

December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



The Nativity by Lorenzo Lotto, 1523

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**  
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



## Christmas Schedule

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 22

*Extended confession hours at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.*

Tuesday, December 23: 11:30 a.m. (last opportunity)

*No Confessions on Christmas Eve*

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24

4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass  
with Children's Nativity Pageant

9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by  
Christmas Mass at Night

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25

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

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Thursday, January 1, 2026

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

5 p.m. Vigil on December 31

10 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. on January 1

*The 12:05 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day  
will be celebrated for the intentions of the Christmas  
memorials and the donors to the Christmas flower fund.*



#### JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration  
form and information

#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

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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 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

## Masses for the Week

*Saturday, December 20*

12:05 p.m. Ester Daffara

5 p.m. Rose Harach Brogno

*Sunday, December 21*

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Monday, December 22*

**Reconciliation Monday**

**Confessions at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.**

8:05 a.m. Bruce and Carmen Gill

12:05 p.m. Gloria Ongjoco Raymundo

*Tuesday, December 23*

**St. John of Kanty**

8:05 a.m. Elias Evertsz

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Jordan

*Wednesday, December 24*

8:05 a.m. Austine E. Olson

12:05 p.m. Dilia Coba

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Pageant

9 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night

*Thursday, December 25*

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

*Friday, December 26*

**Saint Stephen**

8:05 a.m. Anthony Capasso

12:05 p.m. Dean Moore

*Saturday, December 27*

**Saint John**

12:05 p.m. Josefina Galicia

5 p.m. Ines Antonia Pretelt Regino

## Remember Our Sick

Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Bennett Brevetti, Carmela Brevetti, Luca Brevetti, Olivia Brevetti, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Jayden Cabrera, Rob Champion, Carlo Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Guttierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Joann Sicoli, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jihan Villa, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**WELCOME!** Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Visit the sacristy for information. 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, to make your special needs known. Contact: [disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, December 21*

After 11:15 a.m. Masses *rectory meeting room:*

**YCP (Young Catholic Professionals) Coffee Hour**

*(enter through glass door by the Mary statue)*

*Monday, December 22*

**Christmas Confessions at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.**

After 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

*church: Miraculous Medal Novena*

7 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

*(Every 1st and 4th Monday. Meeting ID: 88429100717)*

*Tuesday, December 23*

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

7-8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship

*(Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location)*

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

*Wednesday, December 24*

### CHRISTMAS EVE



No Confessions

Religious Education Christmas Break

*(Wednesday classes resume Jan. 7, 2026)*

7:45-9 p.m. Zoom: Charismatic Prayer Group

*(Meeting ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)*

*Thursday, December 25*

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

No Confessions. No Devotions

*Friday, December 26*

Rectory Closed for Christmas Holiday

*Saturday, December 27*

12:45 p.m. *church: Confessions*

### The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

**Audrey and Robert P. Ballerini**

—requested by Robert D. Ballerini

### The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

**Celina Cavalier**

—requested by Jusette Lubin Meaney

## Remember Our Deceased

Eucebia Flores

Rev. Thomas M. Haggerty

## A Christmas Message from Our Pastor

They shall call him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

These beautiful words offer us comfort and joy—the “tidings of comfort and joy” that we will hear again on Christmas Day. It is a proclamation of what this wonderful holy day is all about. Christ is born. And God is with us.

As we prepare to mark this glorious feast, we should carry those words with us. Through all our troubles, the world holds on to the unfailing hope that Christmas brings us. It is a hope we call Emmanuel.

God is with us.

We have spent this Advent, in the words of the psalm, as people who “seek the face of God.” Now, with Christmas upon us, we encounter God in the form of a child, and we celebrate the gift of His birth.

May this gift be one we will always celebrate, through all seasons. He is with us. And our world has been redeemed

Let us hold one another in prayer during this sacred season. Let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received.

And may this be a special time for you and all those you love this Christmas, and always.

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,

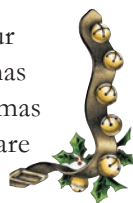
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS!**

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F., Pastor  
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Rev. Antonin Kocurek, Parochial Vicar



### Music for Christmas at OLQM

We will sing favorite hymns and carols at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass with children’s pageant begins at 4 p.m. Also on Christmas Eve, beginning at 9 p.m. with organ prelude, our choir will lead us in a selection of Christmas carols, followed by a concelebrated Christmas Mass at Night. Masses on Christmas Day are at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (choir), and 1 p.m.



## Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

### ENTRANCE

Missal #39—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### MASS PARTS:

A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

### SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

### GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria” (*Gregorian Chant*)—Choir

Missal #52—“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

### COMMUNION

“The Angel Gabriel” (*Basque carol, arr. M. Archer*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #51—“Waiting in Silence”

### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #43—“People, Look East”

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is our **Christmas gift to the church.**
- » On Christmas Day, there are envelopes for a Christmas Offering, Catholic Charities, and Christmas music and liturgy.
- » December 28, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for snow removal.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Please note that the rectory offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas and on January 1st and 2nd for New Year’s.**

## Masses and Sacraments

### Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

### Sunday Masses

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

### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.; Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation

No Vigil Mass. Note new schedule:

Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

### Celebration of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

[baptismprep@olqmchurch.org](mailto:baptismprep@olqmchurch.org)

### Celebration of Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date

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[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/@OLQMStewardship)



## LET EVERY HEART PREPARE

*Receive the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!*

During Advent, we hear the Gospel story where John the Baptist call us to “Prepare the Way of the Lord.” One of the best ways for YOU to prepare yourself for Christmas is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 22**, we have extended hours for Christmas confessions. Our priests will hear confessions during the morning hours (11:15 a.m.), afternoon (4 p.m.), and evening (7 p.m.). The last opportunity to make a confession before Christmas will be on Tuesday, December 23 at 11:30 a.m.

## Year-End Giving Makes a Difference

If you were blessed with a year-end bonus or are able to make an additional contribution, we ask that you consider support for our parish. Gifts made by December 31 qualify for tax deductions and make an immediate impact. You may use the envelopes labeled “Christmas Gift to Our Church” or “Christmas Offering,” or give through the Parish Giving option on our church website.

If you received an early invitation to participate in our Tower of Faith campaign, we encourage you to return your commitment by December 31 so that it may be included in our next report.



## —Weekly Collections—

Because of an early bulletin deadline, collection figures for Dec. 14 will be reported next week. Meanwhile, we are happy to report that on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8), our parish collected \$1,500 for **The Tablet's Bright Christmas Fund**, which Fr. Passenant generously matched for a total of \$3,001.

## Consider a Legacy Gift

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

# 2025 Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees and Flowers

## **LARGE WREATHS in the sanctuary**

In memory of the DeGennaro, Wellbrock and Peterson families—*by Douglas and Grace Wellbrock*

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Charles Milord and Ms. Jane Paul—*by Dr. Fabiola Milord, DDS*

## **LARGE WREATH outside, over main door of church**

In memory of Frank & Josephine Giattino and Adam & Josephine Soja—*by Josephine and Richard Giattino*

## **WREATH on the choir loft**

In memory of Yan & Lui Eng—*by Eddy Eng*

## **Two LARGE TREES in the sanctuary**

In memory of Robert G. Sorsaia, KM—*by David and LeeAnn Close*

In memory of Ramonita Terrero & Miriam Soto-Miranda—*by Evan Katsefes*

## **LARGE WREATHS outside, over side doors of church**

In memory of Kia Leong—*by Franklin and Lauren Leong*

In memory of Kenneth Leong—*by Franklin and Lauren Leong*

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. David Rosa & family, (Orchard/FoodTown)

In memory of Jacob Daniel—*by Shery Jacob*

## **CHRISTMAS TREES indoor, around manger scene**

In memory of Audrey & Robert Peter Ballerini—*by Robert David Ballerini*

In memory of Rocco, Norma & Diana Napoli—*by Gerry Napoli*

In memory of Adelaide, Walter & Edward King—*by Sharon King Reis*

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In memory of the Bartolotto family—*by the Allen family*

In memory of the Allen family—*by the Allen family*

Gift of the Gruick, Pellettiere & Allen families

## **PINE TEARDROP SWAGS on church columns**

In memory of deceased members of the Kotin family—*by Belinda Kotin*

In memory of Lillian Neumann—*by Belinda Kotin*

In memory of Robert Gerard Sorsaia—*by Rose & William R. Allen and family*

In memory of Theresa & Sebastian Bartolotto—*by Maryann Bartolotto*

In memory of James, Elizabeth & Jean Marie Breslin—*by Jose & Elizabeth Zapat*

In memory of the Angotti, Kelly & Mauro family members—*by the Kelly family*

In memory of Aurora Castro & Bonifacia Manalo—*by Eufrocina P. Perez*

## **PINE TEARDROP SWAGS on church columns (cont'd)**

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Distefano—*by Celeste Zervas*

In memory of Raphael F. Longobardi—*by JoAnn M. Longobardi*

In memory of the Howard Siegel—*by JoAnn M. Longobardi*

In memory of Joseph Cardenas—*by Alicia Cardenas*

In memory of Camille J. Harriott—*by Camille Harriott*

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHT TREES outside, around manger scene**

