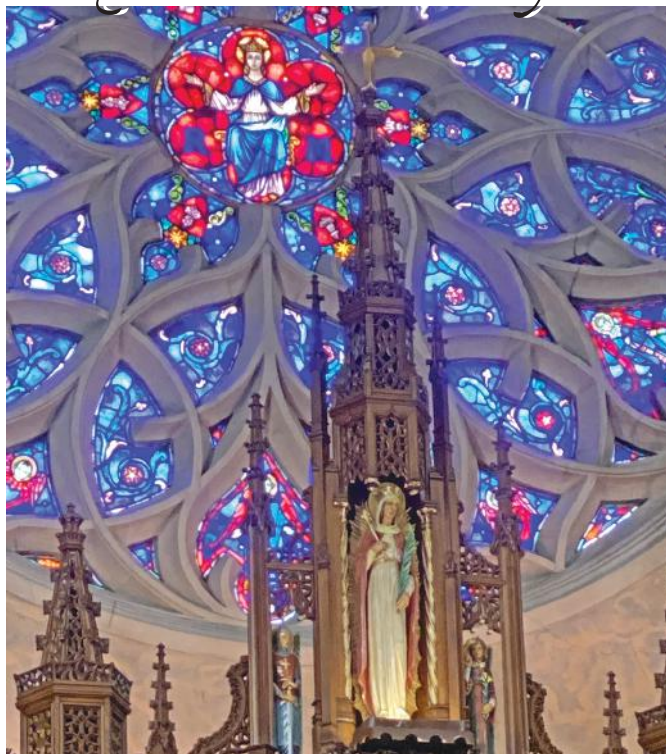


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Mary rose window and statue atop the reredos. Courtesy Regina Faughes.

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.

## \* UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE \*

**DAILY MASSES at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel**

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside 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 5*

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

**8 a.m.** Souls in Purgatory

**12:05 p.m.** Jeffrey Brian Chan

**5 p.m.** Elizabeth Mikitik, Anthony and Anna Wilfinger

*Sunday, September 6*

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Monday, September 7*

**8 a.m.** Patricia and Jack Hettrick

**12:05 p.m.** Dr. John Tymchak

*Tuesday, September 8*

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8 a.m.** Manuel Torres

**12:05 p.m.** Antoinette Grosso

*Wednesday, September 9*

**Saint Peter Claver**

**8 a.m.** Gilbert Munoz

**12:05 p.m.** Jackie and Bob Spengler [living-anniversary]

*Thursday, September 10*

**8 a.m.** Laurice Mikel Leward [living]

**12:05 p.m.** Al Maher

*Friday, September 11*

**8 a.m.** John Clements

**12:05 p.m.** Gabriella Bodok and Colman Haas

And for Those Lost in the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

*Saturday, September 12*

**Most Holy Name of Mary**

**8 a.m.** Andros Acevedo

**12:05 p.m.** JoAnn Ciancimino

**5 p.m.** Francesca Pacchiano

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, 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

*Monday, September 7*

**Rectory closed for Labor Day**

**Masses at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.**

Daily Masses are being celebrated in the Convent Chapel until further notice

*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*

**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**

*Beginning in September*

Bereavement meetings resume via Zoom. See page 4.

**The Wine and Host**

are offered in loving memory of

**Diana Napoli**

—requested by Gerry Napoli



## Remember Our Deceased

Dan Anderson

Simone Boney

Inez Yolanda Bosch

Msgr. D. Joseph Finnerty

Francis Fitzpatrick

Gretchen Gretch Ellen-Sommer

## 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

### On Civil Discourse During This Election Cycle

*"May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony." (Pope Francis, April 29, 2017)*

**REFLECT:** As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to actively engage in building up our communities. Yet many of us shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. We must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard.... [Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate](#) invites Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do the same.



**Civility:** To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

**Clarity:** To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study, and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

**Compassion:** To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

**ACT:** Take the [online pledge](#) to "Civilize" debate and discussion this election cycle. Pray for civility within our community. Watch [Bishop Walkowiak on YouTube](#) explain the "Civilize It" Pledge.

**LEARN:** Go to [www.WeAreSaltandLight.org](http://www.WeAreSaltandLight.org). Watch the organization's [YouTube video](#) introduction on creating a Community of Salt and Light.

