

December 22, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Christmas Schedule

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, December 25
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
5 p.m. Vigil Mass on December 31, 2024
10 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses on January 1
Masses on New Year's Day
10 a.m. for the intentions of the Christmas memorials
and Christmas business tree sponsors
12:05 p.m. for the intentions of the Christmas flower fund





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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 21

Saint Peter Canisius

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Celia McGoldrick

5 p.m. Rose Harach Brogno

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

8:05 a.m. Elias Evertsz

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, December 24

8:05 a.m. Thomas Tolan

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Passenant and Fusco families

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

9 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night

Wednesday, December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

Thursday, December 26

Saint Stephen

8:05 a.m. Susan and Frank Passenant

12:05 p.m. Venus and Kelvin Chu-Cheong

Friday, December 27

Saint John

8:05 a.m. Carmen Del Rosario [living]

12:05 p.m. Ugo P. Marchitelli

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

5 p.m. Rose Lea Kilayko

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Rosita Cabral, Elizabeth Cabrera, Rafael Cabrera, Taylor A. Calder, Susan Campbell, Erin Campobianco, Gustavo Cáceres, Frances Cesarrano, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Danny Cozzi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Zenaida Faya, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Ernny Ordenez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Joseph Thomas, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—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 meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, December 23

“O” Antiphons of Advent Conclude

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. *Zoom:* “Through the Word” Bible Study

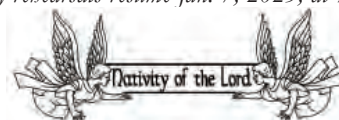
Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Confessions

No Choir Rehearsal - Christmas Break

(Tuesday rehearsals resume Jan. 7, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.)



Wednesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Religious Education - Christmas Break

(Wednesday classes resume Jan. 8, 2025)

7:45–9 p.m. *Zoom:* Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, December 26

No Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6, 2025)

Saturday, December 28

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

The Wine and Host

are offered in loving memory of
Robert Peter and Audrey Ballerini
—requested by Robert D. Ballerini

Remember Our Deceased

Lenore Alexakis

Angela Ameruoso

Michael Bekman

Fr. Albert Bellantonio

Peter Colic

Maria Luz Serpas



Ulises Giberga

Edna Mary Marmion

Gabe Nahoum

Anthony J. Sarro

Frank Schaefer

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, Gabriella Mattson, Justin Pabse, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley. **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. 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.

This Week's Reflection

We are revisiting and sharing, in condensed form, some relevant and timeless pieces from the View from the Pew archives.—Father Passenaut

A View from the Pew: Christmas

by Deacon Greg Kandra

One of the wonders of Christmas is that it is so unexpected. You might even call it unnatural. At the darkest moment of the year, when the sun is scarce, we gather and sing carols. We go outside. We drag trees into our homes and cover them with colored glass balls. We string lights on our homes and place candles in our windows. We erect plastic reindeer on the front lawn and an inflatable fat man on our roof. We wrap boxes in brightly colored paper and send cards. We drink eggnog, hang mistletoe, and go to parties and dinners where we eat too much.

We do all this at a time when sane and sensible creatures are hibernating. We do not hibernate. No. We revel. We insist, year after year, that we will beat back the encircling darkness and rejoice.

So, what seems unreasonable, unexpected, and unnatural is, in fact, sensible. There is logic to it, after all. We are defying the darkness because He did.

In an act of unprecedented love, God became one of us. He entered into human history, to light The Way, and nothing has ever been the same. How fitting, then, that we revel and light the gloom, surrounding ourselves with color, indulging our appetites.

In this annual celebration of salvation, we celebrate life, the cycles of the seasons, and second chances. Christmas is about a beginning. The birth of a child over two millennia ago gives us all reason to hope. That infant grew up to teach us another path, a way built on charity and mercy and justice—a way built, as well, on conversion of heart. That astonishing truth is one of the truly enduring wonders of this feast—more filling than fruitcake and more startling than stars strung on gutters.

Christ is born. We are saved. Behold: the one Christmas gift that keeps on giving, no matter what.



