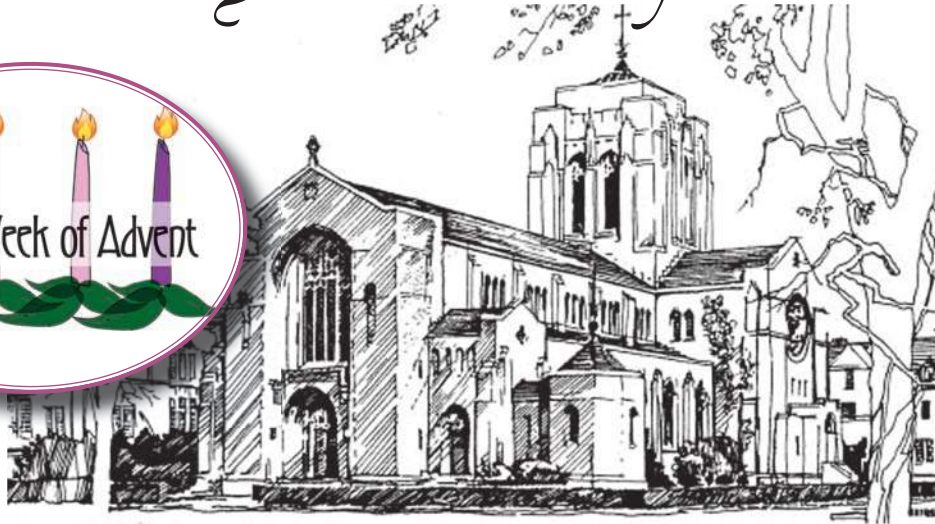


December 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Masses at 8:00 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

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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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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 17

8 a.m. George M. Mannering
12:05 p.m. Felicidad Mañalac
5 p.m. Deceased members of the
Linares and Griffin families

Sunday, December 18

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 19

8 a.m. Pasquale and Maria Marino
12:05 p.m. Jose Cuadrado

Tuesday, December 20

8 a.m. Robert Peter Ballerini
12:05 p.m. Efigenia De Mendez

Wednesday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

8 a.m. Kathleen Lappin
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Thursday, December 22

8 a.m. Jesus Mañalac
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Friday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty

8 a.m. John and Mary Jo Hughes
12:05 p.m. Victor Lamarque

Saturday, December 24

8 a.m. Jorge Bonilla
12:05 p.m. Norina Garofalo

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and Children's Pageant
11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
Midnight: Concelebrated Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 25

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(CHRISTMAS)**

Masses at 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. (Choir)
and 1:15* p.m.

* Please note the special start time for the last Mass on
Christmas Day.

Remember Our Sick

Bertha Aguilar, Fr. Charles Allen SJ, Edurne Achaval Bajarías, Edward Brumfield, Taylor Alan Calder, Raquel Cai, Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Deanna Condino, Nick A. Constantino, Robert Cosenza, Tracy Cuva, Gladys De Alban, Lawrence Doyle, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Dorene Fazio, Michael Frascino, Rita Fuchs, John Gmerek, Miguel Gonzalez, Avelino Guballa, Pilar Guballa, Barbara Hageney, Sean Harrison, Robert Hyer, Daniel John, Maria Lee, Maribel Martínez, Louis Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Josephina McBride, Jordan Miller, Seeta Niranjani, John Odriscoll, Andrea S., Baby Isabella and Baby Sophia Seirano, Carolyn Siino, Catherine Smith, Pamela Stemberg, Ann Tirrito, Lawrence Yoon, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 18

2:30 p.m., *rectory*: **Baptism Instruction**

Reconciliation Monday, December 19

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

4–8 p.m., *church*: **Christmas Confessions**

Tuesday, December 20

11:30 a.m., *church*: **Christmas Confessions**

12:40–2:15 p.m., *rectory*: **Pastoral Care meeting**

Wednesday, December 21

11:30 a.m., *church*: **Christmas Confessions**

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m.: *levels 1, 2, 3, and 4*

7–8:15 p.m.: *levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI*

Thursday, December 22

11:30 a.m., *church*: **Christmas Confessions**

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

Exposition and Benediction

Friday, December 23

11:15 a.m., *church*: **Christmas Confessions**

7:30 p.m. *church*: **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Saturday, December 24

No Confessions

10 a.m., *church*: **Altar Server rehearsal
for Midnight Mass**

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

Procession to Outdoor Stable

1 p.m., *church*: **Altar Server rehearsal
for Christmas Day Choir Mass**

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

The Wine and Hosts
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Remember Our Deceased

