

September 13, 2020 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Parish  
Feast Day



Photo courtesy Regina Frigbes

*Our Lady Queen of Martyrs statue and rose window*

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — **PASTOR**  
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — **ADMINISTRATOR**  
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.  
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

**\*UPDATE: DAILY MASSES at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in the Church \***  
*Must Use the Queens Boulevard Ramp Entrance Only*

**Until Further Notice:** Confession times remain Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.;  
Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

WATCH SUNDAY MASS AT [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)



**WELCOME!**

Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information.

**GIVE NOW**

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone for easy, secure online parish giving. Thank you.



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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Wednesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday closed  
(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

## Masses for the Week

*Saturday, September 12*

**Most Holy Name of Mary**

8 a.m. Andros Acevedo

12:05 p.m. JoAnn Ciancimino

5 p.m. Francesca Pacchiano

*Sunday, September 13*

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Monday, September 14*

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8 a.m. Kathleen Pomara

12:05 p.m. Concetta (Tina) Massimiano

*Tuesday, September 15*

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Parish Feast Day**

8 a.m. Victoria Cupi

12:05 p.m. All living and deceased members of OLQM

*Wednesday, September 16*

**Saint Cornelius**

**Saint Cyprian**

8 a.m. Lena Simon

12:05 p.m. Ann Lopresto

*Thursday, September 17*

**Saint Robert Bellarmine**

8 a.m. Rosa Hendricks Olivero

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Rosario family

*Friday, September 18*

8 a.m. Jim O'Rourke

12:05 p.m. Maureen and Colleen Carney

*Saturday, September 19*

**Saint Januarius**

8 a.m. William Logan

12:05 p.m. Mass for Korean Martyrs

5 p.m. Charles Gregory Kotoun

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Sandy Imperante, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Rosemary Parente, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**ABOUT OUR SICK LIST:** Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, September 13*

11:15 a.m. Mass for Our Parish Feast Day

*This Week's Daily Masses*

8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in the church

*Confessions (until further notice)*

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 12:45 p.m. inside rectory door

*Rectory Hours This Week*

Monday & Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)

Rectory closed Friday

Please wear a face mask when visiting

*Wednesday, September 16*

Religious Education classes begin on Zoom

Please see today's bulletin insert and speak with Father Passenant if you are interested in a church restoration memorial.

Bereavement support meetings resume via Zoom. See page 4 for information if you wish to participate.

*Save the Date: Sunday, September 27*

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing will accept donations of new and gently used clothing from 9 a.m. to noon

## Remember Our Deceased

Dan Anderson

Simone Boney

Carlos Cubides

Gretchen Gretch Ellen-Sommer

Msgr. Joseph Nagle

Julio Resto

## 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, Jean-Marc Moise, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

**WELCOME!** 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.

## This Week's Reflection

From the OLQM Social Action Committee

Forming  
Consciences



for  
Faithful  
Citizenship

### The USCCB 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, we are part of a community with a rich heritage that helps us consider the challenges in public life and contribute to greater justice and peace for all people. Part of that rich heritage on faithful citizenship is the teaching of Vatican Council II’s Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis Humanae). It says that ‘society itself may profit by the moral qualities of justice and peace which have their origin in [people’s] faithfulness to God and to His holy will.’ The work for justice requires that the mind and the heart of Catholics be educated and formed to know and practice the whole faith.

“This statement highlights the role of the Church in the formation of conscience and the corresponding moral responsibility of each Catholic to hear, receive, and act upon the Church’s teaching in the lifelong task of forming his or her own conscience. Foremost amongst those teachings are the four basic principles of Catholic social doctrine: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity... With this foundation, Catholics are better able to evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates’ promises and actions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church in order to help build a better world... In this statement, we bishops do not intend to tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Our purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God’s truth.”

**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” (<https://bit.ly/31mSiXB>). Review EWTN’s “Are you prepared to vote? Everything Catholic voters need to know before picking up a ballot” ([www.ewtn.com/vote](http://www.ewtn.com/vote)). Watch the USCCB video “Faithful Citizenship: A Matter of Conscience” (<https://bit.ly/31q8Hus>).

*To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for “Action Alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference at [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).*

## Order of Mass

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE

*Missal 721*—“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

FIRST READING—*Sirach 27:30 28:1*

### 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 432*—“Amazing Grace”

### COMMUNION

*Missal 325*—“I Received the Living God”

### CLOSING HYMN

“Our Lady Queen of Martyrs”

*Communion is distributed during exit*

### Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLQM is viewable at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is our Parish Feast Day collection. There is also an envelope for the Holy Land Collection.
- » Sunday, September 20, the second collection will be for Catholic Education.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. To contribute through our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## PARISH FEAST DAY 2020

Our parish is 108 years old this year! The cover photo is a detail of the rose window and the statue of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, patroness of our parish. The statue sits in the upper central niche of the reredos in the sanctuary and is flanked by Saint Michael and Saint Gabriel, the Archangels.

Today, the church building is restored to its original radiance thanks to the major restoration work we did this summer. Thank you for your support and patience. Please see Father Passenant’s report on page 4.



