

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays after the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date

GIVE NOW

Scan the QR Code with your phone for
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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 25

8 a.m. Frank Passenant, Sr.
12:05 p.m. Jorge Bonilla
5 p.m. William C. Vogel

Sunday, September 26

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

8 a.m. Peter Philip Parisi
12:05 p.m. Mariano Tan Yee Seng

Tuesday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus

Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8 a.m. Julia Masi [living]
12:05 p.m. Belen Umayan

Wednesday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

8 a.m. Josefina Galicia
12:05 p.m. Jorge Bonilla

Thursday, September 30

Saint Jerome

8 a.m. Jess Espiritu
12:05 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8 a.m. Betty Zarini
12:05 p.m. Jean Henry [living]

Saturday, October 2

Holy Guardian Angels

8 a.m. Renelyn Joy Carino
12:05 p.m. Renelyn Joy Carino
5 p.m. Thomas Trott

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Man-Wing Au-Yeung, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Shania Brennan Clemente, Taylor Calder, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Geraldine Casserly, Martha Catel, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Daulo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Helen F. Flores, Marie Giorgi, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Florence Mannino, Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvianne Mullholand, Ferbian T. Penafior, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Tony Simomes, James F. Smith, Robert Sorsaia, Remington Stafford, Lacey Straeghtly, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Sen Trinh, Jorge Vasilescu, Maria Viesta, Lyle Vestermark, Wai-Suet Wong, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, September 26

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

9 a.m. to noon in front of church, Ascan Ave:
St. Vincent de Paul Truck Accepting Clothing Donations

1 p.m. Mass for St. Lorenzo Ruiz
Celebrant: Father Noel Daduya

2:30 p.m. rectory : Baptism Instruction

Monday, September 27

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

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, September 28

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, September 29

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class
7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

Thursday, September 30

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, October 2

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

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

Katrina Bandog/Gerald Venturina

Next Sunday, October 3

Following 1 p.m. Mass church plaza: **Living Rosary**

Remember Our Deceased

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| Thomas P. Clarke | Aida C. Lopes | Frank Siracusa |
| Catherine Clements | Corazon Mendoza | Jonathan Urena |
| Ezequiel Correa | Yorke Mizelle | Janet Vecino Seguran |
| Deacon Gregory Dixon | Rose A. Munoz | Peter E. Vairo |
| Nadia Ferrer | Philip Napolitano | |

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, 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, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

Pope Francis on the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2)

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. (Catholic prayer)

REFLECT: “So that we are never left alone, God has put at each person’s side a guardian angel to support and protect us, to accompany us in life. It is up to us to perceive his presence, listening to his advice, with the docility of a child, in order to keep ourselves on the right path toward paradise.... Our guardian angel is always with us ... like an ambassador of God with us. Again, in the passage from the Book of Exodus, “the Lord counsels us: ‘Give heed to him!’ Thus, when we, for example, do something bad and think we are alone, we have to remember that it isn’t so, because he is there. Here then, is the importance of heeding his presence and hearkening to his voice, because he advises us. This is why, when we feel that inspiration, ‘Do this ... this is better ... you shouldn’t do this,’ the best thing to do is heed the advice and not rebel against your guardian angel....

“How is my relationship with my guardian angel? Do I listen to him...? Do I speak with him? Do I ask his advice...? We can answer these questions.... Each one of us can do so in order to evaluate the relationship with this angel that the Lord has sent to guard me and to accompany me on the path.... Let us remember how good the Lord is: after we lost his friendship he did not leave us to our own, he did not abandon us, but walked with us ... and even today he gives us this companion on the journey ... [so] let us give thanks and praise to the Lord for this grace, and let us be attentive to this friend the Lord has given us.” (Pope Francis, October 2, 2014 and 2015)

ACT: Pray often to your Holy Guardian Angel.

