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Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Forest Hills, New York

Celebrating 100 Years

To all the dedicated priests, sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, religious, laity and staff members, past and present, who have had a special bond of appreciation and love for this parish

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Most Reverend Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. Pastor Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church 110-06 Queens Boulevard Forest Hills, New York 11375

Dear Bishop Sanchez:

It is with great joy that I write to congratulate the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on this extraordinary milestone, marking 100 years as a parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

As your Bishop, this event fills me with particular pride and calls to mind a special memory. When I first arrived in Brooklyn, I was privileged to celebrate my first Easter Vigil as Bishop of Brooklyn at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. What a blessing it was to experience firsthand so much of what makes this parish distinctive; the sense of community, the deep and abiding faith of the people, and the beautiful liturgies that continue to inspire and uplift so many. Add to all that the magnificence of the Church itself, truly a jewel of the Diocese, and you realize what a great gift this parish has been not only to the people of Forest Hills, but also to the entire Church of Brooklyn and Queens.

What began 100 years ago with a handful of people gathering for Mass in a neighborhood living room has now touched literally thousands of lives, across many generations. The commitment to Catholic education has been particularly noteworthy. The first pastor, Father Joseph McLaughlin, made education a priority. Before a permanent church was built, Father McLaughlin sought to build a school. To this day, your school remains one of the most vital and valued parts of parish life.

Entrusting this parish to the loving care of its patroness, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, I join my prayers with yours as you celebrate this joyous occasion and give thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings. May God continue to bless you and all who come to this sacred place, and may this parish continue to be a consoling source of faith, hope and love.

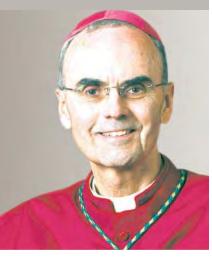
With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.

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Bishop of Brooklyn



November 2012

Dear People of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,

I give praise to Almighty God for the wonderful blessing of having been assigned by The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, to this Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Forest Hills, in this year when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this community of Roman Catholic faith. Our anniversary celebration coincides providentially with the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI for the Roman Catholic

Church throughout the world.

I rejoice with all of you as we recall the foundations of this Catholic community beginning with Father Joseph McLaughlin and continuing with the sacrifices and contributions of so many priests, religious and dedicated men and women. The education in the Catholic faith of countless individuals through our school and religious education program has been a special blessing that this parish has been able to provide through the years.

The prayerful and reverent celebration of the Church's liturgy has been a special grace for me since my arrival here last summer. I have been nourished spiritually by our shared participation in the Sunday and daily Eucharist. The involvement of well-trained liturgical ministers, altar servers and choir members demonstrates clearly a love for our communal Catholic life of prayer and faith.

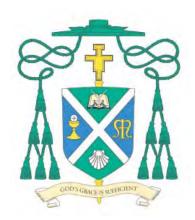
I am grateful to all of you for the warm welcome which you have extended to me and, in particular, for the consoling support which you proffered at the recent celebration for the funeral of my brother Larry in October.

My prayer is that we will all continue to grow in our life of faith and service after the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, our patroness, continue to intercede for us before Almighty God! May the good Lord enable us to grow as vibrant witnesses of our Catholic faith and so build the foundation for the next 100 years of hope and prayer.

With every best wish and with a blessing, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Paul R. Sanchez, D.D.
Pastor
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn



Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this joyous anniversary, and look back on all that has unfolded within our parish family over the last century, I can't help but wonder what those who came before us would think.

The families who gathered in that house on Meteor Street 100 years ago for the first Mass in Forest Hills could not have imagined that one day their little community would grow into a flock of thousands.



They could not have dreamed of the beautiful church we now call our home, or the great school, rectory and convent that make up our parish today.

They could not have fathomed how many lives would be shaped, how many hearts would be consoled, how many spirits would be lifted by the prayers, novenas, Masses and sacraments shared within these church walls.

And they could not have foreseen all the joys and sorrows that the last century would bring—and how this parish would gather together again and again in moments of great testing, and great triumph, to offer petitions and praise to Almighty God.

No, 100 years ago, they could not have known the extraordinary legacy they were beginning for us. But today, we look to those first parishioners with heartfelt gratitude and turn to our heavenly Father with prayers of thanksgiving. We have been truly blessed.

