

December 25, 2016 - Christmas

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## Masses for the Week

*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.

*Monday, December 26*

**Saint Stephen**

8 a.m. Rafael Almonte

12:05 p.m. Venus and Kelvin Chu-Cheong

*Tuesday, December 27*

**Saint John**

8 a.m. Rosalina Opay

12:05 p.m. Josefina Galicia

*Wednesday, December 28*

**The Holy Innocents**

8 a.m. Rose and Daniel Brogno

12:05 p.m. Patrick Haggerty

*Thursday, December 29*

**Saint Thomas Becket**

8 a.m. Wen Chih Ngai

12:05 p.m. Margaret Flynn

*Friday, December 30*

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8 a.m. Serafine Fule

12:05 p.m. Guy and Martho Sironneau

*Saturday, December 31*

**Saint Sylvester I**

8 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Ralph J. Elia

5 p.m. For all deceased remembered through our  
Christmas flower collection

*\* Note the special start time for the last Mass on Christmas Day.*

## Remember Our Sick

Bertha Aguilar, Fr. Charles Allen SJ, Eburne 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 Mavashvili, Marina Mavashveva, 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



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Monday, December 26*

Rectory Closed

No Confessions at 11:30 a.m.

*Tuesday, December 27*

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

*Wednesday, December 28*

10:15 a.m., nursing home:

Fairview Nursing Home Mass

No Religious Education/Christmas Recess

(Classes resume January 4, 2017)

*Thursday, December 29*

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

**Exposition and Benediction**

*Friday, December 30*

7:30 p.m., rectory: Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

The Sanctuary Lamp  
is offered in loving memory of  
**Mario Martucci** and  
**Peter Mandala** and **Mary Mandala**  
—requested by *Connie Martucci and family*

The Wine and Hosts  
are offered in loving memory of  
**Robert Peter Ballerini**  
—requested by *Audrey and Robert Ballerini*

## Remember Our Deceased

Salud Alegre	Lieselotte Holstein	Soeurette Remy
Amado Chua	Daniel Landinez	Robert Sonneman
Rosita Dom Dom	Owen A. Meyers	Rev. Msgr. George
Euceddia Flores	Benjamin Odesa	Schuster

## 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 Tissler-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.**

## Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Passenant  
*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

MIDNIGHT MASS, DECEMBER 25

12 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Bishop Sanchez and Priests  
*Lector:* Charles Tse  
*Leader of Song:* Joe Annese

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Turczany  
*Lector:* Lily Zivkovic, Gina Warshaw  
*Leader of Song:* Cheryl Manrique

10 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Turczany  
*Lector:* Allan Cuevas, Kathleen Marks  
*Leader of Song:* Cheryl Manrique  
*NO Children's Liturgy of the Word*

11:30 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Passenant  
*Lector:* Gregory Stein, Yasmin Ammirati-Weber  
*Leader of Song:* Cheryl Manrique

1:15 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Bishop Sanchez  
*Lector:* Al Smith, Joanie Molina  
*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

Thank you to all

*Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs),  
members of the Altar Server Society, and ushers  
serving at our Christmas Masses*

## Order of Mass

Christmas Day

*Cycle A — 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 1:15 p.m.*

ENTRANCE

*Missal #83—“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING

*Missal pgs. 51-52—Isaiah 52:7-10*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pg. 52*

SECOND READING

*Missal pg. 52—Hebrews 1:1-6*

GOSPEL

*Missal pgs. 53-54—John 1:1-18*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*Missal #93—“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #100—“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #109—“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

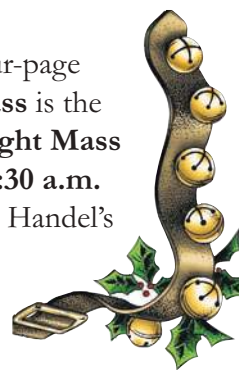
*See separate program for music for the 5 p.m., Midnight,  
and 11:30 a.m. Choir Masses*

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is our Christmas Offering. There is also an envelope for Catholic Charities.
- » Sunday, January 1, the second collection will help defray the cost of snow removal. There is also an envelope for the Solemnity of Mary.
- » 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](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).

## Christmas Music

We'll sing favorite carols at all of our Christmas Masses (special four-page music program available in church today). 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. as we come together to worship on this holy night. The **11:30 a.m. Choir Mass on Christmas Day** will feature a trumpet and organ prelude and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as the recessional.



  
**Catholic Charities  
Christmas Collection**

Each year on Christmas Day, we ask that you extend a hand to your neighbors in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens who need help achieving self-sufficiency. Your gift makes all the difference when people turn to Catholic Charities for assistance with basic and vital needs, including food, winter clothing, household necessities and counseling.

This year, Catholic Charities served 110,000 individuals throughout Brooklyn and Queens:

- Educating 2,800 children and young adults through academic enrichment services
- Providing 3,745 affordable housing units for seniors, families, formerly homeless veterans and others with special needs
- Operating 21 food pantries that provided bags of food to 48,800 individuals
- Delivering 94,000 meals to homebound seniors
- Granting immediate and long-term assistance to 65,000 residents in our boroughs
- Supporting through counseling and mental health services 8,400 individuals

*Thank you for giving generously to  
Catholic Charities this season!*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.—Romans 12:12**

Pastoral Care will be pleased to bring Communion to your homebound relatives and friends who are unable to attend Mass. Just fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. Dennis Portelli, Pastoral Care Administrator, will contact them regarding receiving Communion at home and forward their name to our intercessory prayer group, who will pray with and for them and, if you like, visit with them.

