

September 14, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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 13

Saint John Chrysostom

12:05 p.m. Mark Pollini [living]

5 p.m. Francoise Guyon [living]

Sunday, September 14

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

Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:05 a.m. Deceased members of the Rosario family

12:05 p.m. Mary and Manuel Lima

Tuesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

8:05 a.m. Frederick W. Marks, III

12:05 p.m. Frederick W. Marks, III

Wednesday, September 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:05 a.m. Ana Ortega

12:05 p.m. St. Anthony

Thursday, September 18

8:05 a.m. Robert J. Wilkens

12:05 p.m. Aida Lopes

Friday, September 19

Saint Januarius

8:05 a.m. Robert J. Wilkens

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Saturday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions

12:05 p.m. Leyla Yassine Beydoun

5 p.m. Celina Ramos

Remember Our Sick

Azucena Arias, Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanas, Aurora Balthazar, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Doug Blum, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Luis Calatayud, Rob Champion, Emily Cirillo, Noreen DeCaul-Thomas, Gabby DeLeon, Michelle DeLeon, Myrna Mimi DeLeon, Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Christopher Henderson, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Theresa Manino, Matilda Munoz, Laura Morales, Sandy Norona, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Leonardo Rodriguez, Debbie Seechan, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Marion Steinberg, Ida Sumprer, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jacqueline Vallejo, Marilyn Viggiano, Jihan Villa, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 14

After All Masses *in the church vestibule:*

PARISH & VOTER REGISTRATION

Monday, September 15

12:05 p.m. Sung Mass:

PARISH FEAST DAY OBSERVANCE

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45 p.m. *rectory meeting room:* Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, September 16

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

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

Wednesday, September 17

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: Charismatic Prayer Group**

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Thursday, September 18

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Saturday, September 20

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

Sunday, September 21

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

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck accepting drop-offs of gently used clothing

The **Wine and Hosts** are offered
in loving memory of

Aurora Castro

—requested by *Eufrocina Perez*

The **Sanctuary Lamp** is offered
in loving memory of

Herman Demas

—requested by *Willis and Joan Demas*

Remember Our Deceased

Rodrigo Jacome

Maria Nieves Rojas

Mary Stanion

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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

This Week's Reflection

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

The Gift of Catechists



The Jubilee of Catechists is from September 26 to September 28. The theme of Catechetical Sunday on September 21 is “Always be ready to give an explanation . . . for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15). We give thanks for our own local

catechists who teach our Catholic faith to others in our Catholic academy, our religious education program, and our OCIA program for adults preparing to receive their Sacraments.

Who Is a Catechist?

A catechist is a “Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers him (or her) for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others into the Christian life” (Directory for Catechesis, no.112).

Maturing Our Faith and Giving Witness

The 1979 apostolic exhortation of St. John Paul II adds that “catechesis is necessary both for the maturation of the faith of Christians and for their witness in the world: It is aimed at bringing Christians to ‘attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, . . .’ [and preparing them] to make a defense to anyone who calls them to account for the hope that is in them” (On Catechesis in Our Time, no. 25).

Missionary Vigor

Confronted with a situation in which some people are disaffiliated from the Catholic Church and from religion, Pope Francis encourages us with these words: “Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigor!” (Joy of the Gospel, no. 109).

Listening to One Another

Many of us are not called to be formal catechists or teachers of our Catholic faith. But all of us are invited to put our faith into practice in simple, practical ways and become examples of Christ to others. The US Bishops Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis offers these thoughts: “There is much suffering in the world. Individuals and societies are wounded in various ways. Part of the sending of the Church is to address those wounds by sharing in Jesus’ own healing ministry. . . . The healing of such wounds, personally and societally, reveals the power of the Gospel to save. . . . By remembering the individual and listening to their unique experience, the Holy Spirit can inspire us to do and say what is most likely to lead them one step closer to Christ (Outreach to the Unaffiliated).

Let us pray for and strengthen one another in the precious gift of our Catholic faith.



Order of Mass

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Cycle C—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #716—“At the Name of Jesus”

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

Missal #841—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9 (638)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Sacerdotes Domini” (Wm. Byrd)—Choir

Missal #704—“Take Up Your Cross”

COMMUNION

“In the Cross of Christ” (I. Conkey/arr. D. Close)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #162—“Were You There”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #705—“Lift High the Cross”

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for our parish feast day.
- » September 21, the second collection will be for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope 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.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows

— September 15 —

For our parish feast day, please recite the “Prayer to Strengthen Our Tower of Faith” (*found on page 5*). And, at the request of Bishop Robert Brennan, let us also unite our hearts in prayer and penance in response to Pope Leo’s call for Prayer and Fasting for Peace on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 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 after 12:05 p.m. Mass
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

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

Trustee: Roy Joseph

Finance Committee Chair: Edward Torres

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Facebook, Instagram,
X/Twitter: @OLQMChurch

YouTube:
@OLQMStewardship

Bereavement Support Group Meets on Monday

The bereavement group at OLQM 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 Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet this week on **September 15**, then October 20, November 17, and December 15. For questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Religious Education Classes Start This Wednesday

The Religious Education program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs welcomes families to further their children's faith formation. Classes are for students in grades 1–8 and high school students up to age 16. Classes start this Wednesday, **September 17**, so if you are a new or a returning student, please be sure that you have registered or re-registered online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re.