I speak often about the heroes of this parish, those who came before us and gave so much so that we can gather at this time in prayer and celebration. They are in my prayers at every Mass. But so are all of you: my friends and neighbors, the next generation of heroes, who continue to keep this church of "living stones" thriving and growing. Your generous faith and sacrifice have been an inspiration to me over the last 12 years, and I know it will be long remembered by those who come after us.

As we embark on the second century of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, I hope that we will never forget where we came from, and the great devotion and faith that guided Father Joseph McLaughlin and his small flock 100 years ago.

Entrusting you and all those you love to the special care of our Blessed Mother, I pray that God will continue to bless this parish. May the faith of our founders continue to inspire us all. And may God's grace and the intercession of His Mother lead all of us to lives of greater holiness, fidelity and love.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, pray for us!

Love in Christ,

Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

1000 Years of Gratitude 1912-2012

n the beginning, it was wilderness.

There were no trains, no subways. A ragged road called Hoffman Boulevard led people out to the eastern reaches of Long Island. The borough called "Queens" was a relatively new phenomenon—it had only been incorporated in the 1890s—and the land it occupied was primarily devoted to farms and undeveloped fields. Until 1906, the neighborhood was known by the unglamorous name of "Whitepot."

In 1906, developer Cord Meyer bought up a patch of 600 acres and christened it "Forest Hills," for its proximity to Forest Park. The Cord Meyer Company set out to develop Forest Hills into a suburban oasis outside of Manhattan. A portion of it was to become Forest Hills Gardens, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to resemble an English garden community. There would be single-family homes, and garden apartments, and eventually a railroad station. Roads would be neatly laid out and given alphabetical names, with avenues running from Atom through Zuni.

In 1912, most of that was still years away. But the area was beginning to grow. People who began to venture into the wilderness of Forest Hills, to build homes on the north side of Hoffman Boulevard (later renamed Queens Boulevard) wanted more than just housing. They wanted a community. For Catholics, that could mean only one thing: They needed a church.

The rest, of course, is history.

1912-1917

Our Parish Origins

November 13, 1912: Permission Given for Sunday Mass in Forest Hills

Bishop Charles E. McDonnell served as Brooklyn's second bishop from 1892 to 1921. He convoked three diocesan synods, encouraged the building of Catholic schools and created ethnic parishes to meet the spiritual needs of Catholic immigrants. Following a census of Catholics in Forest Hills in March 1912—counting 60 adults and 18 children—Bishop McDonnell granted permission for Holy Mass to be celebrated on Sundays.

November 24, 1912: Catholics Gather for First Sunday Mass in Forest Hills

With Bishop McDonnell's permission, Mrs. Margaret Dealy offered her home (70 Meteor Street, now 108-37 68th Drive) for Sunday Mass until a chapel was built. Three years later, the bishop authorized the purchase of a plot of land for a chapel near the corner of Ascan Avenue and Queens Boulevard, "not exceeding \$14,000 in cost," according a press report.

May 28, 1916: Dedication of the Original Chapel Built at a cost of \$3,846, the Chapel of Our

Built at a cost of \$3,846, the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs was dedicated by Bishop McDonnell. It could seat 250 people and would serve as the center of worship for the parish for more than a decade, until April 29, 1929, when it was destroyed by a fire.



Milestones in OLQM history: Bishop McDonnell, Mrs. Margaret Dealy and the original 1916 white chapel. Bishop McDonnell later appointed Fr. McLaughlin as our first pastor.



September 15, 1917: Fr. Joseph McLaughlin

was named pastor on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. On September 29, he wrote to Bishop McDonnell thanking him for the parish assignment. Fr. McLaughlin took up residence at the Forest Hills Inn and served as pastor for almost 43 years.



Venturing into the wilderness of Forest Hills, Catholics wanted a community—and they needed a church.

McLaughlin's legacy stays with us today: He opened negotiations to purchase more land for the future development of the parish; he opened our school in 1928; and a decade later—before a gathering of 600 assembled to celebrate his 60th birthday and his 35 years in the priesthood—
Fr. McLaughlin announced plans to build a new church and rectory.