LEARN: Listen to the Discerning Hearts audio on the Feast of the Guardian Angels, at <https://bit.ly/3xs4rY0>. Learn about Opus Sanctorum Angelorum, a Catholic congregation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Holy Angels, at <https://bit.ly/3IEVWGS>.

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching, consider joining our Catholic Social Action Committee. Our next meeting, via Zoom, will be Tuesday, October 5th at 7 pm. For Zoom details, contact Chris at harplore@yahoo.com.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Order of Mass

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #548—“Glory and Praise to Our God”

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING: James 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Lead Me, Lord” (*S. S. Wesley*)—Choir
Missal #592—“Your Words Are Spirit and Life”

COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Casciolini*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #336—“One Bread, One Body”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #539—“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for CCD-Release Time. We will also take a collection for earthquake relief in Haiti.

» Sunday, October 3, the second collection is for Parish Youth programs. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.

» Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. For Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for bringing donations this morning to the St. Vincent de Paul Truck. The truck returns for one more visit this year on Sunday November 14.

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Sunday, September 19

Blessings from Bishop DiMarzio

On a bright and sunny September morning, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio blessed and dedicated our new church plaza inscription honoring our patroness Mary and then celebrated 11 a.m. Mass with our parish community.

Before the start of Mass, Bishop DiMarzio first blessed his coat of arms, which also pays homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary with its motto “Behold Your Mother,” and the coat of arms of our pastor, Bishop Paul Sanchez (“God’s Grace Is Sufficient”). These insignias were installed above the church’s side doors last year during church renovations.

Members of the Knights of Columbus then led a processional to the church plaza for the second blessing and into the church for Mass. The Mass was concelebrated with Bishop Sanchez and our parish administrator, Father Francis Passenant. They were assisted by Deacon Greg Kandra, who proclaimed the Gospel, and Deacon Jaime Valera, Bishop DiMarzio’s master of ceremonies, plus our parish servers Robert Sorsaia, David James, and many of our youth altar servers.

Soprano Paula Jean Rocheleau Hernandez was the main leader of song. She was accompanied by Joe Annese, Warren Harding, and Evan Katsefes from the Sacred Music Society of OLQM, with Maestro David Close on organ.

During his homily on the day’s Gospel reading, Bishop DiMarzio delivered a message on the sin of pride, which is at the root of almost all that is wrong in the world. Pride causes many problems between people, he said, and it precludes forgiveness. As prideful adults, we should endeavor to be more like little children, he said, reminding us that Jesus embraced the child when telling his disciples that the path to greatness is servanthood and humility. Being child-like (not childish) is a model in humility. At the conclusion of Mass, we sang our beautiful parish hymn “Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,” composed by Bob Weigel.


Contributing to this article were Regina Fajibes, Denise DeMaria, Deacon Greg Kandra. More photos are online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.



Pictured—Bishop DiMarzio preached a powerful homily last Sunday on servant leadership and the sin of pride. Top right—Blessing the new Marian inscription at the church entrance before Mass (photo courtesy Denise DeMaria). Bottom right—Our parish clergy hosted a luncheon afterward (from left to right): Father Antonin, Father Passenant, Deacon Greg, Bishop DiMarzio, Deacon Valera, and Bishop Sanchez (photo courtesy Greg Kandra’s Facebook page).


An annual tradition

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Monday, October 4
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
4 pm outdoors in the OLQM Church Plaza

Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier for their safety during the blessing.



Living Rosary

Sunday - October 3
 after the 1 p.m. Mass

In the Church Plaza

We need 60 participants. Please join us.

October
 Month of the Rosary

Today's Emergency Collection
 - Earthquake Relief in Haiti -

In response to the August 14 earthquake in Haiti, all loose bills given in today's second collection basket will be directed to the Diocese and distributed as direct assistance to those affected in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz, Pray for Us

We wish to extend a warm welcome to **Father Noel Daduya, celebrant at today's 1 p.m. Mass in honor of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz.** We invite the members of our Filipino community to join us for this annual celebration in honor of the first Filipino saint and his companions. (Since the Covid-19 protocols are still in place, the usual reception will not be held.)

