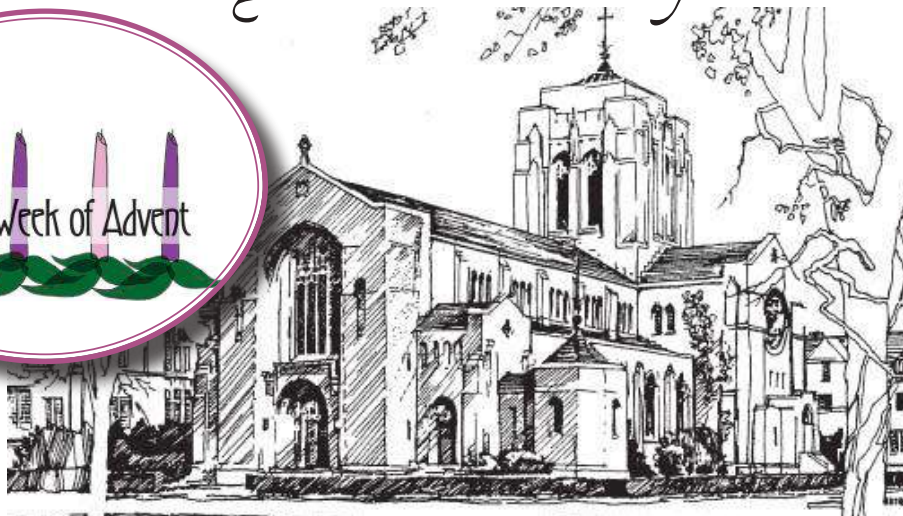


December 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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:** Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

**ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**HOLY HOUR** Third Thursdays at 12:40 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER and**  
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA**

First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

**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.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is a vibrant Catholic Faith Community in Forest Hills, New York. We are one parish family seeking to be the welcoming and warm presence of Jesus Christ to the diverse peoples of the area.*

*Our parish life is centered on celebrating the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming and teaching God's Word, faith formation through our school and religious education programs, and ministering to and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful.*

*In thanksgiving to God for all that has been, for all that we are and for all that we will be, we support vocations and lay leadership development, strengthening stewardship, and fulfilling the mission of the New Evangelization to bring Christ into the world.*

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
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, December 2*

8 a.m. Salvatore Floretto

12:05 p.m. Amado Chua

5 p.m. Sorsaia family and Passenant family

*Sunday, December 3*

10 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Monday, December 4*

Saint John Damascene

8 a.m. Peg and Ed McDonald

12:05 p.m. Neredaj Sanchez

*Tuesday, December 5*

8 a.m. Michael and Rose Ambrosechia

12:05 p.m. Susan Villani

*Wednesday, December 6*

Saint Nicholas

8 a.m. Santiago Barberi Gonzalez

12:05 p.m. Febronia and Josephine Vitale and family

*Thursday, December 7*

Saint Ambrose

8 a.m. Rachel See

12:05 p.m. Ilawan family

7:30 p.m. Beatrice Mannering

**Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*Friday, December 8*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*Holy Day of Obligation ~ No Confessions*

8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

*Saturday, December 9*

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8 a.m. Yolanda Samaco

12:05 p.m. John and Gerda Danies

5 p.m. Rev. Walter Mitchell

## Main Events of the Week



*First Sunday of Advent, December 3*

**Gift Drop-Off Weekend**

Leave your unwrapped Christmas gifts with tags attached under the tree today or next Sunday

2:30 p.m., church: Baptisms

*Monday, December 4*

7 p.m., rectory: Bereavement Support Group meeting

*Tuesday, December 5*

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

2:30 p.m., nursing home: Forest Hills Nursing Home Mass

*Wednesday, December 6*

Church closes at 1 p.m.

Christmas Concert Preparation and Rehearsal

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, December 7*

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church: **Benediction**

10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., rectory: RCIA

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation

*Friday, December 8*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Rectory Office Closed. No Confessions.