1928-1929

September 9, 1928: Opening Days

School construction commenced in January 1928 and continued at a rapid pace for eight months. Fr. McLaughlin invited the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) to open our school and signed the school contract with the sisters on September 1. On September 8, 1928, just before opening day, the desks for five classrooms were installed.



From 1928 to 1986, 14 sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary served as the principal. Between 1955 and 1996, 28 sisters in the IHM order taught at the school. The convent was completed in 1953.

IHM Sisters left Scranton,
Pennsylvania, for Forest Hills
to teach at our newly opened
school. Sister Maria Assumpta
Clifford was the first principal.

November 28, 1929: Bishop Molloy Blesses Our School

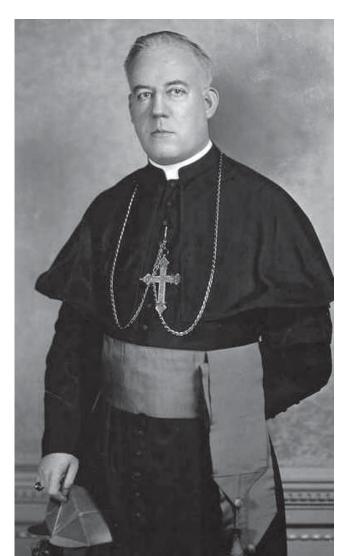
Thomas E. Molloy served as Brooklyn's third bishop from 1922 to 1956. He founded 90 parishes and 100 schools, including Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Elementary School. As the chief shepherd of the largest diocese in the United States (then encompassing 1.4 million Catholics and including Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island), he received the title "Archbishop" from Pope Pius XII in 1951.

Our School



1929 (until 1939): School Hall Used as Church

Our school hall was set up to seat more than 500 parishioners and serve as church until our present church was built. In 1984, the school hall was renovated and named McLaughlin Hall in honor of our first pastor.



1936-1939

The Church Construction

December 1936: New Church and Rectory Proposed

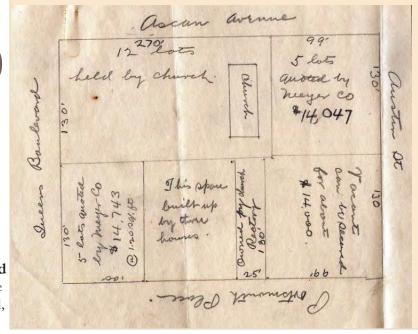
Having assembled all of the property comprising one square block at the corner of Ascan Avenue and Queens Boulevard, Fr. McLaughlin laid out his vision and plan to construct a new church and rectory at a cost not to exceed \$365,000.

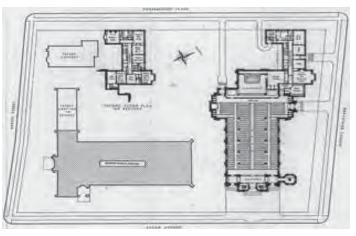
May 18, 1938: Groundbreaking Day

Parishioners gathered to watch a steam shovel break ground. Schoolchildren sang hymns and concluded with the "Star Spangled Banner." Fr. McLaughlin made no formal address; he simply told the operator, "Now do your stuff."

November 5, 1939: New Church Opened for Worship

The new church opened for worship within months of the 1939 New York World's Fair. The formal dedication took place on May 30, 1940, by Archbishop Thomas Molloy.





Fr. McLaughlin, visual thinker: His original, handwritten notes set out the vision for our current parish complex.



Fr. McLaughlin's sketch (upper right corner) is courtesy of the Office of the Archivist, Diocese of Brooklyn.



Growth, Change and

1940s-1990s

February 3, 1940: The First Wedding at OLQM

Edwin McDonald married Margaret Owen, who was the first bride to walk down the aisle of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, establishing a pattern that continues to this day.

1957: Newly Revised Diocese of Brooklyn

The post-war baby boom led to a building boom and expansive growth in the suburbs of Nassau and Suffolk counties on the eastern end of Long Island. This demographic shift precipitated a decision to split the Diocese of Brooklyn, which originally included all of Long Island. In the spring of 1957, after the death of Archbishop Molloy the previous fall, Pope Pius XII erected the Diocese of Rockville Centre, which comprised the two eastern counties of Long Island. The Diocese of Brooklyn was now comprised of Kings and Queens counties.

