

September 8, 2024 - **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**  
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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**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

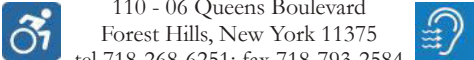


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**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 7*

- 8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory
- 12:05 p.m. Carmen Herrera
- 5 p.m. David Stevenson

*Sunday, September 8*

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

*Monday, September 9*

**Saint Peter Claver**

- 8:05 a.m. Charles Tse
- 12:05 p.m. Gilbert Muñoz

*Tuesday, September 10*

- 8:05 a.m. Vincent Yang
- 12:05 p.m. Dixie Orlando Serrano

*Wednesday, September 11*

9/11/01 **Commemoration** [23rd anniversary]

- 8:05 a.m. Liberata Padilla
- 12:05 p.m. Jo-Ann Henry

*Thursday, September 12*

**Most Holy Name of Mary**

- 8:05 a.m. Carmen Serrano-Acevedo
- 12:05 p.m. Norma Manno [living]

*Friday, September 13*

**Saint John Chrysostom**

- 8:05 a.m. Angel Acevedo
- 12:05 p.m. Dr. Lawrence S. Green

*Saturday, September 14*

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- 8:05 a.m. Stanko and Branka Lazar
- 12:05 p.m. Hector Medina
- 5 p.m. Robert Tan

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, September 8*

After all Masses *in the church vestibule:*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

- 9 a.m. **Mass: Blessing of School Backpacks/Bookbags**
- 10 a.m. *rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible*  
*(use glass door by the Mary statue)*

11:15 a.m. **Mass: Bishop James Massa installs seminarian Louis de Rohan Chabot to the Ministry of Acolyte**

*Monday, September 9*

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 10*

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

7:30 p.m. *church choir loft: Choir Rehearsal*  
*(new singers welcome; see p. 5)*

*Wednesday, September 11*

7 p.m. *church:* **Opening Prayer Service for Religious Education**

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

*Thursday, September 12*

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 14*

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

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

## 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 Ordóñez, 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.

## Remember Our Deceased

Eugene Bryant	✠	Elizabeth Ribar
Meryl Bruner		Brian F. Spaulding
James M. Cunningham		Maria Jesus Suarez
Daria Krasa		

### 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](mailto: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 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

**REFLECT:** “As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation’s political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

“But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

“We propose once more the moral framework of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. [It] reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity....

“Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often-complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.... It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship).

**ACT:** Pray for discernment and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Commit to learning what it means to form one’s conscience for faithful citizenship.

**LEARN:** Read “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States” at <https://tinyurl.com/ydv2vwj9>. Review EWTN’s Voting Principles at <https://tinyurl.com/2j7ppcuh>.

## Order of Mass

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

#### ENTRANCE

Missal #455—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
“Cry Out with Joy” (J. Chepponis)—Choir

#### MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

Missal #859—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

#### SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

#### GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

“Let Our Songs Fill the Skies” (T. Kirk)—Choir  
Missal #671—“Be Still, My Soul”

#### COMMUNION

“Ave Verum” (W. A. Mozart)—Choir  
Organ Meditation  
Missal #519—“You Are the Healing”

#### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #198—“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

**BACK IN HARMONY! WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!**

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » September 15, the second collection is for our Parish Feast Day.
- » **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](http://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.



**Forming Consciences for  
Faithful Citizenship**

**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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## RCIA Is Now **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

The mission remains the same, but the name is changing. Our religious education program for adults age 18 or older welcomes those wanting to join the Catholic Church or needing to complete their Sacraments. OCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. Contact [olqmrchia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrchia@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 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. Meetings are scheduled for **September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16**. All meetings start **6:45 p.m.** For more information, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## All Outstanding Pledges Due by December 31

Our goal for the annual diocesan appeal was to raise \$114,568. Thanks to 302 donors, we have already surpassed this goal in paid pledges! So far, \$127,195 has been paid, with a total of \$147,608 pledged. We kindly ask everyone to continue to fulfill your outstanding pledges because the surplus paid over goal will benefit our parish directly. God bless you for your generosity!



## New & Returning Students Register In-Person for Religious Education Classes Today

After every Sunday Mass today *and again next week*, you will have an opportunity to register or re-register your child(ren) for classes for the new school year. Classes are for public school students, grades 1–8, and high schoolers up to age 16. Registration table is at the back of the church. Registration and payment can also be completed online at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re). Don't put it off any longer!

## Today's 9 a.m. Mass: Blessing of School Backpacks/Bookbags

We are excited for the students return and want to send everyone back to their first full week of school with a prayer and blessing.

The schoolchildren from OLQM Catholic Academy will be joining us daily at the 8:05 a.m. Mass starting this week. 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. Let's all embark on the new school year with faith guiding us.