Salud Alegre
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Rosita Dom Dom
Robert Eidt
Lieselotte Holstein

Owen A. Meyers
Benjamin Odesa
Soeurette Remy
Rev. Msgr. George Schuster
Robert Sonneman

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 Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, Victoria Tisser-Bacca, Charles Torres, Gonzalo Vallecillos, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

December 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lector: Helen Errera, Bettyanne McDonough

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp, Yorke Mizelle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lector: Roger Aguinardo, David Lee

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Grace Sommero, Roger Aguinardo, Richie Perl

10 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Turczany

Lector: Kathleen Marks, David Cereguas

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Emer Herity

EMHCs: Deanna Condino, Karen Nassauer, Frank Schaefer

11:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Turczany

RCLA Dismissal

Lector: Thomas Jorge, Victoria Malcervelli

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lector: Anita Das, Siobhain Kandra

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Niranjan Fernando, Nelonie Demel, Al Smith

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle A — Choir at 11:30 a.m. Mass

ENTRANCE

Missal #38—"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 42—Isaiah 7:10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pgs. 42-43*

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 43—Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL

Missal pgs. 43-44—Matthew 1:18-24

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Ave Maria" (*Gregorian chant*)—Choir

Missal #64—"The Whole World Is Waiting for Love"

COMMUNION

"The Angel Gabriel" (*Basque carol arr. M. Archer*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #41—"Waiting in Silence"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #43—"People, Look East"

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is to help defray the cost of winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.

» Sunday, December 25, the second collection is our Christmas Offering. There is also an envelope for Catholic Charities.

» 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: www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

Advent Reconciliation Monday December 19 ~ 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our parish, and all parishes throughout Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, will have priests available to hear confessions during the hours of 4–8 p.m. on December 19. We will also have our regular daytime confessional hours during the week before Christmas. Our full Christmas schedule appears on page 5.



Octave before Christmas

During the special period of Advent preparation from December 17 through December 23, we are reciting (chanting) the "O Antiphons of Advent" at the daily Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Seven antiphon verses proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment of our hopes. Each antiphon begins with "O" and invokes the expected Messiah according to the prophecy of Isaiah. The O Antiphons are the inspiration for the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," which we are singing at today's Masses. Emmanuel means "God is with us."

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Octave before Christmas

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In abbreviated form, the seven O Antiphons are printed here. For the Latin versions, we have also prepared a flier that you will find in church this week:

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.

O Lord and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.

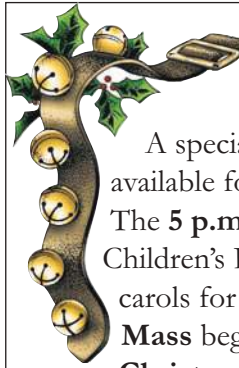
O Root of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.

O Key of David and scepter of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.

O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Savior. O come and save us, Lord, our God.



Christmas Music and Masses

A special music program will be available for all our Christmas Masses. The **5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass** is the Children's Pageant. Organ prelude and carols for our **Christmas Eve Midnight Mass** begin at 11:30 p.m. At all of our **Christmas Day Masses** we'll sing favorite carols. The **Christmas Day Choir Mass** at 11:30 a.m. will feature a trumpet and organ prelude and the Hallelujah Chorus as the recessional.



On December 4, our RCIA catechumens (never baptized) and candidates (previously baptized) were welcomed to the parish and received a special blessing as they prepare to receive the sacraments and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, which will take place at the Easter Vigil. They will be joining us at various Masses over the upcoming months, giving all of us a chance to make them feel welcomed. Please pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith.



Reminder: Altar server rehearsals are next Saturday for Christmas Masses

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SIMBANG GABI: A FILIPINO TRADITION FOR CHRISTMAS

- » **December 15 through 23 @ 7 p.m.** at **Church of the Ascension** (86-13 55th Ave., Elmhurst)
- » **December 21 @ 7:30 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Mercy Church** (70-01 Kessel St., Forest Hills)

Today is the annual **Religious Retirement Fund** collection, which helps to provide nursing and eldercare to those who have given a lifetime of service to the Church and Catholic schools and agencies. Thank you for your donation, to the extent possible.

Christmas Schedule 2016



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17 at 12:45 p.m.
Reconciliation Monday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. and from 4–8 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday, December 20–22 at 11:30 a.m.
Friday, December 23 at 11:15 a.m.
No Confessions Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24
5 p.m. Vigil Mass with Children’s Pageant
11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25
8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Choir) and 1:15* p.m.