That same year, in April 1957, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart was appointed to preside over the newly revised Diocese of Brooklyn. Bishop McEntegart arranged for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to host a Diocesan Vocation Rally Mass in March 1958. He also appointed our second pastor.



1960-1978: Auxiliary Bishop Joseph P. Denning, Pastor

After the death of Msgr. McLaughlin,
Bishop McEntegart named
Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Denning
the new pastor of Our Lady
Queen of Martyrs. A native of Flushing,
Denning was ordained in 1932.
He invited Archbishop Fulton Sheen
to speak at OLQM on several
occasions between 1962 and 1965.
Bishop Denning retired in 1978
and remained in residence
until he died in 1990.

As pastor, Bishop Denning guided our parish through the changes following Vatican II.



Notice the placement of the altar during the 1958 Vocations Rally Mass (above) and then in the 1970s, when Bishop Denning (shown at right) concelebrated Christmas Midnight Mass.



New Traditions

October 1979: OLQM Connection to Pope John Paul II

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero (Bishop McEntegart's successor) welcomed Pope John Paul II to the Diocese of Brooklyn for a prayer service in Shea Stadium. It was a diocesan event organized by our future pastor—Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro, whom Bishop Mugavero had appointed to Catholic Charities.

March 1984: School auditorium renamed McLaughlin Hall

1987: RCIA Emerges

Fr. James Massa, then newly ordained, implemented the first RCIA course at OLQM. RCIA and Religious Education have since become vital in the life of the parish. Hundreds of adults have received their Sacraments of Initiation through our RCIA program.

Our Christmas Crèche, a Forest Hills tradition, first displayed during the Christmas season of 1990, brings joy to all passersby.



1992: Anniversary Concert

To mark our 80th year as a parish and the 75th anniversary of the assignment of Fr. McLaughlin, Bishop Thomas V. Daily (Bishop Mugavero's successor) celebrated Mass at our church, and there was a special concert organized and conducted by Richard Pretzer. As music director, Pretzer conducted many musical events at OLQM. His last concert was December 15, 2002. Three days later, we were saddened by the news of his sudden death. His successor, David Close, continues the Christmas Concert tradition and through the Sacred Music Society has solidified the reputation of our choir.

Since the first RCLA course was introduced in 1987, RCLA and Religious Education have assumed positions of great importance among similar programs in our diocese.

Our music ministry originated in the 1980s, with Richard Pretzer as music director (shown here at the first concert at OLQM).



2000-2012

Renovation and Restoration

January 2000-June 2012: Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro, Pastor

Almost immediately upon appointment by Bishop Daily as OLQM pastor in January 2000, Msgr. Funaro implemented fundamental changes, chief among them full financial transparency and the installation of the first Parish Council.

December 2000: First Pastoral Council

The installation of the first Parish Council assured OLQM parishioners an important role in parish decisions through the Council and its committees, covering every facet of life at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Lifelong parishioner Robert Formica was the first Council president.

April 2002: First Parish Expo

Hundreds attended the first-ever Parish Expo and completed our Time and Talent forms. More parishioners joined committees and became directly involved in parish activities.

September 13, 2004: First Golf Classic

Later known as the Golf and Tennis Classic, this fundraiser was instituted, along with an annual dinner-dance. Since then, these events have helped support our school and foster a sense of community.

July 2006: OLQM Welcomes Legion of Mary

Thinking about how we might better serve patients who reside in area nursing homes, Parochial Vicar Fr. Francis Passenant, with support and encouragement from Msgr. Funaro, helped to form a Legion of Mary group at OLQM as the perfect vehicle to fill this need. The parish's Legion volunteers help with the day-to-day work of visiting the homebound and those in three nursing homes to pray with patients and residents and to distribute Holy Communion. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday and also has the tradition of a summer potluck luncheon.

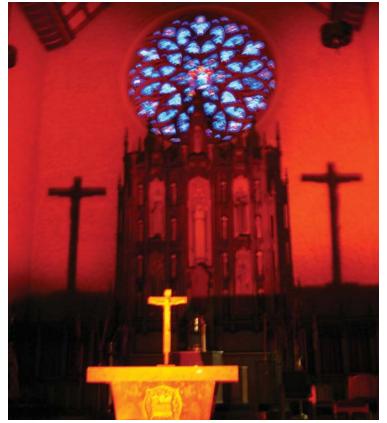
September 2007: First Parish Assembly

More than 200 parishioners participated and, through discussions and questionnaires, crafted a parish mission statement and laid out goals for the coming years.