## Contact Us

### MAIN PHONE AND EMAIL

Rectory Office:  
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Emergency (last rites):  
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Fr. Passenant (Pastor):  
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OLQM Charity Outreach:  
718-268-6251, ext. \*843

### ADDITIONAL EMAILS

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Bereavement Support:  
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Pastoral Care Office:  
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[www.olqmca.org](http://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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## —Weekly Collections—

	Sept 1
Candle Offerings	\$1,810.00
1st Collection	7,944.01
2nd Collection <i>(school bldg maint.)</i>	1,323.00
<b>Subtotal - In Church</b>	<b>11,077.01</b>
Online Parish Giving	4,139.88
Mail In	1,333.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,549.89</b>
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,950.11)

\* 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 \$1,211.01  
*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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Two Weekends in September Voter Registration Drive

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is conducting a nonpartisan 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 the time to register.

### Guest Speaker, September 22 at 10:15 a.m.



Vincent LeVien

Join us in the rectory basement meeting room after the 9 a.m. Mass for an insightful talk by **Vincent LeVien, director of external affairs for DeSales Media**, a Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn. LeVien 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. An additional opportunity to register to vote will be available during this gathering. Light refreshments will be provided.

## TODAY’S 11:15 A.M. MASS

Bishop James Massa will install seminarian Louis de Rohan Chabot into the Ministry of Acolyte. Louis is spending his pastoral year here with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs as part of his preparation for the priesthood. We are looking forward to his time with us and invite all our parishioners to give him a warm welcome.



## Mercy Martyrs CYO Basketball

Boys and girls wanting to play basketball are welcome to join the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports program. Mercy Martyrs CYO Sports has athletic opportunities for students attending Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) or Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Catholic academies or living within the parish boundaries. Dates, times, and locations to **Register for OLQM-OLM CYO Basketball:**

OLM Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel Street)

- Friday, September 13: 6:30–8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 14: 10 am–12 pm



OLQM Rectory (110-06 Queens Blvd)

- Saturday, September 21: 10 am–12 pm

Visit [mercymartyrssports.org](http://mercymartyrssports.org) for the CYO Basketball FAQs and eligibility requirements. There, you will also find information about the CYO swim teams for boys and girls.

## 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.”*

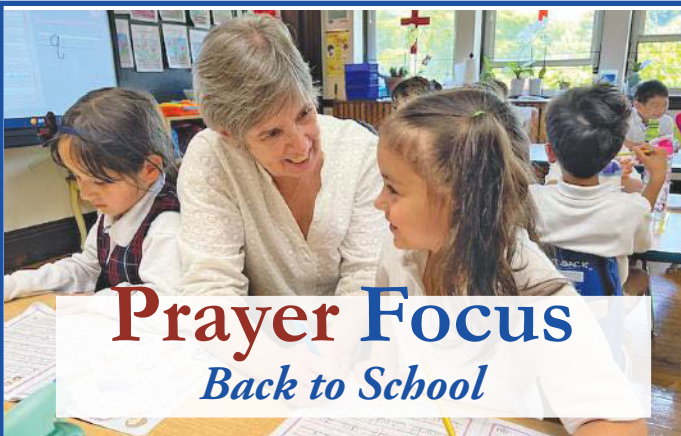
*If you would like to join the choir, please come up  
to the choir loft on Tuesdays starting September 10.  
Rehearsals start at 7:30 pm sharp.*

## MORE OLQM September Highlights

**Parish Feast Day, Sunday, September 15.** The 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass will be celebrated with gratitude and love for Our Lady of Sorrows (on her feast day) and the Queen of Martyrs (our patroness).

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz Mass, Sunday, September 15.** The 1 p.m. Mass with celebrant Fr. Patrick Longalong of the Filipino Diocesan Apostolate will honor the patron saint of the Philippines (whose official feast day is September 28).

**St. Vincent de Paul Truck, Sunday, September 22.** 🍁🍂 Declutter your closets for a cause! On the first day of autumn, from **9 a.m. to noon**, the donation truck will be parked by the church entrance on Ascan Ave. to collect new and gently used clothing and shoes for those in need—especially winter items (in good, wearable condition, of course). Drop off your donations during the designated hours only.



## 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.

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.

## Altar Server Vestry Gifts and Memorials

Because our altar servers are a central part of the liturgical worship, we want to upgrade their cassocks and surplices, most of which are beyond repair after years of use. To make a donation, complete this form and return with payment to the rectory. Thank you for generosity.

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:	
H.S. member — Black Cassock w/ Banded Surplice	\$300
G.S. member — Black Cassock w/ Plain Surplice	\$225

Gift from or Gift in Memory of *(please print name)*

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Requester's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering (selected from items and prices above):  
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## 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.** The group meets weekly 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](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**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](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to request the Zoom link. All are welcome. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://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).



*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**

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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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**