# Major Church Repairs 2020

## Parishioner Report #13 - Final Report

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

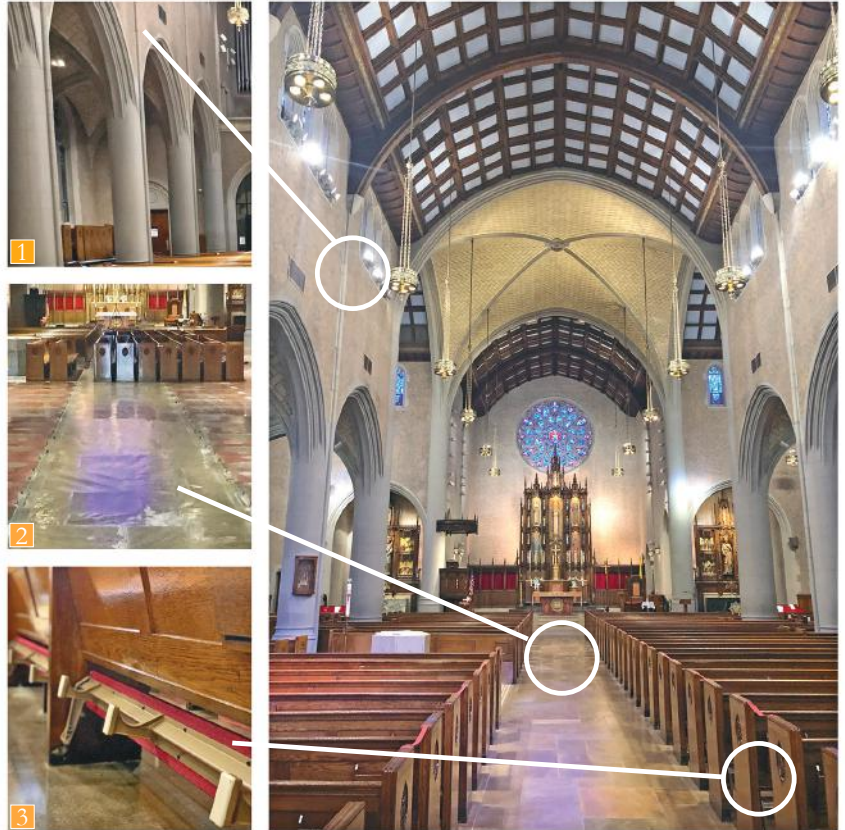
There was a crooner of the last century who sang, “And now the end is near and so I face the final curtain...” In our case, we have only to wait for the final installation of the confessional curtains to complete the Restoration Project of 2020, making this our last report.

The major repair projects—namely, the lighting, the floor restoration, the wall restoration, and the kneelers—are complete. We made improvements to the main reredos, the Stations of the Cross, and the reconciliation rooms. We installed the medallions with various insignias to finally grace the space made for them when the church was first built. The brass gates in front of the side altars are being cleaned and buffed as we go to press and will be put back in the next few weeks.

Two weekends ago, I had the opportunity to “demonstrate” the enhanced lighting at Mass. You can rewatch the recorded 5 p.m. Mass from the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/OLQMStewardship](http://www.youtube.com/user/OLQMStewardship)).

We have enumerated a few gifts and/or memorials available for individual sponsorship, and we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Your support has allowed us to complete these projects and restore our sacred space so that we and future generations can gather here to worship. For our **parish feast day, observed at Mass today and on Tuesday, September 15** (Our Lady of Sorrows), we have embraced, like our ancestors who sacrificed and built these beautiful structures, the task of repairing and extending their usefulness for the “Honor and Glory of God under the title of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.”



**CHURCH INTERIOR NOW GLOWS**—The most notable highlights of the 2020 major repairs: (1) Interior walls cleaned and new track lights across each upper set of windows illuminate the nave of the church; extra recessed lights further brighten the bays of the side aisles. (2) Paint removed and stripped and the entire floor sealed and polished, and in the aisles, the slate stone restored to its unique shade and patina. (3) New lighter weight (and quieter) pew kneelers replace the originals that were worn and too expensive to repair.

**CHURCH RESTORATION MEMORIALS AVAILABLE**—Please speak with Father Passenant if you wish to make a gift in memory of a loved one. Today’s bulletin insert has complete information. Please also watch your mail for our **Fall Fling Raffle** tickets. Purchase the raffles for yourself or as gifts for family and friends, for a chance to win a cash prize!

### A Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage (Online Event)

The pilgrimage began on September 8th, the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and concludes on October 7th, the feast of the Holy Rosary. This online event and bible journey includes a series of video meditations and presentations by more than 20 Catholic speakers. It is completely free, but you must register in advance. Register at [ParousiaMedia.com](http://ParousiaMedia.com).

### Today’s Holy Land Collection

Rescheduled from Good Friday to this weekend before the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14th), the Holy Land collection allows the Church to maintain a presence in the land where Jesus lived, proclaimed his Gospel, performed miracles, was crucified, and rose from the dead. Funds collected provide humanitarian, pastoral, liturgical, and charitable support to Christians in the Middle East who face many hardships. Thank you for your generosity.



