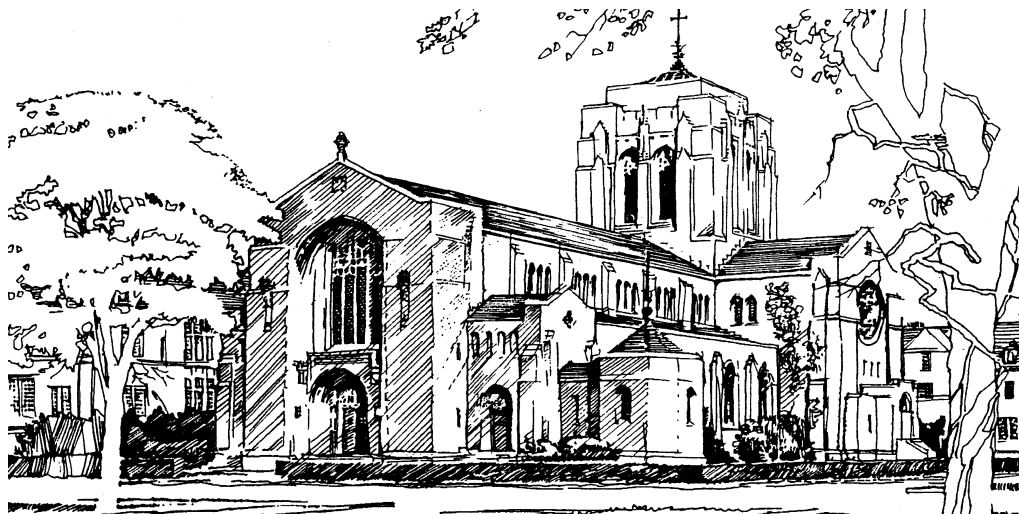


May 2 and 3, 2009

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro — PASTOR

PARISH EXPO 2009

“GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY”

Saturday, May 2 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 3 from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

McLaughlin Hall

PROGRAM

Please come and experience the many facets of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish
All parishioners welcome

Coffee and refreshments will be served

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A Message from Monsignor Funaro to all Parishioners

Dear Stewards of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,

Happy Easter!

It is a time of great joy and of personal renewal in the Lord for us. As you are aware, during the past few weeks OLQM has been focusing on a parish evangelization campaign about **stewardship as a way of life** for us.

Our theme, “**Generations of Generosity**”, reminds us all of the reason to be stewards and builds upon our call from last year, “*All is Gift. All is Given.*”

Discipleship is stewardship in action.
It means sharing our time, talent and treasure.

Giving our time and talent means not being satisfied with the *status quo* of our lives. The disciple is not afraid to take on new and challenging responsibilities.

Our parish is a dynamic place to practice our discipleship, and our commitment to love and to serve God. We are blessed with many diverse ministries and outreach opportunities for you to learn about and take part in.

Walk around our Expo 2009 and see what interests you.

God has placed you here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. How will you express your discipleship?

Love in Christ,

Msgr. Joseph A. Funaro



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Description of Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS (Table 15)

The Altar Servers Society assists with the parish worship by being present at the liturgical services and Masses. They add to the services by their assistance to the priest and the solemn performance of their duties. Under the direction of David James, the Society is a valuable asset to the parish and is open to all young people of the parish, beginning in the fifth grade. Anyone may join at any time into high school, as long as they desire to be of service to the parish by participating in the liturgical services. Many of our servers really enjoy their participation, and look forward to serving, especially for the Holy Days or special events. The members offer a service to the parish, while enjoying the experience and the satisfaction of doing something well for the parishioners. *If interested, please contact Fr. Passenat or David James at 1-718 268-6251.*

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP (Table 11)

People pray together to worship God, share their faith and encourage one another in the Christian life. Meetings consist of spontaneous prayer, scripture reading and the exercise of charismatic gifts. Regular meetings take place every Friday at 7:30 P.M., in the main rectory meeting room. Please join us! We are especially in need of new members with the ability to play a musical instrument. *If interested, please call Nellie Milite at 1-718 268-6251.*

CHOIR (Table 12)

The Choir of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs sings at the 11:30 A.M. Mass every Sunday, and for all the major liturgies of the year. In addition, it presents an annual Christmas Concert in December. The weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:45 P.M. in the choir loft offer an opportunity to prepare the inspiring choral music that we sing each week at Mass. Saint Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice. Not only is that true, but the choir experience is also a wonderful way to participate in the life of the parish by lifting your voice in praise of our Lord, in the company of fellow parishioners who have dedicated themselves to the enhancement of our liturgy through sacred song. *If interested, please come to a choir rehearsal (Tuesdays at 7:45 P.M., in the choir loft) and introduce yourself to Music Director David Close.*