Scenes from Parish Life

A successful parish assembly; Legion of Mary, one of our many ministries; St. Pio, whose Feast Day is one of many devotions throughout the year.





Msgr. Funaro enhanced spiritual aspects of the parish as well as the temporal. He began a Good Friday tradition with the choir's performance of the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words." In 2004, the baptismal font was moved from the sanctuary to the nave, and the tabernacle (situated on the St. Joseph side altar) was restored to its original place behind the main altar, to give the Blessed Sacrament the most prominent position in the church. A long-held dream of Msgr. Funaro's was fulfilled in 2009, when the former baptistery near the church entrance was converted into a small chapel dedicated to St. Pio. A permanent statue of Filipino martyr St. Lorenzo Ruíz was added to the chapel in 2012.

April 2008: First Vocations Fair

Since being appointed the latest Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2003, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has paid great attention to the fostering of vocation awareness. Through the Diocese Vocations Office, Bishop DiMarzio has instituted many programs to address the interests of those considering a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Because of this initiative, in the summer of 2007, Fr. Passenant introduced a Novena to St. John Vianney. A year later, in the spring of 2008, OLQM began sponsoring an annual vocations fair, where our parish invites representatives from different vocations and religious orders to greet families and speak at the Masses, offering a visible and vital reminder of the importance of vocations.

During his 12-year tenure,
Msgr. Funaro was pastor of many
firsts—first Parish Council,
first Finance Committee, first Golf
Classic fundraiser and first
Vocations Fair. He also mandated
significant renovations in the church.

Rosary and pro-life rallies; vocations fair; time, talent and treasure events such as the Golf and Tennis Classic—all define our parish.





2009: OLQM Featured on The NET

On October 16, 2008, the program director and a TV crew from the New Evangelization Television (NET) network came to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to film a segment and profile our church as part of an eight-part series on churches in our diocese. The segment aired in early 2009.



2011: Elevator Installed in Parish School

A generous benefactor provided funds for the construction of an elevator in the parish school, connecting the school entrance to McLaughlin Hall and allowing greater access for people with physical limitations. The elevator was blessed by Msgr. Funaro and dedicated to the memory of the first Parish Council President, Robert Formica, himself an amputee, who died earlier in the year.

July 1, 2012: Auxiliary Bishop Paul R. Sanchez Named Pastor

After 12 years of energetic leadership, Msgr. Funaro reached mandatory retirement age, but Bishop DiMarzio assigned him a new role as parish administrator. In the summer of 2012, the bishop named Auxiliary Bishop Paul Sanchez to be pastor. And Our Lady Queen of Martyrs begins its second century.

Christmas spirit in Religious Ed; a school graduation; Msgr. Funaro's tradition of narrating at the Christmas concert



Celebrating 100 Years ... Beginning a New Century



The current team of Bishop Paul Sanchez, Msgr. Joseph Funaro, Fr. Francis Passenant and Fr. Antonin Kocurek



WELCOME BACK ALUMNI







OLQM Parish Centennial: A Year-Long Celebration

Key Events

March 2011: 100 Years of Gratitude: Capital Campaign Launch

November 13, 2011: 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Mission

Msgr. Funaro led a special 1:00 P.M. Mass on the parish's traditional "Founder's Day." The banners that would announce our centennial were blessed and placed outside the church. The Montfort Fathers hosted a four-day parish mission, which launched our Centennial Celebration on a spiritual note.

January 29, 2012: Alumni Day

A Mass for OLQM School alumni and a tour of our school commemorated the month that school construction began in 1928, while also coinciding with this year's Catholic Schools Week.

March 11, 2012: Census Day Hosts a Taste of the World

On the 100th anniversary of the first parish census (March 10, 1912) we celebrated the multi-ethnic makeup of today's parish with an international food fair in McLaughlin Hall with the participation of many local restaurants.