This prayer request is for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Twelve Days  
of Christmas**

Most of us know the music and lyrics of “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” which are the days from Christ’s birth to the visit of the Magi. The song’s origin is complicated, but by one interpretation there is religious symbolism in this popular Christmas song:

“My true love” refers to God.

“A partridge in a pear tree” refers to the gift of Jesus, the Son of God.

“Two turtle doves” refers to Old and New Testaments.

“Three French hens” refers to Faith, Hope and Charity.

“Four Calling Birds” refers to the four Gospels.

“Five Golden Rings” refers to the first five Books of the Old Testament, or the “Pentateuch,” with the account of man’s fall from grace.

“Six Geese A-laying” refers to the six days of creation.

“Seven Swans A-swimming” refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Seven Sacraments.

“Eight Maids A-milking” refers to the eight Beatitudes.

“Nine Ladies Dancing” refers to the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

“Ten Lords A-leaping” refers to the Ten Commandments.

“Eleven Pipers Piping” refers to the eleven faithful apostles.

“Twelve Drummers Drumming” refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed.

**Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning More about the Catholic Faith?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at OLQM is a journey of faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation for individuals age 18 and older. If interested, please take one of the RCIA flyers that you’ll find in the church for more information or contact the Religious Education office to set up an appointment: Phone: 718-263-0907, email: olqmrcia@yahoo.com.



## A Christmas Message to Our Parishioners and Guests

The joyful remembrance of Christmas, commemorating the birth of the Savior, creates opportunities for many special gatherings. Our annual family traditions or the memories of Christmas past will fill our hearts.

The birth of Jesus—God dwelling among us—gave our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption. It is a time for us to recognize God’s goodness to His beloved. He came among us, shared our human condition, and gave of Himself to us without reserve.

Let the presence of Christ from our parish table be the extension of His love around your table in your home. Let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received, and may the glow of the Christmas star radiate in our hearts long after our celebration is over.

May God bless you and your family during this season of joy!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Bishop Sanchez*

*Father Passenant*

*Father Antonín*

*Father Cunningham*

*Deacon Greg and Parish Staff*



### OLQM Winter 2017 Calendar

*Check the bulletin weekly for updates on these occasions and more.*

**January 1** — Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God,  
*5 p.m. Vigil (Sat. 12/31), 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.*  
*Sunday Masses*

**January 8** — Epiphany (Three Kings Day), *pageant at the*  
*11:30 a.m. Mass; last Mass begins 1:15 p.m.*

**January 14 to 22** — Padre Pio Novena, *Mon. to Sat. after*  
*12:05 p.m. Mass; Sundays Jan. 15 & 22 at 11:30 a.m. Mass*

**January 22** — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children (Roe v. Wade anniversary), *all Masses*

**February 2** — Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas),  
Blessing of Candles

**February 3** — St. Blaise Feast Day, Blessing of Throats

**February 11** — Our Lady of Lourdes, Anointing of the  
Sick, *12:05 p.m. Mass*

**March 1** — Ash Wednesday

### Weekly Collections

Because of the early closings of this week’s bulletin and the forthcoming New Year’s bulletin, collection figures for the weeks of December 25 and January 1 will appear in the January 8 issue. Merry Christmas!

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**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](http://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.

*Looking Ahead . . . 2017 Lenten Pilgrimage*

**Catholicism in Cuba.** Spiritual Director: Bishop Octavio Cisneros. Celestyal Crystal Cruise (7 nights accommodations). Departure: March 24, 2017. Starting at \$3,598 with air from NYC to Montego Bay, Jamaica, where pilgrims will board the *Celestyal Crystal*. Call Lucille at Regina Tours 1-800-CATHOLIC (228-4654) for complete travel information.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE:**

Loneliness and loss of a loved one can be difficult to bear, especially during the holidays. The support group here at OLQM is a caring and safe place that fosters healing. The group's next meeting dates are Monday evenings **January 9 & 23**, from 7–9 p.m. in the rectory. Facilitated by Commissioned Lay Leader Yorke Mizelle. Call our church rectory if attending or, for more information or questions, email [ymizelle@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ymizelle@nyc.rr.com).

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**EMT/Paramedic Program at LaGuardia Community College/CUNY** is enrolling students for daytime classes that run January to May and evening classes that run from February to June 2017. Application deadlines are December 27 and January 5, respectively. Call 718-482-5768 for information on requirements and tuition fees, or go to [www.laguardia.edu/ace/emt.aspx](http://www.laguardia.edu/ace/emt.aspx) to download the application form.



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*A Prayer to Start the New Year . . .*

**January 2017 Prayer Intention from Pope Francis is for Christian Unity.** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Jesus Christ is born today.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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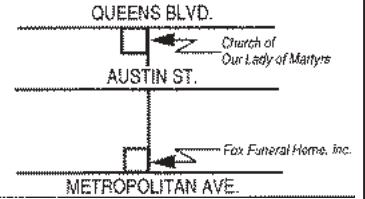
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