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Table 5)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION offers regular Bible Studies to all who wish to participate. Under the tutelage of either a priest or a lay Bible scholar, parishioners gather in the rectory's main meeting room on Monday evenings from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. to study the Word of God. Each five- or six-week session cycle is dedicated to the study either of a specific Book or Books of the Bible, or to a particular biblical theme or topic. Our Bible Studies program goes beyond offering parishioners a weekly opportunity for Christian fellowship and faith sharing—it augments our experience of the Liturgy of the Word during Mass, and it helps to make our private scriptural studies more spiritually fruitful and enriching. *If interested, please contact Liz Clancy at 1-718 268-6251.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION offers comprehensive programs to parishioners of different ages and needs, as follows:

> **RCIA:** Prepares adults to join the Catholic Church and to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

> **Adult Confirmation:** Prepares adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

> **Religious Education:** Instructs public school children in their Catholic faith throughout their years in elementary school, and prepares them for the reception of Sacraments.

> **Children's Catechumenate:** Prepares older students for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.)

> **Gathering Sessions:** Informal adult meetings designed to develop the spirituality of parents and parish adults through Scripture and conversation.

If interested, please contact Deacon Bill McNamara at 1-718 263-0907.

COMMUNICATIONS (Table 1)

This committee is responsible for the communications that emanate from the parish. This includes the weekly bulletin, the Web site, fliers and other communications to the parishioners, as well as linkage with *The Tablet* and with other parishes in our cluster. Volunteers are welcome, especially those with good written command of the English language and computer skills in word processing and/or graphic design. Please bear in mind that this is a staff activity manned by volunteers, and as such requires a recurring commitment. Instruction in modern publishing software and digital photography will be provided to those who are computer-literate. *If interested, please contact Manny Lima at 1-718 793-0008 or e-mail olqmcomm@aol.com.*

FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL EVENTS (Table 18)

This committee fills an important need to foster fellowship and community in our dynamic parish. *If you have an interest in event planning, please visit the Stewardship Committee table.*

HEALTH MINISTRY (Table 8)

The body and soul are integral parts of the self. In 1999, the Brooklyn Diocese recognized a ministry that would deal with the most prevalent problem—hypertension (high blood pressure). Our parish has had a ministry since that time, staffed by fellow parishioners, some of whom are medical professionals. *If interested, please call 1-718 268-6251.*

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (Table 6)

The fundamental purpose of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' Home School Association is the educational enrichment of school families and staff. It is not a policy-making body, but seeks to foster a clear understanding of the mutual responsibility of parents and teachers in the education and development of the whole child. The HSA sponsors fundraising initiatives in an effort to maintain tuition rates and support educational programs. *If interested, please contact Jim McCarthy at 1-718 263-2622.*

LECTORS (Table 13)

A group of men and women have been entrusted with the responsibility of proclaiming God's Holy Word to the assembly of the faithful. Through their role in the liturgy, they become the medium through which God communicates with His people. This ministry requires a one-day diocesan-sponsored training session. It is expected that lectors thoroughly prepare their reading and provide a clear, unhurried delivery. *If interested, please contact Fr. Passenant or Irene Nash at 1-718 268-6251.*

LEGION OF MARY (Table 9)

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over three million active members in almost every country. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then, they do two hours of specific work each week in pairs, under the guidance of their spiritual director. *If interested, please contact Fr. Passenant or Dennis Francis Portelli at 1-718 268-6251.*

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LEISURE CLUB (Table 4)

This association facilitates and fosters companionship, and provides a varied program of social activities for its members, such as parties, lectures, video shows, card games and other enjoyable diversions. Additionally, bus trips, tours of popular interest and special celebrations are scheduled throughout the year. Membership is open to persons fifty years of age and older, who have some affiliation with the parish. Those who do not reside within the parish boundaries are also welcome. Meetings usually take place two Thursdays per month. *If interested, please contact Peg Galvin at 1-718 268-6251.*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (Table 7)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a movement within the Catholic Church that offers weekend experiences for good marriages, to strengthen communication and nurture a deepened appreciation of the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders. They also assist Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in sponsoring the annual parish celebration of World Marriage Day in February. *For more information, contact Bob and Melinda Nobbs at 1-718 805-7232. Also see the web site at www.wwme.org.*

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (Table 14)

The Ministers of Hospitality (members of the Ushers Society) provide several services. They:

- > Welcome the members of the congregation (“meet, greet and seat.”)
- > Aid in making the various processions more effective and efficient.
- > Take the various collections.
- > Distribute the bulletins efficiently.
- > Are a knowledgeable and gracious resource to the parishioners and visitors.