June 3, 2012: Centennial Spring Concert on Groundbreaking Day

Commemorating the May 1938 groundbreaking and the construction start of our church and rectory complex, the concert was dedicated to Msgr. Funaro at the close of his 12-year pastorate. The musical program featured spiritual as well as popular Broadway renditions. It was the intent of this concert to feature our talented singers and musicians in solo performances. Members of our choir and the Sacred Music Society have had an important place in the parish over the years.

July 1, 2012: New OLQM Pastor and Bishop

For the second time in our centennial history, a bishop was appointed as the pastor of our parish. This is a precedent, aside from St. James Cathedral, that no other parish has received in the history of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Bishop Sanchez comes to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs with administrative as well as parochial experience serving formally as a pastor and diocesan vicar. With the help of Almighty God, Bishop Sanchez will spiritually lead us into our new century.

August 5, 2012: Family Day and Picnic

On this date in 1915, the first lots of parish property were deeded. We held a parish picnic in the church parking lot to commemorate this milestone and the vision of Msgr. McLaughlin, who soon after his appointment succeeded in acquiring the remaining property for the parish grounds.

November 12, 2012: OLQM Centennial Dinner-Dance

A grand finale at Russo's on the Bay, with more than 300 people in attendance!

November 18, 2012: Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio at 12:30 P.M., closing our "100 Years of Gratitude."

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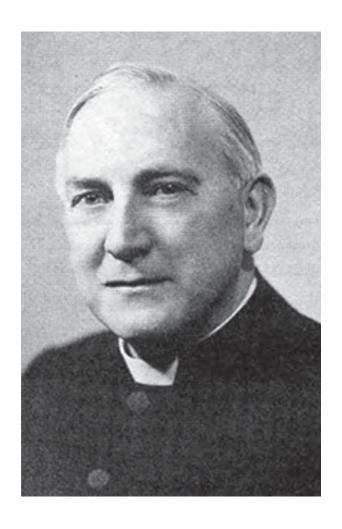
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Our Thanks to Msgr. Joseph A. McLaughlin Founding Pastor September 15, 1917 - May 1, 1960



ANONYMOUS



The Statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz: A Small Miracle from the Philippines

On a recent trip to the Philippines, my wife, Ruby, and I visited the Carmelite Monastery and Cathedral in Lipa City, about 50 miles south of Manila. This also happened to be the place where Mary appeared to Sister Teresita Castillo in 1948. **Our Lady of Mediatrix of All Graces** is the apparition known in the Philippines for the rose petals which showered within the vicinity of the monastery.

Yet, it was in the Religious store where a smaller miracle occurred. I noticed a large life-sized statue of the Filipino Saint, Lorenzo Ruiz. I had never seen anything like this one before, and I knew, because of the faithful at my church back at home in Forest Hills, that this would be a wonderful gift to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The statue almost seemed like it called out to me and I knew we had to purchase it. But the challenge was not buying the statue but how would we pack and ship it half way around the world (over 8,500 miles) without damaging it?

It was this challenge that I thought we would not overcome but God did provide. My wife's mother and family handled all the delicate packaging and my brother flew it over with him when he was returning from the Philippines to the U.S. The timing happened to work out but I believe God had a hand in getting this statue to Forest Hills from Lipa City. A small miracle indeed!

Our hope is that this gift will inspire us to trust in God and know that everything is possible with Him. - Roger Aguinaldo, September 23, 2012

(A) The Aguinaldo Family with the Statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz. From left to right: Bernard Aguinaldo, Jr.; Don Antonio Santos; Roger and Ruby Aguinaldo with daughters Cecelia, Julia and Emilia; Richard Aguinaldo with daughters Gabriella and Stephanie. (B) Dedication and Blessing of the Statue of San Lorenzo Ruiz. (C) The Statue is a gift of Roger and Ruby Aguinaldo and Family. (D) Priests installing the Statue in its permanent place in the Chapel for the faithful of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.