Fourth Week of Advent LOVE

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. (Luke 1:45)

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #39—“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

MASS PARTS:

A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

Gregorian-DC/Mass XVII (*Chant*)—*Choir*

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria” (Gregorian chant)—Choir
Missal #684—“Hail Mary: Gentle Woman”

COMMUNION

“The Angel Gabriel” (Basque carol/arr. M. Archer)—Choir
Organ Meditation

Missal #48—“Beyond the Moon and Stars”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #43—“People, Look East”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
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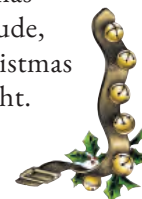
Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for winter fuel.
- » December 29, the second collection is for snow removal.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (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.



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 Christmas Mass at Night. Masses on Christmas Day are at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (choir), and 1 p.m.



2024 Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees, and Flowers

LARGE WREATHS in the sanctuary

In memory of the DeGennaro, Wellbrock & 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*

LARGE TREES (two) in sanctuary

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

LARGE WREATHS outside, over side doors of church

In memory of the Lederman family—*by Mary Lederman*
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. David Rosa and family (Orchard/
FoodTown)

Gift of Ozanam Motor Sales—St. Vincent de Paul—*by James C. Shea*

In memory of Betty Phuong Quach—*by Leong family*

CHRISTMAS TREES indoors, around manger scene

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

In memory of Robert Gerard Sorsaia—*by David and Lee Ann Close*

In memory of Baltazar Perez—*by Eufrocina P. Perez*

In memory of Bonipacia P. Manalo—*by Eufrocina P. Perez*

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

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

Mr. & Mrs. S Bartolotto & family—*by the Gruick and Allen families*

In memory of Marie Allen & the Allen family—*by William Richard Allen*

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

PINE TEARDROP SWAGS on church columns

In memory of Dolores, Irving & Mary Kotin and Lillian Neumann—*by Belinda Kotin*

In memory of Robert Gerard Sorsaia—*by the Allen family*

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

In memory of Joseph Cardenas—*by Alicia Cardenas*

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

PINE TEARDROP SWAGS on church columns (cont'd)

In memory of the Martucci, Mandala & Clemente families—*by Constance Martucci*

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

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

In memory of Theresina Leung—*by Cecilia Leung*

In memory of Thomas Trott—*by Richard Vollkommer*

CHRISTMAS 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 and Beatrice Marmion*

In memory of Celina Cavalier—*by niece, Jusette Lubin Meaney*

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

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

In memory of the deceased priests of OLQM & Robert Sorsaia—*by Regina Faighes*

In memory of Jonas, Thelma & Herman Demas—*by Willis and Joan Demas*

GARLANDS over sanctuary and choir loft; WREATH on the pulpit

In memory of the Wright, McGrath & McCarthy families—*by Veronica McCarthy*

WREATH on the rectory front door

In memory of Wayne Baxter (Fox Funeral Home)

WREATHS outside, around the rectory

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

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

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

In memory of Joseph H. Arweiler—*by Diane Arweiler*

In memory of Charles & Clara Tse—*by Annie Tse*

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

In memory of Kenneth Clodgeaux & the Faird family—*by Carol Hopkins*

In memory of Yolanda Simon—*by Michael Acquilano*

In memory of the Benito/Lopez family—*by Ashley, Daniese and Lettie Lopez Betito*

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Christmas Memorials *(cont'd from page 4)*

POINSETTIA PLANTS

- In memory of the deceased of the Rectory Staff—*by the Priests*
- In memory of Theresa Kunze—*by Alberta Squillante*
- In memory of living and deceased family members—*by Noila Johnson*
- In memory of Mary Newman—*by a friend*
- In memory of Harold “Howie” Smith—*by Sheila Smith Gonzalez*
- In memory of Luis, Segundo, Ida, Marina, Gilma & Justo—*by Debra Lopez*
- In memory of Josephine & Ignazia Orlando—*by Antoinette Orlando*
- In memory of Dennis B. Chumacera—*by Madonna Gonzalez and Minagracia Chumacera*
- In memory of William & Patricia Hannafin—*by Teaghan & Jim Hannigan and Adaleza Michelena*
- In memory of Luis & Rafina Dominguez and Marguerite Dominguez-Jorge—*by Gliceria Dominguez*
- In memory of Anna & Saverio Cerminaro—*by Rose Marie Cerminaro*