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*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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

FIRST READING—*Lectionary: 127*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*If today you bear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING—*Romans 13:8-10*

GOSPEL—*Matthew 18:15-20*

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

"Sing a New Song Unto the Lord"

### COMMUNION

"Eat This Bread"

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

"America the Beautiful"

### CLOSING HYMN

"All the Earth"

*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 for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for Catholic University of America.
- » Sunday, September 13, there will be a Parish Feast Day collection. There is also an envelope for the Holy Land Collection.
- » 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ~ 11:15 A.M. MASS

Our parish is 108 years old this year and we look as fresh as ever, thanks to the major restoration work that you see in the church. If you are interested in making a gift in memory of a loved one, we are offering **Restoration Memorials** to help fund the remaining renovation projects (*see page 4*). We'll also be mailing out soon the **Fall Fling Raffle** tickets to support the parish, with a chance to win one of three prizes!

# Major Church Repairs 2020 - Parishioner Report #13

by Fr. Francis Passenant, Administrator

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs flourished in 1912 when Catholics here in Forest Hills gathered for the first Sunday Mass at their new parish. They were tested when the first wood-framed chapel was destroyed by fire in 1929. Then, in the midst of the Great Depression, the parish's founding pastor, Father Joseph McLaughlin, with the support of his congregation, launched a plan to construct a new church building and rectory. Those early congregants made gifts and memorials to Father McLaughlin's building fund to create this house of worship we cherish today.

As our 108-year-old parish prepares to celebrate its Parish Feast Day this month of September, we are calling on our faithful parishioners to honor the memory of those early congregants and imitate their sacrifice—in the face of similar economic challenges—and make a gift or memorial to help us finish our major renovation. The improvements being undertaken today will preserve this beautiful church for future generations.



The week of August 31, work began on cleaning the walls in the choir loft.

## 2020 CHURCH RESTORATION MEMORIALS

The major projects of the 2020 restoration program at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs were covered by past financial contributions, as explained in the weekly bulletin reports. As the project has progressed, other needs and details were added not included in the original case statements. We are offering these undertakings as available for individual Gifts and/or Memorials.

Please contact Father Passenant if you are able to support this effort and wish to secure a memorial for your family.

### **\$3500 Level – (Four Memorials Available)**

- Restoration of the Reconciliation Room – right side
- Restoration of the Reconciliation Room – left side
- Restoration of the Brass Gate in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar
- Restoration of the Brass Gate in front of the Saint Joseph Altar

### **\$2500 Level – (Two Memorials Available)**

- Holy See Medallion over side altar door
- Diocese of Brooklyn Medallion over side door

### **\$2000 Level – (Two Memorials Available)**

- Restoration of the Confessional – right side
- Restoration of the Confessional – left side

### **\$1000 Level – (Two Memorials Available)**

- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – main door
- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – main door

### **\$750 Level - (Four Memorials Available)**

- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – side door
- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – side door
- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – side door
- Restoration of a Holy Water Font – side door





## 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,

Greetings to all! As can be guessed and seen, things are quite different these days.

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 on Wednesday, September 16th. **To have access to the materials needed, please register or re-register**, if you have not already done so—preferably by the end of this week. Please be patient with the website process as we all struggle 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 [olqmrca@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrca@gmail.com) OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

### “Where two or three are gathered in My name ...”

The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections: August 30

1st Collection	\$4,017.00
2nd Collection ( <i>Adult Education</i> )	796.00
Catch-Up Envelope	500.00
<i>In-Church Subtotal (482 attending)</i>	<i>5,313.00</i>
Mail In/Lobby Box	3,093.00
Catch-Up Envelope ( <i>mailed</i> )	100.00
<i>In-Church Total</i>	<i>8,506.00</i>
Online Parish Giving	4,916.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>13,422.22</u></b>
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,827.78)

\* 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 8/30: Summer Missionary** \$732.00  
(not accruing to the parish)

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:  
718-263-0907

RCIA Office:  
718-268-6251, ext. 27

OLQM Charity Outreach:  
718-268-6251, ext. 43

### 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)

## Parish Activities This Month

Certain parish activities 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, or on our Facebook page.

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

### St. Vincent De Paul Truck News!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be visiting our parish, as 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 27. We do not have storage space in the rectory.

## 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.

## Special Collections

Today we are taking a collection for the **Catholic University of America** in Washington, DC, the only institution of higher education in the country chartered by the Vatican. Thank you for your support for Catholic education, educators, and Catholic school families.

Next weekend (September 12/13) will be the **Holy Land collection**. This collection is usually taken on Good Friday but was moved to September because of the suspension of public Masses during Lent this year. The timing is significant: September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, when the Catholic Church commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross placed on Mt. Calvary. The Holy Land collection allows the Church to maintain an evangelical presence in the lands where Jesus lived, proclaimed his Gospel, performed miracles, was crucified, and rose from the dead.

TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PLEASE BE GENEROUS

## 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)