6–9 p.m., McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization

7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road):

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

*Second Sunday of Advent, December 10*

4 p.m., church: Christmas Concert

(see bulletin insert and p. 4)

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

## Remember Our Sick

Mark Antonioli, Jacqueline Amary, Nestor Ardeleanu, Eburne Bajarias, Marylou Bagasan, Carmen Ballesteros, Mark Bradley, Robbie Cosentino, Robert Cosenza, Tracy Cuva, Jeanie DeLuca, Bob Ditroia, Norman Doucette, John K. O'Driscoll, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Linda Gilson, John Gmerek, Joseph Haas, Sean Harrison, Pao Lin Hsu, Anita Kobylinska, James Leung, Louie Mavashev, Marie Mpreckels, Diane and Daniel Murphy, Fr. Dominic Murphy, Mark Murphy, Jeanne Murray, Irma Opazo, Famatta Osode, Boby Payton Ruo, Rosemary Parente, Maureen Piatt, Grace Plank, Tanya Rodriguez, Carmelo Scuncio, Emilia Soriano, Sean Statchen, Ana Stafford, Remington Stafford, Terry Sarro, Andrea S., Rosalba Torres, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Eugene F. McGovern

### We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad

Eric Böhm, Sergio Borrero, Thaddeus Buenaventura, 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, Mollie Rae Whitley, Rodney Ross, Victoria Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Gonzalo Vallecillos, Jose J. Vaz, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

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## Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Turczany

*Lectors:* John Valenti, Belinda Kotin

*Leader of Song:* Warren Harding

*EMHCs:* Yorke Mizelle, Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Antonín

*Lectors:* Alejandro Caycedo, Roger Aguinaldo

*Leader of Song:* Warren Harding

*EMHCs:* Ernie Foli, Richie Perl, Jack Butera

10 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Bishop Sanchez

*Lectors:* Ray Bendana, Regina Faighes

*Leader of Song:* Warren Harding

*Children's Liturgy of the Word:* Carla Christian

*EMHCs:* Gina Warshaw, Pat Abes, Margarita Forero

11:30 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Turczany

*Lectors:* Irma Cruso, Charles Tse

*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

*EMHCs:* Jacqueline Lakah, Lilia Penagos, Angela Damone

1 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Passenant

*Lectors:* Al Smith, Joanie Molina

*Leader of Song:* Joe Annese

*EMHCs:* Bettyanne McDonough, Beth Barretto, Al Smith

*Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses*

**Thank you to all those who serve as ushers**

## Order of Mass

First Sunday of Advent

*Cycle A—Choir at 11:30 a.m. Mass*

**ENTRANCE**

*Missal #50—“O Come, Divine Messiah”*

*“Enter His Sanctuary Singing”—Choir*

**MASS PARTS:** A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

**FIRST READING**

*Missal pg. 31—Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM—***Missal pg. 32*

**SECOND READING:** *Missal pg. 32—1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**GOSPEL:** *Missal pgs. 32-33—Mark 13:33-37*

**HOMILY**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh” (G. Holst)—Choir*

*Missal #60—“Come, Lord Jesus”*

**COMMUNION**

*“Zion Hears the Watchmen’s Voices” (J. S. Bach)—Choir*

Organ Meditation

*Missal #596—“Christ, Be Our Light”*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Missal #68—“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

*Missal #50—“O Come, Divine Messiah”—Choir*

## Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for the Christmas flowers. There are also envelopes for maintaining the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy and to help defray the cost of winter fuel.

» Sunday, December 10, the second collection will help defray the cost of winter snow removal. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.

» Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. More at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).



## The Season of Advent

Advent is the joyous four-week season before Christmas when we commemorate the first coming of Christ and anticipate his second coming. It is season of hope, so essential to humans in our daily lives and our spiritual lives. We cannot live without hope. We find all sorts of things to live for and to hope for: success, security, that our children are saved from our mistakes and find a better life.

One of the reasons we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament hoped for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that a scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk. We hope for the same things as the Old Testament people for their

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hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Second, Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. The Advent liturgies of John the Baptist and of Mary are especially important because they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

—Adapted from “The Spirit of Advent,” Mark Searle, in *Assembly*, Volume 7:1 © Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, IN.