In memory of Peter J. & M. Philomena O'Brien—*by Marie O'Brien Davis*

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence E. Marmion, Sr.—*by Lawrence & Beatrice Marmion*

In memory of the Nikolich, Carcich & Schembri families—*by Joan Nikolich*

## **GARLANDS over the sanctuary and choir loft; WREATH on the pulpit**

In memory of Edward T. Caswell, Jr.—*by Dana L. McDougall*

## **WREATH on the Rectory front door**

In memory of Veronica McCarthy

## **WREATHS outside, around the rectory**

In memory of Harold "Howie" Smith—*by Sheila Smith Gonzalez*

In memory of the McNelis & Vasile families—*by Carol McNelis*

In memory of Le, Kane, Tran, Pham & McCarthy families—*by Kevin & Zung Kane*

In memory of "Pop Pop" & Nana Savage & Grandma Barbara—*by Shannon T. Savage*

In memory of Marie D. Cassidy & Andrew F. Cassidy—*by Carole M. Cassidy*

Gift of the 2025 Confirmation Class—St. Leo's Church, Corona, NY

In memory of Eduardo L. Raymundo—*by Sheila L. Raymundo*

In memory of Michael Eller—*by Sheila L. Raymundo*

In memory of my mother and father—*by Bui Hung*

In memory of Emily Koutsoliontos—*by Kevin Mulderrig*

In loving memory of deceased members of the Girardi, Meyerson & Castagna families; Ed Matthews, Mikayla Raines—*by Laura Meyerson*

## **POINSETTIA PLANTS**

In memory of Anna & Saverio Cerminaro—*by Rosemarie Cerminaro*

In memory of Mary Newman—*by a friend*

In memory of Josephine & Ignazia Orlando—*by Antoinette Orlando*

In memory of Mary Griffiths—*by Veronica Alvarez Griffiths*

In memory of Chris Griffiths—*by Veronica Alvarez Griffiths*

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## Christmas Memorials *(cont'd from page 5)*

### POINSETTIA PLANTS

In memory of Richard Sorrentino—*by Gerry Napoli*  
In memory of the Hurley & Della Marco families—*by Iris & Rosemary Della Marco*  
In memory of Kevin Hurley & Joseph Della Marco—*by Iris & Rosemary Della Marco*  
In memory of Dennis B. Chumacera—*by Madonna B. Gonzalez*  
In memory of the deceased family members, priests of OLQM & Robert Sorsaia—*by Regina Faighes*  
In memory of John & Anna Schuster and Sophia & Efran Suarez—*by Henry & Maria Schuster*  
In memory of the deceased bishop, priests, religious, and rectory staff of OLQM Church  
In memory of Dominador & Aurea Reboton; Valentino Dia Mante—*by Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Cuvin*  
In memory of Jay & Rotchie Estavillo; Marcelo & Angelina Cuvin—*by Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Cuvin*  
In memory of Daniel Biangasso—*by Jody Ritter*  
In memory of Myrraflor Lazo Cruz—*by Michelle & AJ Fulgado*  
In memory of Virginia Soriente & family—*by Frank Soriente*  
In memory of Theresa Kunze—*by Alberta Squillante*  
Gift by Ester Riveros

### VENDOR-BUSINESS CHRISTMAS TREE at the *St Joseph's Altar*

#### ANGEL TOP

Fox Funeral Home, Inc., Forest Hills  
D'Ambrosio Art Studio, Mt. Kisco  
Leo F. Kearns Funeral Home, Inc., Rego Park  
J. C. National AC Corp., Flushing  
Manny's Cleaners, Forest Hills

#### TREE ORNAMENT

Celano Electric Inc., Whitestone  
P. C. Concrete Corp., Maspeth  
Lawrence Hoy Studios, Westport, CT  
John Patrick Publishing, Ivyland, PA  
Ranshaw Plumbing and Heating Co., Whitestone

#### LIGHT BULB

Father and Son Florist, Commack, LI  
EquestrianHousePA.com, Pleasant Mount, PA  
Monte Brothers Sound Systems, Inc., Dobbs Ferry, NY  
5 Burro Café, Forest Hills  
Lunar IT Consulting, Forest Hills



## Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Each Christmas, we're invited to reach out to our neighbors in need through a gift to **Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens**. They serve the homeless seeking food and shelter, families facing addiction or mental illness, young parents needing early-childhood care, and seniors struggling with loneliness or housing concerns. Please use the special envelope for the Christmas Day Collection or donate online at [ccbq.org](http://ccbq.org). May the Lord bless your generosity and kindness with the peace and joy of Christmas.

## Prayer to "Strengthen Our Tower of Faith"



**G**racious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care all those who will work on this project. Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness, the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# A Blessed Christmas to All!