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

| Weekly Collection | September 19 |
|---|-------------------------|
| Candle Offerings | \$ 1,136.00 |
| 1st Collection | 7,860.00 |
| 2nd Collection (Parish Feast Day) | 4,249.00 |
| <u>In-Church Subtotal (956 attending)</u> | <u>13,245.00</u> |
| Mail In | 2,627.00 |
| Parish Giving Online | 4,273.79 |
| TOTAL | <u>20,145.79</u> |
| Weekly Income Needs* | 21,250.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (1,104.21) |

*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. Additional information on leaving a legacy gift is available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Stewardship Sunday & Fall Fling Raffle Drawing!

As explore our responsibility to be good stewards, we will soon be asking everyone to renew their stewardship commitment. A small way to lend support to our parish is to purchase a Fall Fling Raffle Ticket, which we included in our recent mailing to parishioners. The raffle helps to raise capital funds for regular parish repairs and improvements. Ticket are \$25 each; a full sheet of six (6) chances is \$100. There are three cash prizes. The drawing will be on **Stewardship Sunday, October 24.**

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please contact 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. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

Annual Catholic Appeal Reminder. Thank you to everyone whose payments in full have allowed us to meet our parish goal. If you have an outstanding pledge for this year's Appeal, please fulfill your pledge payment by December 31st. All amounts paid above goal come back to help our parish.



Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?
Join a faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets 10–11 a.m. The group is currently discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you'd like to join them, contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study meets 7–8 p.m. Over the next several months, the *Through the Word* bible study group will engage scripture through "The Nicene Creed: Beholding the Fullness of Our Faith." All are welcome and can join in the study at any time! For Zoom details, please contact Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

LIVESTREAMING AT OLQM CHURCH When circumstances prevent you from being physically present in church for Mass, please connect with us online. Every Sunday we livestream the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast using the "past livestreams" link.

Attention, Singers! We are holding choir rehearsals again, in the choir loft in church, on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. We will be wearing masks and observing social distancing. New members are welcome.

Looking Ahead

Passion Play Pilgrimage, May 17–26, 2022. Visit Germany and Austria for the Oberammergau Passion Play. Bishop Octavio Cisneros, spiritual director; Father Frank Schwarz, chaplain. For more information and a brochure, call Peters Way Tours, 516-606-1551.

10th World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis, June 20–30, 2022. Travel to Rome with the Office of Family Life and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Visits to Assisi, Siena, and Florence. For information and brochure, contact Regina Tours. Call 1-800-Catholic, ext. 232, or email fciraolo@groupist.com.

Open House

Regis High School Columbus Day Open House. Monday, October 11 @ 1–4 p.m. 55 East 84th St., Manhattan. Register in advance at www.regis.org to attend in-person or contact Eric Di Michele, director of admissions, 212-288-1100, ext 2057; edimichele@regis.org. Regis H.S. is an all-scholarship Jesuit school for talented and gifted Catholic boys.

Jeremiah Project 2021–2022

Monthly **vocation discernment retreats for young men** (high school and college students) **are planned from November 2021 through June 2022** at the Immaculate Conception Center (Douglaston, Queens). Students arrive Friday at 5 p.m. and depart Sunday at 1 p.m. and are under the direction of Fr. Chris Bethge, the vocations director for the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens. For detailed schedule, questions, and to RSVP, email vocations@diobrook.org or call the Vocations Office: 718-827-2454. For more information about the priesthood and discernment, visit www.brooklynpriests.org.

Free Speech and Hearing Screenings

Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in one or both ears? Now through December 9, you can arrange to have a free screening with a hearing professional at the **St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center** (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing). Call today, 718-990-6480, to schedule an appointment.