

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



## Come Home for Christmas!

*Invite your family and friends and celebrate this Christmas with us.*

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

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, 2019) at **5 p.m.**

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



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

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

Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Joseph L. Cunningham — **SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

### 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 21*

**Saint Peter Canisius**

8 a.m. Martha Figueroa

12:05 p.m. Eileen Killeen

5 p.m. Stella Natsue Yamada-Wu

*Sunday, December 22*

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

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

*Monday, December 23*

**Saint John of Kanty**

8 a.m. Louis and Annabella Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving

*Tuesday, December 24*

8 a.m. Stella Natsue Yamada-Wu

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

5 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass and Children's Pageant

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

11 p.m. Concelebrated Christmas Mass at Night

*Wednesday, December 25*

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

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

*Thursday, December 26*

**Saint Stephen**

8 a.m. Anthony Capasso

12:05 p.m. Kathleen Ferrell

*Friday, December 27*

**Saint John**

8 a.m. Venus and Kelvin Chu-Cheong

12:05 p.m. Josefina Galicia [anniversary]

*Saturday, December 28*

**The Holy Innocents**

8 a.m. Martha Figueroa

12:05 p.m. Louis and Annabella Sorsaia

5 p.m. Yolande P. Milord

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, 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, Annacarol 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

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, December 22*

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

2:30 p.m., *rectory:* **Baptism Instructions**

*Monday, December 23*

**Rectory closes at 5 p.m.**

Please see p. 4 for Christmas office hours.

*Tuesday, December 24*

**Rectory closed**

10–11:30 a.m., *church:* **Altar Server Rehearsal for Midnight Mass**

1–2 p.m., *church:* **Altar Server Rehearsal for Christmas Day Choir Mass**

*Wednesday, December 25*

### *Merry Christmas*

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

**Church closes after last Mass**

*Thursday, December 26*

**Rectory closed. No Confessions**

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

*Friday, December 27*

**No Confessions**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp  
is offered in loving memory of  
**Guy and Martha Sironneau**  
—requested by Chantal Sironneau

## Remember Our Deceased

Eucebia Flores  
Dr. Marlon Quidato de Asis

Concepcion Rosario  
Helena Torres

## 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, contact 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 21

5 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Cunningham

*Lectors:* Belinda Kotin, Denise Bertolotti

*Leader of Song:* Warren Harding

*EMHCs:* Heather Munholland, Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Passenant

*Lectors:* Aldison Andrade, Chris Wellbrock

*Leader of Song:* Warren Harding

*Children's Liturgy of the Word:* Theresa Bryant

*EMHCs:* Roger Aguinaldo, Richie Perl, Pat Abes, Gerald Abes

11:15 a.m.

*Celebrant:* Bishop Sanchez

*Lectors:* Gregory Stein, Celeste Zervas

*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

*EMHCs:* Johanna Fausto-DiDio, Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas

1 p.m.

*Celebrant:* Father Antonin

*Lectors:* Siobhain Kandra, Marie O'Brien

*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

*EMHCs:* Beth Barretto, Eddy Eng, Al Smith

*Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses*

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

## Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*Missal #38*—"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**MASS PARTS:** A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING

*Missal pg. 42*—Isiah 7:10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pg. 43*

SECOND READING

*Missal pg. 43*—Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL

*Missal pgs. 43-44*—Matthew 1:18-24

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Ave Maria" (*Gregorian chant*)—Choir  
*Missal #66*—"The Whole World Is Waiting for Love"

COMMUNION

"The Angel Gabriel" (*arr. M. Archer*)—Choir  
Organ Meditation

*Missal #41*—"Waiting in Silence"

CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #40*—"People, Look East"

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for snow removal.
- » Sunday, December 29's second collection will be for Pastoral Care.
- » 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).