## Advent at OLQM

*Check the bulletin weekly for updates and for new announcements.*

**Wednesday, December 6:** Church closes at 1 p.m. for Christmas Concert preparations

**Thursday, December 7:** Immaculate Conception, 7:30 p.m. *Vigil Mass*

**Friday, December 8:** Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, *Masses at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.*

**Sunday, December 10:** Annual Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. *in church*

**Tuesday, December 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe, celebrated at 12:05 p.m. *Mass*

**Saturday, December 16:** Rite of Welcome for RCIA Catechumenates, 5 p.m. *Mass*

**Sunday, December 17:** Bambinelli Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent), *All Masses—see p. 5*

**Sunday, December 17:** Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach Van visits, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 17—Sunday, December 24:** Octave of Christmas, *O Antiphons sung at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses*



## Christmas Flowers and Wreaths in Loving Memory

This year we are offering opportunities to memorialize your family or loved ones with evergreen Christmas wreaths, trees, and poinsettia plants to be displayed in the sanctuary, along the altar rail and outside the Church. Please take a copy of the bulletin insert for details and contact the rectory by December 16. Names of those persons memorialized will appear in the December 24 Christmas bulletin. To make a gift to the general Christmas Flowers fund, please use the special envelope that is available. Thank you.



## The Annual Christmas Concert

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 4 PM**

The concert is a much anticipated event at our church as parishioners and friends begin their preparations for the Christmas season. It is a tradition that brings the whole community together as the entire audience celebrates with their favorite Christmas carols with the chorus and full orchestra.

Admission by ticket only: \$30 per person, general seating; \$10 children age 12 & under. Purchase tickets at the rectory during business hours (718-268-6251) or see a choir member after Mass today!

## Bereavement Support Group to Meet Through Holidays

Loneliness and loss of a loved one can be difficult to bear as the holidays approach. Anyone who has recently lost a loved one can join our support group, where we HELP, CARE and LISTEN to one another and work together through grief. Come to share memories with others who have experienced, or are now experiencing, the same difficulties. Our support group meets the first and third Mondays of the month, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the rectory. The last two meetings for this year are **December 4 & 18**. Meetings are facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle. If attending, call ahead to the rectory (718-268-6251) or email [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).



**Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Winner is ... Marie O'Brien Davis with ticket #39. Congratulations to her!**

## Christmas Giving Tree Gift Appeal

This weekend and next (December 9th/10th), please drop off your gifts by the tree in front of the St. Joseph altar. All gifts must be **NEW**, unwrapped, and have the identifying tag attached.

Be mindful that the giving season this year includes many families that have come to our communities in Brooklyn and Queens in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. And we ask that you remember that older children (ages 13-18) need gifts, too. If you need gift suggestions for tweens and teens, consider unused gift cards from stores such as the Gap, Old Navy and Game Stop.

All gifts will be collected by volunteers from OLQM Catholic Academy, Religious Ed and MAYO (Martyrs Active Youth Organization) and delivered to the Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach van when it visits our parish on Sunday, December 17.

Thank you for making someone's Christmas brighter!



## An Old Tradition, New at OLQM: Bambinelli Blessings All Masses on December 17

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent with more than a rose candle this year. To refocus children and families on the true meaning of the Advent season, we are adopting the Vatican tradition of blessing Nativity scene figures of the baby Jesus ("Bambinelli" in Italian). The tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and ever since, the blessing has been given by the pope during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent. So, unpack your creche and bring the baby Jesus from your family's Nativity scene to church to be blessed at Masses on Sunday, December 17.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~ Patronal Feast Day of the USA

Thursday, **December 7:** Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, **December 8:** Holy Day Masses 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ~ Patroness of the Americas

Tuesday, **December 12:** Mass at 12:05 p.m. with opportunity to place roses at the base of the picture of Our Lady

### Weekly Collections

|                   | November 19                         | November 26                            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Candle Offerings  | 1,905.00                            | 1,436.00                               |
| 1st Collection    | 9,525.00                            | 9,045.16                               |
| 2nd Collection    | 2,023.29                            | 3,303.17                               |
|                   | <i>(St Vincent de Paul support)</i> | <i>(Christmas music &amp; liturgy)</i> |
| Mail In           | 1,225.00                            | 1,225.00                               |
| Thanksgiving Day  |                                     | 3,101.00                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>14,678.29</b>                    | <b>18,110.33</b>                       |
| Weekly Income     | 19,350.00                           | 19,350.00                              |
| Needed*           |                                     |  |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (4,671.71)                          | (1,239.67)                             |

\* Amount we estimate we need weekly to meet church expenses. Figures are unaudited.

