

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
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 (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday-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 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Cerminaro family

12:05 p.m. Frances DeBiase

5 p.m. Salvatore Pelletiere

Sunday, December 13

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

8 a.m. Michael Mancino

12:05 p.m. Maria Keany

Tuesday, December 15

8 a.m. Albino and Florence Condino

12:05 p.m. Famatta Osode

Wednesday, December 16

8 a.m. Michael F. Mancino

12:05 p.m. Vincenzo and Maria Malizia and family

Thursday, December 17

8 a.m. Evette Rodriguez

12:05 p.m. Domingo Galicia [living]

Friday, December 18

8 a.m. Rose Culotta

12:05 p.m. Carmine Yodice

Saturday, December 19

8 a.m. Ester L. Raymundo and

Yolanda Panganiban [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini



Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 13

BAMBINELLI BLESSINGS!

LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIVING TREE GIFTS

Leave unwrapped gifts for children in the church

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study online meeting

Tuesday, December 15

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

(Please wear a face mask when visiting the rectory)

6:30 p.m., Zoom: Through the Word faith-sharing group

Wednesday, December 16

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, December 17

OCTAVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS ~ O ANTIPHONS

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Saturday, December 19

1 p.m., Zoom: Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer

Sunday, December 20 [Date Change]

3:15 p.m., church: Advent Prayer Service

WEEKDAY MASSES: Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open weekdays and Sunday.

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Robert Peter Ballerini

—requested by Audrey and Robert David Ballerini

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Sandy Imperante, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dennis Rosato, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—**and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes**

Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Remember Our Deceased

Gladys Blanchet
Nepomuceno Hoyos
Deacon Hiram Lopez



Sallie Ottavino Elkordy
Brenda Thorpe Meyer
Sr. Mimi Wong

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

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

WELCOME! If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, contact our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

Pope Benedict XVI on Gaudete Sunday

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. (Psalm 16: 17)

REFLECT: “The liturgy of this Sunday, known as ‘Gaudete’ Sunday, is a special invitation to us to joyfulness, to a vigilance that is not sad but happy.... Those who have encountered Christ in their own lives feel a serenity and joy in their hearts that no one and no situation can take from them....

“True joy is not merely a passing state of mind or something that can be achieved with the person’s own effort; rather it is a gift, born from the encounter with the living Person of Jesus and, making room within ourselves, from welcoming the Holy Spirit who guides our lives. It is the invitation of the Apostle Paul who says: ‘May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (1 Thess 5:23).

“In this Season of Advent let us reinforce our conviction that the Lord has come among us and ceaselessly renews his comforting, loving and joyful presence. We should trust in him; as St Augustine says further, in the light of his own experience: The Lord is closer to us than we are to ourselves.... Let us entrust our journey to the Immaculate Virgin whose spirit is exulted in God our Savior. May she guide our hearts in joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus, an expectation full of prayer and good works.”

ACT: Celebrate Gaudete Sunday with the blessing of the Bambinelli, the baby Jesus figurine, by bringing your baby Jesus figurine to church for a blessing.

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI’s Angelus from 2009 (December 13) on blessing the Bambinelli, and see how it reminds us that Christ’s crib is a school of life “where we can learn the secret of true joy” (at <https://bit.ly/2IXtH53>).

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we encourage you to sign up for “Action Alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is your Christmas Gift to our church.
- » December 20 the second collection will be for major repairs. There are envelopes for a Christmas Offering and the Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. For [Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Order of Mass Third Sunday of Advent Cycle B

ENTRANCE

“Maranatha” (Lord come!)

FIRST READING—*Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING—*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

GOSPEL—*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #50—“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

COMMUNION

Missal #336—“One Bread, One Body”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #38—“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLQM is viewable at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at netny.tv/masses

Blessing of the Bambinelli



~ All Masses Today ~

A Vatican tradition brought to our parish! We’ll bless the “Bambinelli,” the baby Jesus statues from your mangers at home. May Jesus fill your hearts and homes with peace, love, and joy as Christmas nears!

ADVENT SEASON OF HOPE

Please note this date change:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th

3:15 PM in the Church

Advent Prayer Service

Presenter: Deacon Greg Kandra

Blogger, Author, OLQM Deacon

**Service will be livestreamed at
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org**



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Antiphons of Advent: Dec 17-23

The “O Antiphons” are prayers sung or recited daily during the Octave before Christmas: from December 17 to December 23. On the eighth day, December 24, Christmas Eve, the prayer is recited as part of the Christmas Vigil. Each prayer begins with “O” and expresses an Old Testament hope for the coming Messiah.

- December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!
- December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!
- December 19: O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all his people: come to save us without delay!
- December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!
- December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!
- December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

We encourage you to recite these short prayers at home as part of your Advent preparations for Christmas. You can read the more about the O Antiphons, their Latin roots and their meanings, at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/o-antiphons.