# Come Home for Christmas

## A Christmas Message from Bishop Sanchez

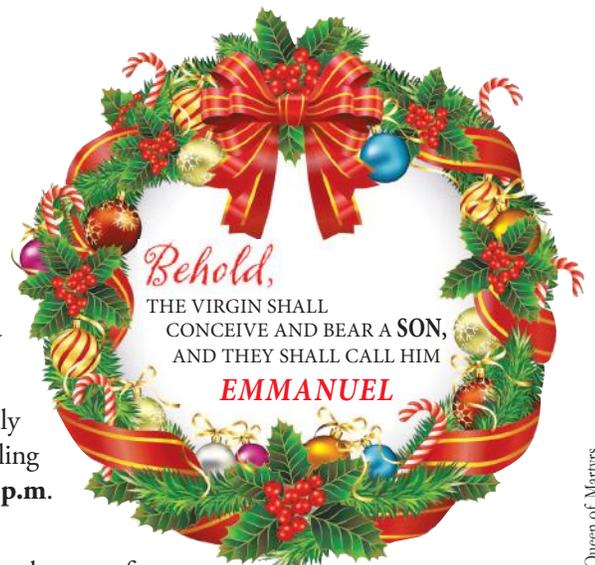
We rejoice with you in this Great Christmas Season of hope in which we remember God's abundant love for his people. He sent his Son, Jesus, to be born among us and to give our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption.

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

Christmas Mass at Night is celebrated at **11 p.m. on Christmas Eve**. A Family Mass is celebrated at **5 p.m. on Christmas Eve** with the Children's Pageant telling the Nativity story. Masses on **Christmas Day** are at **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. Come home for Christmas. 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



## Christmas Wreath, Tree and Plant Memorials

Our beloved church at Christmas is beautifully decorated, and many of you contributed to this transformation by making gifts in your family's name or in memory of a loved one. The 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intentions of the following individuals and all donors to our Christmas flower fund.

### ***TWO LARGE WREATHS in the Sanctuary***

In Memory of Anton Feretic, Marija Feretic, Anthony Feretic—by Lucille Feretic

### ***LARGE WREATH outside over Main Door of Church***

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. David Rosa and Family (Foodtown/Orchard Supermarket Corp., Forest Hills)

### ***LARGE WREATHS outside over Side Doors of Church***

In Memory of deceased family & friends of Pedro Morales & JoAnn Longobardi

In Memory of Yan & Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean Charles Milord and Ms. Jane Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord

In Memory of the Lederman family—by Mary Lederman

### ***WREATH on the Choir Loft***

In Memory of Ms. Alma Nieves—by Frank & Dainora Branciforte

### ***WREATH on the Pulpit***

In Memory of Edward T. Caswell, Jr.—by Dana McDougall

### ***CHRISTMAS TREES outside around Manger Scene***

In Memory of Robert Peter Ballerini—by Audrey Ballerini & Robert D. Ballerini

In Memory of Celina Cavalier—by niece, Jusette Lubin Meaney

In Memory of deceased family, friends & clergy—by Regina Faighes

In Memory of the Michael family—by Therese Michael

In Memory of M. Philomena O'Brien—by Marie O'Brien-Davis

In Memory of Frank & Josephine Giattino and Adam & Josephine Soja—by Mr. & Mrs. R. Giattino

### ***WREATH on the Rectory Front Door***

In Memory of Edward T. Caswell, Jr.—by Dana McDougall

### ***WREATHS outside around the Rectory***

In Memory of deceased members of the McNelis and Vesile families—by Carol McNelis

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In Memory of John C. Sullivan—by Josefina Sullivan

In Memory of Ms. Alma Nieves—by Frank & Dainora Branciforte

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In Memory of Salvatore & Antoinette Grosso—by Michael & Jo-Ann Henry

In Memory of Raymond & Jean Henry—by Michael & Jo-Ann Henry

In Memory of Herminio Acaylar, Sr.—by Mary Elizabeth Acaylar-Rumberg

In Memory of Michael Herity—by Emer Herity

In Memory of Winnie C. Wong—by the Wong Family

### ***POINSETTIA PLANTS in front of the Altar Rail***

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean Charles Milord and Ms. Jane Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord

In Memory of Mary Neuman—by a Friend

In Memory Rose Ward McDonough—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory of the Jack McDonough—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory Joseph Ward—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory of Dominick Nikolich & Emily Nikolich—by Joan Nikolich

In Memory of J. R. and Ester Asteinza—by the Asteinza family

In Memory of the Walsh, Vuorenmaa & Hazel families—by Jane & Cornelius Hazel

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In Memory of Bonifacia P. Manalo & Baltazar Perez—by Eufrocina P. Perez

In Memory of Francis & Marion Gaughan—by Maryan Gaughan

In Memory of Joseph Pierro, William & Bridget Sonntag—by the Sonntag family

In Memory of Rocco & Norma Napoli, Diana Napoli—by Gerry Napoli

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In Memory of Eugenia Guinez Zelaya—by Alexandra Zelaya

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## Christmas Wreath, Tree, Plant

### Memorials *cont'd from page 4*

#### **POINSETTIA PLANTS in front of the Altar Rail**

In Memory of Guillermo Arguello—by Daniela Arguello

In Memory of Louis & Mary Petrocelli—by Mary Petrocelli

In Memory of Domenico & Jennie Laudani—by Mary Petrocelli

In Memory of Anna & Carmine Primiano—by Mary Petrocelli

In Memory of Joseph & Frances Mobilia—by Mary Petrocelli

In Memory of Dolores Kotin, Irving & Mary Kohn, Leonard Kotin, and Lillian Neumann—by Belinda Kotin

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In Memory of the deceased members of the Le, Kane & McCarthy families—by Kevin & Zung Kane

In Memory of Peter & Providenza Cardella; Sam & Lena Ferretti—by Joe & Kathy Ferretti

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In Memory of Gustavo Mirasol, Francisco Gomez, Corsino & Rizalina Romero, Martina Lim—by Francis Marc G. Lim

Thank you all for your generous gifts!  
—Father Passenant

Visit us at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)  
or on Facebook @OLQMChurch and share  
Bishop Sanchez's Christmas Video Message  
with friends and family in your social network!  
**#ComeHomeforChristmas**



### Weekly Collections

The collection figures for December 15 were not available in time for the bulletin's early closing for Christmas week. Collection figures will appear in a future bulletin.



## Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Anyone can find themselves in need. There are many men, women, and children in our city who are struggling and who find hope, care, and a helping hand through Catholic Charities. As we approach the Great Feast of Christmas, we ask you to “embrace the poor and help them” by giving generously to this year’s Catholic Charities Collection, which will be taken at all Christmas Masses. Please return the special Catholic Charities envelope from your envelope packet with your gift. If you did not receive a printed envelope, you can use a Catholic Charities envelope available in the Church or your own blank envelope marked for “Catholic Charities.” Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ON COVER!**

**Christmas Office Hours** Rectory will close early, at 5 p.m., on December 23, 27, 30 and 31. There are usual Saturday hours on December 21 and 28. The rectory will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and January 1.

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# JESUS CHRIST IS BORN. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## 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 OLMQ 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 OLMQ.

## 2020 Pilgrimages

**January 24: Annual March for Life**, Washington, DC ([www.marchforlife.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:** The early deadline for January 5th Sunday bulletin (Epiphany) is Monday, December 23th. Please submit by email to [olqmcomm@aol.com](mailto:olqmcomm@aol.com). All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.

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

## **Reflections for December on the Dignity of the Human Person**

*From the OLMQ 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).

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*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 them at the rectory ([rectoryolqm@aol.com](mailto:rectoryolqm@aol.com)). You are welcome to join us in the rectory 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee). To learn more 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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## 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](mailto:Jovie212@yahoo.com).

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**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.