All are welcome to become Ministers of Hospitality. The major requirement is to be at one of the Sunday Masses on a regular basis. *If interested, please contact John Gregory at 1-718 268-6251.*

PASTORAL CARE/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (Table 10)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) serve one of the most important ministries in the parish: actually bringing Jesus to others, by visiting the homebound and those confined to nursing homes or hospitals (*Pastoral Care*), and by giving Communion at Mass. More than a volunteer service, this is an actual ministry that requires a one-day diocesan-sponsored training session. Serving as an EMHC is a wonderfully rewarding ministry that can bring abundant graces, while also bringing the Body of Christ to our brothers and sisters in faith. *If interested, please contact Dennis Francis Portelli at 1-718 268-6251.*

OLQM SCHOOL (Table 6)

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (OLQM) is a Catholic, parochial, co-educational school with classes from Preschool to Grade 8. (Preschool includes full-day and half-day Pre-K and half-day Nursery programs.) OLQM provides a quality education for children while assisting in the creative formation of each child. Our educational program promotes academic, as well as spiritual growth, based on the Gospel message. At OLQM, students explore their own strengths while challenged through a diverse instructional methodology. Our faculty recognizes the many cultures and customs of our community and fosters an atmosphere that appreciates each individual student. We provide a comfortable environment for students to share in a love of learning. Through numerous methods employed throughout the school, we strive to cultivate a nurturing environment in which the students feel safe, secure and free to express their individual talents. OLQM endeavors to educate the whole child. We prepare students not only for the immediate future, but we provide the necessary skills for long-term success. *Our school's principal is Mrs. Anne Zuschlag. Her office telephone number is 1-718 263-2622.*

SINGLE ADULTS (Table 3)

The Single Adults Group is open to all single adults (never married, separated, divorced, widowed), especially targeting those between 35 and 60. Members participate in a variety of social, spiritual, cultural and service activities, including dinners and brunches, museum trips, day trips, talks, and networking with other Catholic groups in the New York City area. Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month year-round at 7:30 P.M., in the main rectory basement meeting room. *The phone hotline for information and sign-ups is 1-718 361-3201.*

SOCIAL ACTION (Table 2)

The primary goal of the Social Action Committee is to help maintain a **Catholic Presence in the Public Square**, to stay engaged in the social, political and religious sphere which can profoundly impact Catholic principles. To this end, change is possible through parishioners willing to bring forth a positive view with a broad vision. Personal expertise is utilized to help raise public awareness and advocate reform whenever pervasive injustices occur. The Social Action Committee also administers the annual OLQM Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas Giving Tree toy drive for Catholic Charities. Regular meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in St. Benedict's meeting room, in the rectory basement. *If interested, please contact Pat Gmerek at 1-718 268-6251.*

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (Table 18)

As the parish's Stewardship Committee, we are committed to cultivating stewardship and discipleship as a way of life in our parish. We seek to educate the family of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs about the wonderful ministerial and outreach opportunities available to us. We attempt to connect the time and talents of our parishioners with the time and talent opportunities for service at OLQM. We embrace the concept of sacrificial giving of our treasure back to God, in thanksgiving for all He has entrusted to us. Currently, we meet one evening a month in the parish rectory; commitments may be long or short, depending on your availability. The only requirements to join us are an honest desire to make OLQM the best possible parish, and a collaborative spirit of sharing creative ideas. We seek dynamic individuals from all age groups and we train as we go. *If interested, please call 1-718 268-6251 or e-mail olqstmewardship@yahoo.com*



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TIME AND TALENT

Are you interested in participating in one (or more) of our volunteer activities?
Please complete this form and return it to table 18 or to our reception office.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (home): _____ (office): _____ (cellular): _____

E-MAIL (home): _____ (office): _____

OCCUPATION: _____ SPECIAL SKILLS: _____

The other side of this form lists all committees, groups and ministries participating in

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Please checkmark the area(s) in which you are interested, indicating whether this is a new commitment or a re-commitment. If more than one, indicate the order of your preference.

I am interested in the following area(s):

New commitment

Re-commitment

- Altar Servers*
- Charismatic Prayer Group*
- Choir*
- Christian Education*
- Communications*
- Fundraising/ Social Events*
- Health Ministry*
- Home School Association*
- Lectors*
- Legion of Mary*

New commitment

Re-commitment

- Leisure Club*
- Marriage Encounter*
- Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)*
- Ministers of Holy Communion*
- OLQM School*
- Pastoral Care*
- Religious Education*
- Single Adults*
- Social Action*
- Stewardship*

Other (please specify) : _____

Use this space for comments and suggestions: _____