VENDOR-BUSINESS CHRISTMAS TREE

by St. Joseph's Altar

ANGEL TOP

- Fox Funeral Home, Inc., Forest Hills
- D'Ambrosio Art Studio, Mt. Kisco
- J. C. National AC Corp., Flushing
- Forest Hills Agency—ALLSTATE, Forest Hills
- Edward Torres, CPA, PC, Forest Hills
- Manny's Cleaners, Forest Hills

TREE ORNAMENT

- Cowboy Contracting, Port Washington, NY
- P. C. Concrete Corp, Maspeth, NY
- Ranshaw Plumbing and Heating Co., Whitestone
- R. J. Wellbrock Plumbing, Forest Hills

LIGHT BULB

- C TOWN, 63rd Dr., Rego Park
- Lunar IT Consulting, Forest Hills
- Father and Son Florist, Commack, L.I.



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas

The birth of Jesus—God dwelling among us—gave our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption. He came among us, shared our human condition, and gave Himself to us without reserve. This Advent and Christmas Season, let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received. May the glow of the Nativity star radiate in our hearts long after our celebration is over. May this be a special time for your family and our parish family.

GOD BLESS!

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F., Pastor
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D., Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Antonin Kocurek, Parochial Vicar

—Weekly Collections—

Because of an early deadline, collection figures for Dec. 15 will be reported next week. However, we are happy to report that on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 9), our parish collected \$1,485 for **The Tablet's Bright Christmas Fund**, which Fr. Passenant generously matched for a total of \$3,001. Don't miss the article on Fr. Passenant's lifelong dedication to this cause in the Dec. 7 issue of *The Tablet* (print-only edition, p. 8). A copy of the story appears in the News section of our church website.

Rectory Office Hours for Christmas

Offices will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24) and be closed on Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25) and the day after Christmas (Thursday, Dec. 26). We will reopen on Friday, Dec. 27. Offices will also be closed on New Year's Day.

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LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Annual Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities

Each year on Christmas Day, we ask you to extend a hand to your neighbors by making a generous gift to **Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens** to aid them with their important work. They help the homeless seeking food and shelter, individuals and families struggling with addiction or mental illness, young families in need of early childhood services, and seniors confronting loneliness, depression, or affordable housing worries.

Please use the special envelope to give to the Catholic Charities Christmas Day Collection or make a donation online at ccbq.org. May the Lord bless your generosity with the peace and joy of Christmas.

Please Fulfill Any Remaining Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges by December 31

We successfully met our parish's 2024 obligation for the diocesan annual appeal. The surplus amount paid, which is approaching \$58,000, will come back to our parish. God bless you for generosity!

Parish Goal: \$114,568 **Paid Pledges:** \$172,296
Pledged: \$180,372 **Donors:** 333

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To sign up, contact olqmcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. Current study: the Sunday readings for Advent and Christmastide concludes Jan 6. To request Zoom link, contact josephterry@gmail.com.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study on the 3rd Wednesday. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

"I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Monday Evening Bible Study Wraps Up with Advent Reflections

Our Monday evening Through the Word Bible Study program on Zoom will take an indefinite break following the **final session on January 6, 2025**. For these remaining weeks, the study topic is reflections on the Sunday readings for Advent and Christmastide

Although the live Zoom sessions will pause, the collection of Through the Word recordings will remain available for on-demand viewing at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian), offering an opportunity to revisit past studies or explore them for the first time. Our thanks to study leader Dr. Joseph Terry and everyone who participated and contributed to making the Monday gatherings a meaningful part of our church's ministry the past few years.

Car Donations for Charity

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn—also known as St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)—will give back **\$75/\$200** to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for each donated car, truck, or van (any condition, running or not). If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor have an old or neglected vehicle to dispose of, please call SVDP. The number is **718-491-2525**. Free towing is available.

A Blessed Christmas to All!