MASS BOOK OPENINGS

Dates are available for January and February and beyond in the 2021 Mass Book. To make your arrangements and reserve an announced Mass intention for a deceased loved one, please call 718-268-6251 or stop by the rectory during office hours. If a requested date is not available, a Mass at the closest date possible will be scheduled. Masses can also be offered in Thanksgiving for something or someone or for a living person, as a spiritual gift on their birthday or anniversary.

Under the circumstances, if you are visiting the rectory in person to make your request, we ask you to please wear your masks. Thank you.



We hope you will experience JOY in knowing you have made someone's Christmas bright!

Today is the last day to bring unwrapped Christmas gifts to church. Catholic Charities will be collecting all your gifts on Monday to deliver to children and youth throughout Queens in time for Christmas. Thank you for your kindness. If you would like to make a monetary gift to Catholic Charities to support their good work during this Season of Giving, go to www.ccbq.org/give-donate.

Christmas Schedule 2020

Reconciliation Monday, December 21 Christmas Confessions

3:30–5 p.m. and 7–8:30 p.m. (in the priest and altar server sacristies; line up at church entrance on Queens Blvd)

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 & 23 Christmas Confessions at 11:30 a.m. (in rectory vestibule)

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday, December 24

No Confessions
3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
8:45 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by
Mass during the Night for the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday, December 25

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY Friday, January 1, 2021

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on December 31, 2020
Holy Day Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

NOTE: An extra Christmas Eve Mass at 3:30 p.m. is added this year to accommodate more parishioners while maintaining social distancing. For those unable to attend in church, we will have a Christmas Mass posted on our website so that you may celebrate Christmas with us at home.

Weekly Collections

	December 6
1st Collection	\$4,979.50
2nd Collections (<i>winter fuel</i>)	891.00
Candles	426.00
<u>Subtotal (546 attending)</u>	<u>6,296.50</u>
Mail In/Lobby Box	2,662.00
Catch Up Envelopes	1,525.00
Online Parish Giving	6,760.66
TOTAL	17,244.16
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,005.84)

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Special Collection

Religious Retirement Fund (*not accruing to parish*) \$1,152.00

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.

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Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?

You may like one of our faith-sharing groups: **Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets 10–11AM and is discussing St. John’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. **Tuesday Evening ‘Through the Word’ Bible Study** meets 6:30–8PM. To join this program, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

Bereavement Support at the Holidays

If you are grieving the recent death of a loved one and feeling isolated, our parish support group can help. We HELP, CARE, and LISTEN to one another and work together through the hurt and grief. The support group is currently meeting on Zoom twice a month on Monday evenings. The next meeting is **Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrca@gmail.com OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish and/or Catholic academy for honors earned at **CATHOLIC PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SEMINARY.**

First Honors: **Gabriel Lopez, Kevin Wilfinger, Alexander Chen, Eoin Moran**
Second Honors: **Christopher Chen**

Discover Catholic War Vets & Auxiliary

The Department of New York Catholic War Veterans (CWV.org) and Auxiliary is recruiting new members! Join for camaraderie and to volunteer with service programs for the Church and the Catholic way of life. Any baptized Catholic serving in the Armed Forces or honorably discharged for a period of 90 days or longer (includes time for Reserves and National Guard) is eligible. Active-duty men and women will have dues waived until separated from their active service. For information and membership application, call 516-316-4211 or email John M. O’Shea at joshea112@hotmail.com.

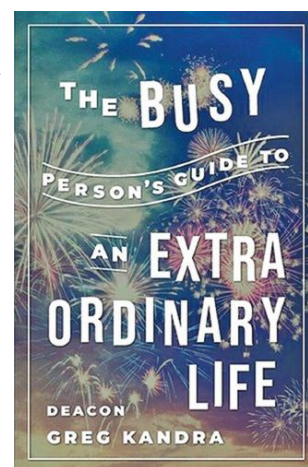
Single Adults Group Meeting for Christmas Cheer on Zoom

Since we can’t have our usual Christmas Cheer party in person this year, we will celebrate **on Zoom on Saturday, December 19, at 1 p.m.** Ugly Christmas sweaters, Santa hats, and sparkling cider are optional! If you would like to join us, please email dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or leave a message on the hotline at **718-361-3201.** **Note: If you haven't attempted Zoom before, it is quite easy, and we can help you access it.** It’s a great way to see and keep up-to-date with the group members.



A Book Gift for Your Shopping List

Joy and purpose are the secrets to living an extraordinary life—and they are within our grasp if we pay closer attention to loving God and our neighbor. Those are the two great commandments, and Deacon Greg Kandra uses them as a guide in exploring ways we can transcend the ordinary in our daily lives. This book would make a thoughtful gift for a friend this Christmas. **The Busy Person’s Guide to an Extraordinary Life** is available on Amazon and The Word Among Us Press (bookstore.wau.org). Paperback, 144 pages.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

As noted last week, our parish surpassed our ACA goal. There are still a few outstanding pledges to be paid. Please fulfill pledges by December 31. God bless everyone for your generosity this year!