Seeking Retired Officers

If you are a retired police officer, security professional, or a former law enforcement or government agent, your experience may be helpful as we work to enhance the safety and security of our parish. If you have a background in these areas, please contact Fr. Passenant at the rectory at 718-268-6251.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Sept 7
Candle Offerings	\$1,939.00
1st Collection	8,085.00
2nd Collection (<i>school bldg maintenance</i>)	1,541.00
Catholic University of America*	1,162.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,727.00</u>
Online Giving	7,325.33
Mail In	1,857.00
TOTAL	\$21,909.33
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,590.67)

** 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 for the designated cause; does not accrue to the 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.

♥ Clothing Drive ♥

St. Vincent de Paul Truck Visits Next Sunday

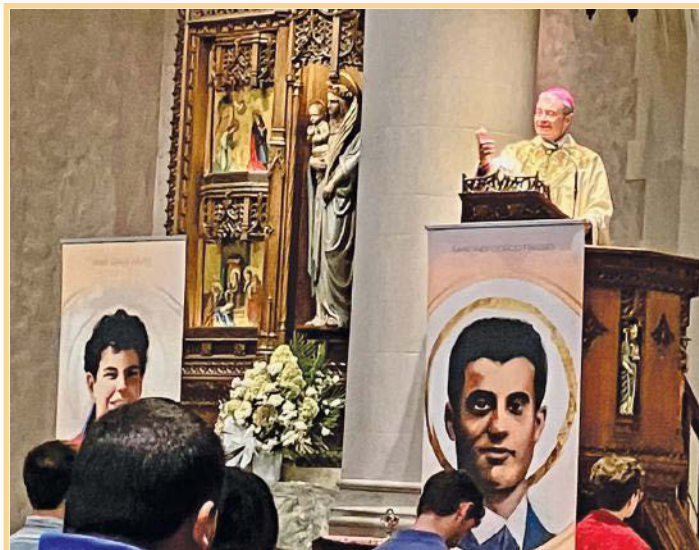
Those winter clothes you no longer need or wear can make a huge difference for someone else in need! **Sunday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** is a one-day-only chance to drop off new or gently used clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul truck. All donations should be in good, wearable condition. Thank you for your generosity.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is a program for adults 18 and older who wish to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. Through discernment, prayer, and education, OCIA guides participants on their journey of faith. To learn more or enroll, contact ocia@olqmchurch.org or call 718-268-6251, ext. *827, and leave your name and callback number; all messages and emails will receive a response.

Young, Catholic, and Professional: Let's Connect

Join our **Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 21, after the 9 a.m. Mass.** This is a chance to connect with other young adults in their 20s and 30s and build a supportive community for both your faith and professional life. We will gather in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door entrance by the Mary statue). We hope to see you there!



Recently at OLQM

The **Diocesan Youth Mass and Adoration with Bishop Brennan** was held at our church on Friday evening, September 5. This inspirational service included veneration of two relics of now-Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis. Photo by Denise DeMaria.

—Register Today—

Parish and Voter Sign-Ups Made Easy

Take advantage of this in-person opportunity to register both with your parish and with your community. Volunteers are in the church vestibule after Masses to assist in two efforts.

Parish Registration: If you are not yet a registered member of the parish, our volunteers will answer your questions about why it is important to be a registered parishioner and help you with the registration form. If you prefer, you can register online anytime. Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org (click About Us and select Parish Registration from the drop-down menu).

Voter Registration: If you are not registered to vote, we also have official voter registration applications that you can complete and submit. The board of elections must receive applications by Oct 25 to be eligible to vote in the Nov 4 General Election.

