

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 21

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

Confessions at 11:30 a.m. (rectory vestibule)

No Confessions Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Thursday, December 24

3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

8:45 p.m. Christmas Carols

9 p.m. Mass of the Nativity of the Lord during the Night (livestreamed)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Friday, December 25

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1, 2021

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Evening Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. December 31, 2020

Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. on January 1

The 10 a.m. New Year's Day Mass is for the intentions of the Christmas memorials and donors to the Christmas flower fund

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — PASTOR

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. — ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — PAROCHIAL VICAR

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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 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

Sunday, December 20

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

8 a.m. Oscar Morada
12:05 p.m. Efigenia de Mendez

Tuesday, December 22

8 a.m. Rose Brogno
12:05 p.m. Michael F. Mancino

Wednesday, December 23

Saint John Kanty

8 a.m. John Downey
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Thursday, December 24

8 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia
12:05 p.m. Stella Yamada-Wu

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses
8:45 p.m. Christmas Carols
9 p.m. Nativity of the Lord
Concelebrated Mass during the Night (livestreamed)

Friday, December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

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

Saturday, December 26

Saint Stephen

8 a.m. Marie England
12:05 p.m. Norine Garofalo
5 p.m. Stephen Brazauskas

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, 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, Concepcion Kane, 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

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 20

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

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

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

Reconciliation Monday, December 21

Confessions in advance of Christmas will be heard in the church sacristy at 3:30–5 p.m. and 7–8:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting

Tuesday, December 22

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

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

Wednesday, December 23

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

Religious Education Christmas Recess

Thursday, December 24 ~ Friday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Until Further Notice

Weekday Masses: Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Robert Peter Ballerini

—requested by Audrey and Robert David Ballerini

Remember Our Deceased

Eucebia Flores

John Gutierrez

Brenda Thorpe Meyer

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 Francis on the
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love. (Ephesians 4: 1-2)

REFLECT: ““In this Gospel passage, we notice a contrast between the promises of the angel and Mary’s response... The angel says to Mary: “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” ... It is not possible to conceive of a higher dignity than this...”

“Mary’s reply is a short sentence that does not speak of glory. It does not speak of privilege but only of willingness and service: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” ... Mary does not exalt herself before the prospect of becoming the mother of the Messiah... Mary is truly humble and does not try to be noticed. She recognizes that she is small before God and she is happy to be so. At the same time, she is aware that the fulfilment of God’s plan depends on her response...”

“In this circumstance, Mary’s behavior corresponds perfectly to that of the Son of God when he comes into the world. He wants to become the Servant of the Lord, to put himself at the service of humanity to fulfil the Father’s plan. Mary says: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord”; and the Son of God upon entering the world says: “Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God” (Heb 10:7). Mary’s attitude fully mirrors this statement by the Son of God who also becomes the son of Mary.” (Angelus, 12/24/2017)

ACT: Make a daily morning offering of yourself to Jesus, through Mary (see <https://bit.ly/3e6Kqyt>). Bless the Manger (see <https://bit.ly/3kzVXc1>) as a family

LEARN: Read what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches regarding “Mary’s Motherhood with Regard to the Church” (at <https://bit.ly/3jtpi6g>).

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.

Order of Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cycle B

ENTRANCE

“Heavens Drop Dew from Above”

FIRST READING—2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING—Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL—Luke 1:26-38

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #70—“Creator of the Stars of Night”

COMMUNION

Missal #331—“Taste and See”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #38—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is viewable at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

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

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for major repairs. There are also envelopes for a Christmas Offering and the special Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities..
- » December 27 the second collection will be for snow removal. This is also an envelope for the Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation, January 1).
- » 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.

CHRISTMAS 2020 AT OLQM

An extra Christmas Eve Mass at 3:30 p.m. is added this year to accommodate more families while maintaining social distancing and capacity limits. The 9 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve will be livestreamed on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org and on Facebook Live; this Mass will remain available for viewing on December 25.

The rectory office will be closed Christmas Eve to Monday, December 28 at noon.

ADVENT SEASON OF HOPE

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 20th

**Join us at 3:15 PM in the Church for an
Advent Prayer Service**

**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: December 17 to December 23. On the eighth day, December 24, Christmas Eve, the prayer is part of the Christmas Vigil. Each prayer begins with “O” and expresses an Old Testament hope for the coming Messiah. The O Antiphons are the inspiration for the hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

- 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 preparations for Christmas. You can learn more about the O Antiphons, their Latin roots and their meanings, at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/o-antiphons.



Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Many men, women, and children in our city are struggling. Through Catholic Charities they are able to find hope, care, and a helping hand. Catholic Charities provides services for the hungry, the homeless, and those with mental health needs. During this pandemic, Catholic Charities has provided more than **2 million meals' worth of food** at emergency distribution centers and parish food pantries. On Christmas Day, please use the special envelope and give generously to the Catholic Charities Collection. If giving by check, please make your gift payable to the Compostela Fund of the R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: DECEMBER 21

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 on Monday, December 21 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 21st

3:30–5 p.m.

7–8:30 p.m.

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

Weekly Collections

The collection figures for December 13 were not available in time for the bulletin's early closing for Christmas week. Collection figures will appear in a future bulletin.

Christmas Blessings from Our Pastor, Bishop Sanchez

We rejoice with you in this Great Christmas Season of hope in which we remember God's abundant love for his people. He sent his Son, Jesus, to be born among us and to give our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption.

I invite you to celebrate this joy with our faith community at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Join us for one of our Christmas Masses; consider inviting a friend, a coworker, a neighbor, a member of your family to pray with us.

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. and at 5 p.m. Christmas Carols are at 8:45 p.m., followed by Christmas Mass during the Night at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, Mass times are 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1 p.m.

May the presence of Christ fill your heart and the hearts of those you love. Wishing you and your family the rich blessings and peace of this holy season.



Bishop Paul R. Sanchez, the Associate Priests,
Deacon and Parish Staff

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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 olqmrkia@gmail.com OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

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** at 10–11AM is discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. To join **'Through the Word' Bible Study on Tuesday evenings** at 6:30–8PM, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

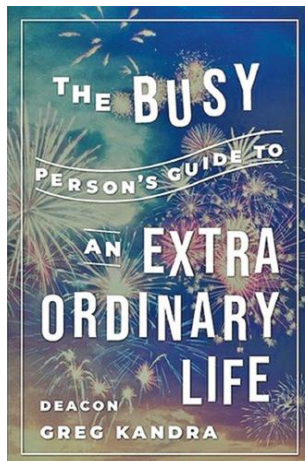
Student Honors

Congratulations to the following students from our parish for their commendable academic achievements at **ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL**.

Honor Roll: **Zara Abraham, Madelena Browne, Joshua Jazmin, Daniel Morales, Nathaly Perezmalonado, Isaiah Sharpe, Esmeralda Vulaj**

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.



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.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

