. Family Mass on Sunday, September 10

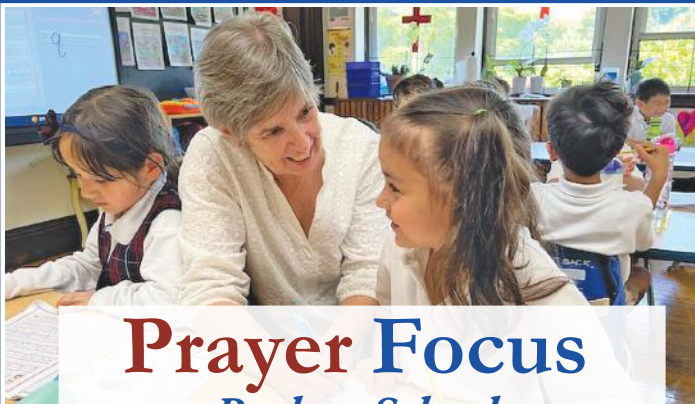
As a new school year begins, we want to send everyone back to school with our prayers and blessings. Students and teachers, please bring your bookbag, backpack, or work bag to be blessed next Sunday.



Momentum Builds

Basilica Committee Meets on Wednesday

September 6 @ 7 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Applying for basilica status for our cherished church building is a remarkable stride toward preserving the richness of our Forest Hills faith community. If you are interested in volunteering on the basilica committee, then please join us on Wednesday evening for this informational meeting to learn more.



Prayer Focus Back to School

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love, send your Spirit upon the students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

Lord God, whose spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways, look upon the teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACA Update



Parish Goal: \$114,568 (Achieved!)
Donors: 294 Pledged: \$140,498
Paid Pledges: \$120,145 (as of 8/28/23)

Thank you for helping us achieve our parish ACA goal. But let's keep going. Please continue to make all outstanding pledge payments because amounts paid over goal are refunded to our parish. If you wish to make a new or one-time gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we have envelopes in church that you can use.

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 3-8. Sign-up dates & times: Sat, Sept 9 at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall (entrance on Juno Street) from 10AM-12PM, and on Fri, Sept 15 from 6:30-8:30PM and Sat, Sept 16 from 10AM-12PM at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs rectory (entrance on Queens Boulevard). Questions? Contact richard.allen@ropesgray.com.

CYO TRACK

Open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8. Sign-up online: www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=stmsports. If you need more information, call Michelle Rose at 917-837-5045.

TRI-M GIRLS CYO SWIM TEAM

Girls ages 6-14. Tryouts: Tues, Sept 19 from 5-7PM at The Community House (15 Borage Place). Email for more information: Trimswimteam@gmail.com.

“The Eucharistic Lord: Discovering Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament” New Theme for Through the Word Bible Study

The popular Monday evening bible study program, “Through the Word,” resumes next week, **September 11 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom**. The group will delve into an insightful three-month study on the Eucharist, exploring the connection between Scripture and the Catechism, so that participants can cultivate a deeper affection for our Eucharistic Lord. The timely initiation of this study aligns with the National Eucharistic Revival. All are welcome to join at any point in the program. To join, contact josephterry@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend the Monday sessions, archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand online at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

Help Your Marriage. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program to help couples in struggling marriages restore a healthy relationship. A weekend meeting is **September 8-10** at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. Register at HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 for information about future dates.