

December 15, 2019 -Third Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN

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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.

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 14

Saint John of the Cross

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Sara and Jose Torres

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

Sunday, December 15

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 16

8 a.m. Famatta Osode

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

Tuesday, December 17

8 a.m. Robert Sonneman

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

Wednesday, December 18

8 a.m. Martha Figueroa

12:05 p.m. Efigenia de Mendez

Thursday, December 19

8 a.m. Ester L. Raymundo and Yolanda Panganigan [anniv.]

12:05 p.m. Robert Peter Ballerini

Friday, December 20

8 a.m. Josiah Boulet

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Saturday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

8 a.m. Martha Figueroa

12:05 p.m. Eileen Killeen

5 p.m. Stella Natsue Yamada-Wu

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 15

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Blessing of the Baby Jesus statues at all Masses

10 a.m., *rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd): Bible Study*

4 p.m., *church: CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

Admission by Ticket Only

If purchasing tickets at the door, please arrive by 3 p.m.

Monday, December 16

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

11:30 a.m., 3:30–4:30 p.m., 7–8:30 p.m., *church: Confessions*

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

3 p.m., *Queens Community House (108-25 62nd Drive):*

Setup for Evening Food Pantry (volunteer opportunity)

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 19

10:30 a.m., *nursing home: Forest View Nursing Home Mass*

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

(Evening devotions resume February 27, 2020)

Friday, December 20

6:30–9 p.m., *McLaughlin Hall: Martyrs Active Youth Org.*

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

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

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, Svetlana Abramova, Augusto F. Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Aldo Arcomano, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Michael Bekman, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Elba Camacho, Shana Clemente, Maria Comacho, Mary Ann Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Joan Donnelly, Norman Doucette, Mary Evanisko, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, René Hojilla, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Ann Carol Macho, Carmen Leon Marin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, Marina Mavashev, Anthony Mendola, Mark Myers, Veronica Nissan, Maria Ojeda, Richard O'Keefe, Barbara Pacheco, Connie Panaralla, Clara Patoff, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Nancy Piotrowski, Bonnie Post, Veronica Pulanski, Nicole Rappa, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Soriente, Steven Strumpf, Wong Wai Suet, John Taddeo, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Eucebia Flores

Alicia Ledesma

Concepcion Rosario

Karen Flynn

Sheila Lucey

Mary Clarke Shea

Margaret Mary Hall

Mariana Menoscal

Emilia Soriano

Dr. Marlon Quidato de Asis

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! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Please visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: Helen Errera, Bettyanne McDonough

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Sandy Singh, Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Lenny Rodin, Judith Balasubramaniam

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Edith Kealey

EMHCs: Therese Michael, Frank Schaefer, Eileen Corrado

11:15 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham

Lectors: Gregory Stein, Anita Das

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Jonathan Rodriguez, Angela Damone,

Jacqueline Lakah

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Al Smith, Joanie Molina

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Eddy Eng, Al Smith, Bettyanne McDonough

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #57—"The Advent of Our King"

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING

Missal pgs. 40-41—Isiah 35:1-6a, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—Missal pg. 41

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 41—James 5:7-10

GOSPEL

Missal pgs. 41-42—Matthew 11:2-11

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" (*P. Manz*)—Choir
Missal #46—"Beyond the Moon and Stars"

COMMUNION

"On Jordan's Bank" (*arr. M. Archer*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

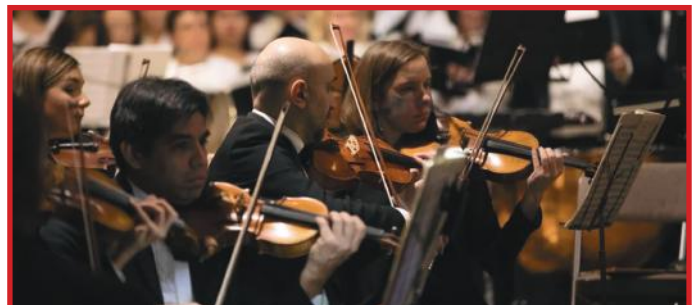
Missal #358—"One Love Released"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #67—"Every Valley"

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is our Christmas gift to the church.
- » Sunday, December 22, the second collection will be for snow removal.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.



TODAY at 4PM (December 15th)

Christmas Concert

It's show time! With chorus and orchestra and favorite Christmas carols!

Tickets at the door \$35 | \$10, age 12 and under.
Please arrive by 3PM if you don't already have a ticket.

Blessing of the Bambinelli

(the Holy Father's tradition of blessing the "Bambinelli," the statues of baby Jesus that will be placed in your manger)



All Sunday Masses Today

Prayer for the Christmas Crib at Home

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become man. You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility.

We pray you now to bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth; may it draw us closer to him.

By imitating his humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for his rebirth, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Source: Conception Abbey Press

On the Dignity of the Human Person

Reflection for December from the O.L.Q.M. Social Action Committee

God, Who has fatherly concern for everyone, has willed that all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood... For this reason, love for God and neighbor is the first and greatest commandment... Indeed, the Lord Jesus, when He prayed to the Father "that all may be one as we are one" (John 17:21-22) opened up vistas closed to human reason, for He implied a certain likeness between the union of the divine Persons, and the unity of God's sons in truth and charity. This likeness reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes).

How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles! The Creator can say to each one of us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer 1:5). We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" (Laudato Si).

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email (care of rectoryolqm@aol.com). You are welcome to join us at our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit. For links to important documents and useful videos, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee. To learn about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for "action alerts" from the New York State Catholic Conference.