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31 Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 1, 2017 Masses are at
8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Choir) and 1 p.m.

*Note the last Mass on Christmas Day will start fifteen minutes later;
New Year’s Day follows regular Sunday schedule

Weekly Collections

	December 11
Candle Offerings	2,008.00
1st Collection	9,111.00
2nd Collection (<i>snow removal</i>)	2,254.00
Christmas Gift to the Church	13,160.00
Immaculate Conception	2,432.00
Mail In	875.50
TOTAL	29,840.50
Weekly Income Needs*	19,350.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	10,490.50

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

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS:

Loneliness and loss of a loved one can be difficult to bear, especially during the holidays. It can be helpful to share with those have experienced, or are now experiencing, those same difficulties. Our support group is a caring and safe place that fosters healing. The group's next scheduled meetings are Monday evenings **December 19** and

January 9 & 23, from 7–9 p.m. in the rectory. All meetings are facilitated by Commissioned Lay Leader Yorke Mizelle. Call ahead to our church rectory if attending or, for more information, email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com.



Educational Opportunities

Five-Month, Tuition-Free Job Training for Women Manhattan's **Grace Institute** helps women of all ages (18–64) transition back into the workforce, teaching technical and administrative professional skills. Classes begin in March 2017. Visit www.GraceInstitute.org to register for an open house. For eligibility requirements, call the institute's admissions office: 212-832-7605. You can also request details about the 8-week evening healthcare administration training program and paid on-the-job training for young women ages 18–24.

EMT/Paramedic Program at LaGuardia Community College/CUNY is enrolling new students for daytime classes that run January to May and evening classes that run from February to June 2017. The application deadline for the day class is December 27 and for the evening class, January 5. Call 718-482-5768 for more information on requirements and tuition fees, or go to www.laguardia.edu/ace/emt.aspx to download the application form.

CLARIFICATION ON GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)

PAYMENTS: If you made a GOF pledge, you will be receiving a Remittance Statement in the mail early in the month that your payment is scheduled for. Send payments by check to the lockbox address: **Generations of Faith, Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, Campaign Office, PO Box 7356, Berlin, CT 06037-7356**. Or sign up for online payments at www.cfbq.org/generations/payments. If you have any questions, call the rectory or the GOF Campaign Office directly at **718-965-7375 ext. 2210**. Thank you for fulfilling your pledges to this important initiative to help our diocese and our parish.

A Parishioner Comments on the ARISE Experience

“No Small Gift of Mercy”

I want to express my gratitude to OLQM Parish for the great gift and evidence of God's mercy—the opportunity to participate in the six-week ARISE Together in Christ Program [this past fall]. It was surprising to learn that what may seem new to us has existed since 1978 and touches over 270 dioceses in the USA! For me, what made ARISE so valuable is how it deepens our awareness of Jesus through a focused reading and praying of the Gospels, something we already try to do every time we attend Mass. The program helps us to truly recognize what Jesus is saying to us, so we can give priority time and attention to how we personally respond to Him *and* the people He places in our lives at home, at work, in our parish and community. Through the grace of God and the ability of the ARISE group leaders to share their deep knowledge of our Catholic faith, we come to recognize that God invites us to accompany each other on this journey of faith to our heavenly Father. No small gift of mercy is also appreciating how we are guided by our Blessed Mother to recognize small ways to strengthen, support and encourage each other as we try to live our faith better.—*Jeanne Murray*

Stay tuned for future news about the next season of ARISE faith-sharing groups at OLQM.

End-of-Year Charitable Giving

Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens:

Catholic Charities has a commitment to being there for anyone with need and keeping programs low cost or freely available. How does it do it? By asking friends like you for help. Thank you for giving generously to the upcoming Christmas Day collection, which will help our local Catholic Charities and its worthwhile programs.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Auto Donor Program: SVP gives back \$50/\$100 to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for each donated car, truck or van (in any condition, running or not). If you or someone you know—family member, friend or neighbor—have an old or neglected vehicle to dispose of, please call SVP. The number is **718-491-2525**. Free towing is available and you may receive a tax deduction. Thank you for your participation.

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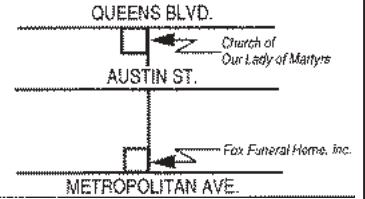
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