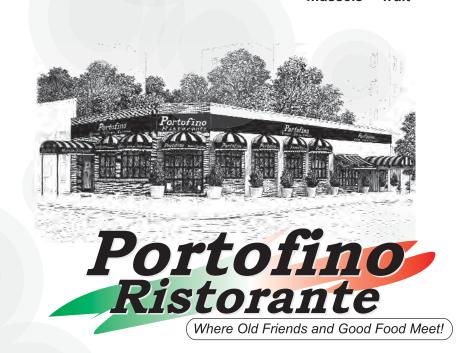
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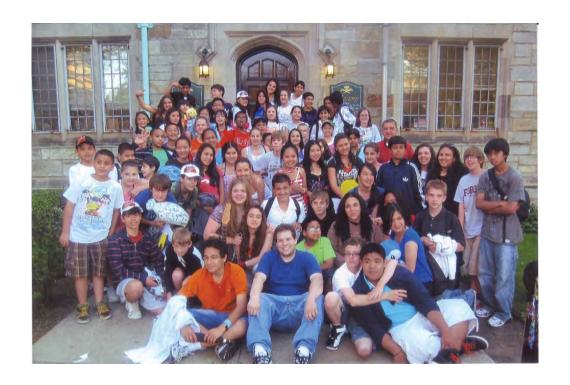
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"We thank you for the favors you grant us each day. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, please guide us on our way."

-from "Our Lady Queen of Martyrs," by Robert Weisel

Ad multos annos!

With love,

Regina J. Faighes



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Congratulates and extend their Best Wishes to our Parish

on the occasion of its

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who were there for him in so many ways.

God Bless Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church for many centuries to come

JACQUELINE R. LAKAH



God Bless Our Parish

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A very special thank you to our school's Principal, Mrs. Zuschlag and all the magnificent teachers and staff.

A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart.

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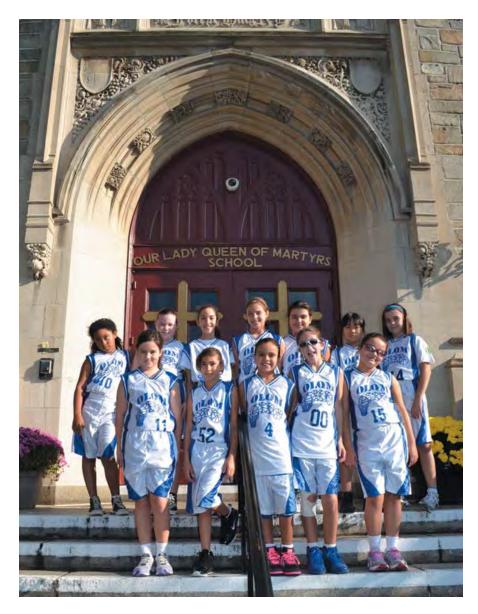




God Bless us all, Sandy, Mel, Gaby and Ethan



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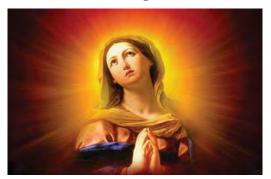




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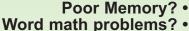
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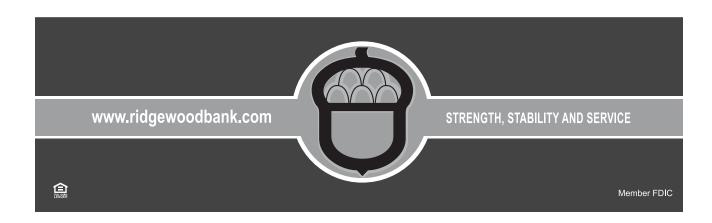
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In memory of my sister

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God Bless Our Parish

SEAN McGANN

In Thanksgiving to God

for the opportunity and the privilege to be one of the many people to be of service to the people of

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Deacon Bill McNamara



Best Wishes

Martha Kuzma

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

Congratulations to our parish family of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice. Philippians 4:4

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving to the Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

I wish to take a moment to thank God for all those who were there at the very beginning of the formation of our faith: our parents, relatives and friends who guided us on our journey.

I express, too, my prayers for all those who attended Mass here, starting with that very first Mass, said so many years ago. You are all a part of us each time we pray this liturgy, and I remember each and every one of you in my prayers.

My gratitude extends to all those who gave their time and their talent to help this parish to grow these last 100 years.

They are the heroes of our parish, and they should never be forgotten, for they have helped us to come to this time in our history.

We thank God for each and every one of them.

And then there are all those who died with no one to care for them or to love them.

They died alone, but they are not forgotten,
and we take a moment to remember them and pray for them.

This has been my prayer, at all the Masses I say here on Sunday.

God bless all the people of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church.

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