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

A PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER!

Pope Francis recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 13th. May Jesus continue to renew, increase, and strengthen in him the graces received at ordination as he carries out his sacred ministry in the Holy Church.

Bereavement Support Is Available

The holidays can be a difficult time full of sadness for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Our bereavement support group is here to HELP, CARE and LISTEN, and will meet **Monday December 16, 7-9 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. RSVP required. Call the rectory (718-268-6251) or email group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com. Meeting dates for first quarter of 2020 will be announced soon.

Catholic Charities Merry Christmas Toy Distribution

Wednesday December 18 | 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angelus School
(98-05 63 Drive, Rego Park)

Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens is distributing toys for Christmas—but you must sign up in advance. Please call 718-722-6196. Parents should bring photo ID for themselves and birth certificates for their children. Be prepared to wait. Inside seating will be available and you'll be given a number on arrival. There are stairs at both locations as well. Volunteers will assist with carrying carts up and down the stairs.

Come home for Christmas



Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate Christmas with us!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 16 at **11:30 a.m.**,
3:30–4:30 p.m., **7–8:30 p.m.**

Tuesday to Friday, December 17–20 at **11:30 a.m.**

Saturday, December 21 at **12:45 p.m.**

Monday, December 23 at **11:15 a.m.**

No Confessions Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24

Family Mass with Children's Pageant at **5 p.m.**

Christmas Carols at **10:30 p.m.**

Christmas Mass during the Night at **11 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25

9 a.m., **11:15 a.m.** (Choir) and **1 p.m.**

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day, January 1, 2020

Tuesday Evening Vigil (December 31) at **5 p.m.**

Wednesday, January 1 at **10 a.m.** and **12:05 p.m.**



Antiphons of Advent

The "O Antiphons" are sung or recited daily during the Octave before Christmas: December 17 to 23, with the eighth day, December 24, being Christmas Eve and the prayer being part of the Christmas Vigil. Each

prayer begins with "O" and highlights one title for the Messiah and proclaims the coming Christ.

Join us this week at the daily Masses, 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m., when we will sing the O Antiphons. A prayer sheet is available in the church with the O Antiphon verses and their English translations and meanings. *Take one with you to recite the prayers at home this week.*

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: DECEMBER 16

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's one of the best gifts to give yourself to prepare for Christmas!

Wherever you are, please stop by a church this Monday the 16th for confession. All parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, the Archdiocese of New York, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre will have confessional hours between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Confession hours here at OLQM on December 16th are 11:30 a.m., 3:30–4:30 p.m., and 7–8:30 p.m.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections	December 8
Candle Offerings	1,438.00
1st Collection	11,007.50
Online Parish Giving	1,435.00
Mail In	350.00
TOTAL	14,230.50
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,019.50)

**Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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 (Dec 8) *to be reported in future bulletin*
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.

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www.olqmca.org

Take home today's bulletin insert for an advent wreath prayer and reflection.

Looking Ahead to 2020

**Free Screening:
Unplanned (the Movie)**

January 12 @ 2:30 p.m. in the Rectory

Unplanned is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. Join us for this showing in the OLQM rectory basement meeting room on Sunday, January 12th at 2:30 p.m. Space is limited. Because of the intense nature of the film, you must be age 18+. This event is sponsored by the Social Action Committee of OLQM.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

NEW YEAR'S EVE Celebration at American Martyrs (Sullivan Center, 79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside). **December 31, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$65/person.** Appetizers, dinner, dessert, DJ, dancing. BYOB. RSVP by December 23. Call Theresa (718-428-5308) or email Jovie212@yahoo.com.

FEEL GREAT, LOOK GREAT Exercise Class. **Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel).** Low-impact, gentle movements for your muscles and joints. \$2/session. For all ages! Call 718-268-6143.

2020 Pilgrimages

January 24: Annual March for Life, Washington, D.C.

(www.marchforlife.org)

The diocese is sponsoring one bus leaving from Brooklyn (310 Prospect Park West). Bus leaves promptly at **6:30 a.m.** for Washington and returns to Brooklyn in the evening. **\$25 roundtrip.** To reserve a seat, contact Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540 or mhernandez@diobrook.org. Deadline to reply is January 17, 2020. Mail payment (checks payable to Diocese of Brooklyn) to the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, Attn: March for Life, 310 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

April 21–May 3: Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes/Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona. \$3,699/person includes airfare, sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily, and daily Mass. Call Cathie or Michael Milano at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (800-733-2600) for full details and flyer.

**The REACH Program at
Regis High School**

**** Now Accepting Nominations****

REACH is an entirely free high school prep program that prepares middle-school young men for admission to Regis High School and other top Catholic high schools. Students apply as 5th graders and, if accepted, begin the program in the summer before 6th grade. To qualify, Catholic boys must (1) be currently enrolled in the 5th grade; (2) have high grades and test scores; (3) live in NYC and come from a family with demonstrated financial need. To nominate a student, visit **www.regis.org/reach/nomination**. The nomination deadline is January 31st, 2020.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES: Early deadline for the New Year's bulletin (December 29th) is Monday, December 16th. Please submit by email to olqmcomm@aol.com. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.



Sign up for Electronic Parish Giving from Your Phone or Laptop. At our website (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) or using this QR code. It's convenient, secure, and a simple way to make your weekly offertory. Thank you.



**PLEASE FULFILL YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGES
BY DECEMBER 31. God bless you for your goodness!**