### Special Collections

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| Nov 19: Campaign for Human Development | \$1,310.50 |
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Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish and are not included in the weekly collection total.

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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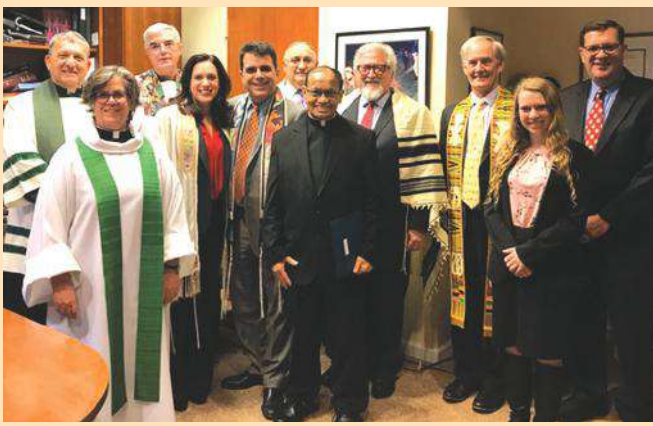
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**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING**—Father Passenant joined with other clergy in our community for prayer and song on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Their collection raised \$1,445 for a good cause: Doctors Without Borders. The annual interfaith Thanksgiving service was held this year at the Reform Temple of Forest Hills.

### Student Honors

These young men from our parish and/or school have been admitted to the Honor Roll at **Cathedral Preparatory School and Seminary**. Congratulations for honors earned!

- Elias Diaz** (10th grade)—First Honors
- Matthew Martinez** (9th grade)—First Honors
- Joshua Zayas** (12th grade)—Second Honors

### Concert to Support Catholic Education

**Spirit of Christmas Spectacular—December 18** at 8 p.m. at Lincoln Center’s David Geffen Hall. With Broadway performers. Hosted by Bishop DiMarzio and Futures in Education. For individual tickets, head to [FuturesinEducation.org/events/spirit-christmas-concert](http://FuturesinEducation.org/events/spirit-christmas-concert) or call Lincoln Center at 212-721-6500.

### WANT YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING?



**CONSIDER CATHOLIC KINDERGARTEN**  
[dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools/find-a-school](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools/find-a-school)



### Help Care for Elders

This Year of Vocations in our diocese we are actively promoting future generations of priests, deacons, and religious. But our aging religious need help as well. With the support of the **Religious Retirement Fund**, the Church is in a much better position to care for aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have given a lifetime of service. To the extent possible, please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection next week (December 9/10).

### Save the Date, December 17, to Meet Catholic Charities Mobile Outreach

The Mobile Outreach team of Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens provides supportive counseling, advocacy, referrals to resources such as community-based home care, and legal and mental health services to individuals ages five and older. If you or someone you know need assistance, and to learn what services and resources are available through Catholic Charities, then stop by Mobile Outreach van when it visits our our parish on Sunday, December 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Please Fulfill Your ACA Pledges by December 31!

For those wishing to make a gift before the end of the year, Annual Catholic Appeal envelopes are available in the church. God bless you for your goodness!

### Deanery Corner

**TODAY, Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols.** Prepare for the “Coming of Our Lord” through Scripture and Song with the Adult, Children, Spanish, and Indonesian Choirs at **Resurrection-Ascension Church** (85-25 61st Rd, Rego Park).

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**Diocesan Vicariate Choir Christmas Concert: Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.** also at **Resurrection-Ascension Church**. With Advent music, featuring the works of Bach, Handel, and other Christmas favorites. For further information, please call the RA rectory at 718-424-5212.

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

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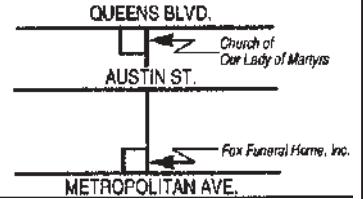
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