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Joaquin Joseph Carron

son of Stephanie and Christopher Carron

Reyna Yume Violet Phillips

daughter of Candace Douglas and Michael Phillips

Leo Christopher Sondi

son of Gabrielle Saggese and Christopher Sondi

Xavier Michael Wilkinson

son of Ginna and Shaun Wilkinson

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

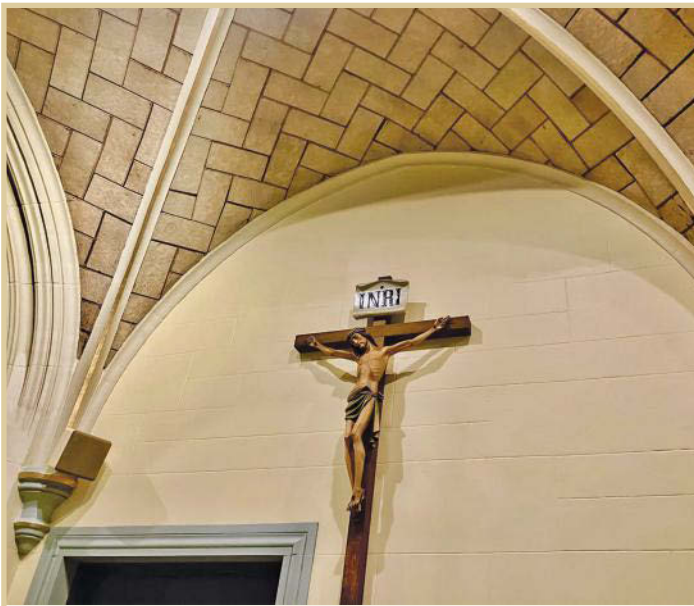
Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith”

Gracious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care all those who will work on this project. Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness, the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sacred Space—*We hope our church vestibule and saints chapel, both newly repainted and brighter with gold trim on the beams, feel even more welcoming and serene for all who enter and leave.*

ALL OUTSTANDING ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31.

Grateful Recognition of Our Academy Board

As we begin a new school year, Fr. Passenant wants to express gratitude to these dedicated trustees of the OLQM Catholic Academy Board. Often working quietly behind the scenes, they provide counsel and faithful service and are essential to the running of our Catholic academy.

Trustees

- David James, *board chair*
- Stephen Langowski, *finance chair*
- Patricia Trillo
- Diane Llerandi
- Shereen Beydoun
- Maria Mateo Garden
- Kellie Alberici
- Kinglsey Ho
- Roger Aguinaldo

Catholic High School Open Houses

Visit during the dates and times listed or contact the school admissions offices to schedule an appointment time if required.

ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY
(coed) 83-53 Manton St,
Briarwood | **Sun, Oct 19:**
10am–2pm | 718-441-
2100; molloyhs.org

MSGR. McCLANCY
(coed) 71-06 31st Ave,
East Elmhurst | **Sat, Oct**
11: 9am–12pm & 1–4pm |
718-898-3800;
msgrmcclancy.org

**CATHEDRAL PREP &
SEMINARY** (boys)
56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst |
Sat, Oct 11: 10am–1pm &
Sun, Oct 19: 11am–2pm |
718-592-6800;
cathedralprep.org

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL
(boys) 30 West 16th St,
Manhattan | **Sat, Oct 18:**
10am–3pm | 212-924-
7900, ext 1442; xavierhs.org

CHRIST THE KING
(coed) 68-02 Metropolitan
Ave, Middle Village |
Sat, Oct 4: 10am–1pm
& **Wed, Oct 22: 6–8pm**
| 718-366-7400 ext 240;
ctkny.org

ST. FRANCIS PREP
(coed) 6100 Francis Lewis
Blvd, Fresh Meadows
| **Sat, Oct 18: 11am–3pm**
appointment req'd | 718-423-
8810 ext 229;
sfponline.org

**THE MARY LOUIS
ACADEMY** (girls) 176-21
Wexford Terrace, Jamaica
Estates | **Sun, Oct 19:**
10am–3pm | 718-297-
2120; tmla.org

**ST. JOHN PREPARATO-
RY SCHOOL** (coed)
2121 Crescent St, Astoria |
Sat, Oct 18: 11am–3pm |
718-721-7200;
stjohnsprepschool.org

**TODAY: AUSTIN STREET, OPEN STREET
11am to 4pm between 71st Ave to 71st Rd!**

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats

Hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope and Healing Mission for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. Meetings in the NYC area are scheduled for **Saturdays, Sept 20, Nov 8, and Jan 10, 2026**. For retreat locations & confidential registration, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph (Stirling, NJ).
Sat, 9/20: Bus departs 8 a.m. from Sacred Heart Parish (Glendale). \$70/person includes coach bus, Mass, hot lunch, and donation to the shrine. Call Rosemary Lazenby (929-295-0130); leave your name and number for a callback.

Maggie’s Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish (Middle Village) presents “She Loves Me.” Sundays 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 @ 3 p.m. Saturdays 9/27 @ 8 p.m., 10/4 @ 3 p.m. Tickets \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, children 15 and under free. Reserve tickets at maggieslittletheater.org.