## BEREAVEMENT AT OLQM

Bereavement services will be resuming via Zoom meetings in September for parishioners of OLQM. For further meeting details, please email Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle ([ymizelle@gmail.com](mailto:ymizelle@gmail.com)).

## Religious Ed Classes on Zoom Start September 16

Dear Religious Education Community,

Owing to the threat of the coronavirus, we decided that the first semester of the 2020–2021 school year (September to January) will be by Remote Online Learning.

After you register your child on our website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re), you will be given a link to a virtual e-book, parent outline, interactive assessments, and a physical book that you can pick up here. In addition, a catechist will meet with the class on Wednesdays via Zoom.

We hope to begin online classes on Zoom this Wednesday, September 16th. To have access to the materials needed, it is vital that you **register or re-register immediately** at our website or email [olqmreled@gmail.com](mailto:olqmreled@gmail.com). Please be patient with the website process as we continue to do our best for the spiritual upbringing and education of your children.

Thank you again for your patience, your support, and your faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Thomas Jorge

## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation?

RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. Find out more about the parish RCIA program by contacting us at [olqmrchia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrchia@gmail.com) OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

**Catholic Charities Call Center: 718-722-6001**  
**Monday through Friday, 9AM to 6PM**

Catholic Charities can help with information about food pantries and mental health counseling over the phone. For other services, visit the website: [www.ccbq.org](http://www.ccbq.org)

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections: September 6

1st Collection	\$4,735.00
2nd Collection ( <i>Pastoral Care</i> )	1,029.00
Catch-Up Envelope	190.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal (449 attending)</i>	<i>5,954.00</i>
Mail In/Lobby Box	3,389.00
Catch-Up Envelope ( <i>mailed</i> )	3,075.00
<i>In-Church Total</i>	<i>12,418.00</i>
Online Parish Giving	5,101.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>17,519.48</u></b>
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,730.52)

\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

### Special Collection

Catholic University of America (*not accruing to the parish*) \$470.00

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church  
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning.  
Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

## Contact Us

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Religious Education Office:  
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RCIA Office:  
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OLQM Charity Outreach:  
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### ONLINE

Website:  
[www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:  
[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)



## St. Vincent De Paul Truck News!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be visiting our parish, as originally scheduled, to accept clothing donations **one day only**—**Sunday, September 27, from 9 a.m. to noon**. The truck will be parked in front of the church on Ascan Avenue.

So **please DO** clean out your closets (we know you have time!) and set aside items that are clean and in wearable condition to give to other men, women, and children in need. **Please DO NOT** bring any bags of clothes to the church before the morning of September 27th. We do not have storage space in the rectory. Thank you for your kindness.



### A Word about Parish Activities

Certain parish activities this month will happen on Zoom, including bereavement support meetings for parishioners, religious education and RCIA instruction, Bible studies, and the get-togethers of the single adults group. Watch for weekly news announcements here in the bulletin, on our website, and/or on our Facebook page.

Some other parish traditions, such as the St. Lorenzo Ruiz and Korean Martyrs socials, will be canceled this September because of restrictions on larger indoor gatherings while the coronavirus persists and puts people at risk for the COVID-19 disease.

### Faith Sharing Groups on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?**

You may be interested in (1) Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11AM, discussing St. John's Gospel. To join, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. (2) Tuesday Evenings, 6:30–8PM, there's a program called *Through the Word*. To join, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

***"Whoever believes in the Son of Man will have eternal life."***

Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

### For the Well-Being of All

*Simple reminders when attending Mass . . .*

- Wear a face mask (required).
- Bring your own hand sanitizer or wear gloves
- Use the bathroom at home before coming to Mass.
- Arrive 15 minutes before Mass start time.
- Use designated entrance only.
- Remain six feet apart and follow the usher's instructions on seating, Communion distribution, and exiting.
- If you do not feel well, continue to pray in the privacy of your home and watch Sunday Mass at OLQM on our website.



**WE ARE THE CHURCH,  
TOGETHER**

**DID YOU KNOW?** OLQM came in third place in last year's Annual Catholic Appeal out of 112 parishes. We missed second place by \$100! We are a little behind where we were this time last year. We have about \$35,000 to go toward our 2020 parish goal of \$100,000. We are grateful for all contributions to date, especially since this is a very difficult year financially for many of you.

Gifts made to the Annual Catholic Appeal bring support to tens of thousands of residents in Brooklyn and Queens through key programs, ministries, and services administered by the Diocese of Brooklyn, including Catholic Charities and Catholic Migration Services. These programs can only serve those in need if we all come together, working as one family of faith. The current public health situation makes Annual Catholic Appeal funding even more important as people are in need of spiritual, physical, emotional, or economic support during this crisis.

If you can see your way to make a pledge and fulfill it by the end of the year, we would be very appreciative. Visit our website for instructions on how to give online: [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal)