

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, 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.\***

*\*NOTE: Mass begins an hour earlier than in the past.*

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, 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, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.  
on Monday, December 31, 2018

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER and 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.



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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 22

8 a.m. Emanuel and Anna Del Terzo  
12:05 p.m. Rose Brogno  
5 p.m. Richard A. Mohr

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

8 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia  
12:05 p.m. Beatrice Mannering

### 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 during the Night

Monday, December 25

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

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

Wednesday, December 26

#### Saint Stephen

8 a.m. Venus and Kelvin Chu-Cheong  
12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Thursday, December 27

#### Saint John

8 a.m. Timothy P. Smith  
12:05 p.m. Antonio Vincent Criscola

Friday, December 28

#### The Holy Innocents

8 a.m. Lucia Saccone  
12:05 p.m. Susan Mauro

Saturday, December 29

#### Saint Thomas Becket

8 a.m. Serafin Fule  
12:05 p.m. Jennie and Carl Palumbo  
5 p.m. Mannering family

## Main Events of the Week

Monday, December 24

Rectory closes at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25



### MERRY CHRISTMAS



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

Church closes after 1 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 26

No Confessions

Rectory office opens at 1 p.m.

No Choir Rehearsal

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

Setup for Evening Food Pantry

Thursday, December 27

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

Friday, December 28

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

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

The Wine and Hosts  
are offered in loving memory of  
**Robert Peter Ballerini**  
—requested by Audrey and Robert David Ballerini

The Altar Flowers  
are offered in loving memory of  
**Michael Barone**  
—requested by his wife Angela, son Joseph, and grandson Joseph

## Remember Our Deceased

Bart Garcia  
Luz Kabigting  
Eucebia Flores

Maria Keany  
Giusseppe Rappa  
Robert I. Ronan

### 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, Gonzalo Vallecillos, 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.**

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Mark Bradley, William Bruscella, Taylor Alan Calder, Luis Fernando, Cardenas, Augustine Cisneros, Robert Cosenza, Dr. Robert Cospito, Tracy Cuva, Theresa Do, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Gabriel Eshaghian, Joanne Ferolie, Albert and Sheila Flescher, Lidia Flores, Gaye Fruscione, Sr. Frances Gritte SC, Cathie Greulich, Alex Guttierrez, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, Henry Johnson, Anna LaBruna, Jacqueline Lisandrelli, Elizabeth Maryon, Richard Meehan, John Murphy, Doolarie Niranjan, Veronica Nissan, Eugene Novacek, Maureen Piatt, Nancy and Ronald Piotrowski, Grace Plank, Veronica Pulanski, Nora Radocea, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Kathy Sembler, Gail Whelan, Heather Wright, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5 p.m.

**Celebrant:** Father Cunningham

*Lectors:* Denise Bertolotti, John Doyle

*Leader of Song:* Jennifer Gliere

*EMHCs:* Yorke Mizelle, Sandy Singh, Joseph Pollini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 a.m.

**Celebrant:** Father Antonin

*Lectors:* Alejandro Caycedo, Aldison Andrade

*Leader of Song:* Jennifer Gliere

*EMHCs:* Ernie Foli, Roger Aguinaldo, Richie Perl

10 a.m.

**Celebrant:** Father Passenant

*Lectors:* Ray Bendana, Chris Wellbrock

*Leader of Song:* Jennifer Gliere

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

*EMHCs:* Margarita Forero, Lilia Penagos, Gerald Abes

11:30 a.m.

**Celebrant:** Bishop Sanchez

*Lectors:* Johanna Fausto-DiDio, Yasmin Ammirati-Weber

*Leader of Song:* Paula Rocheleau Hernández

*EMHCs:* Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas

1 p.m.

**Celebrant:** Father Cunningham

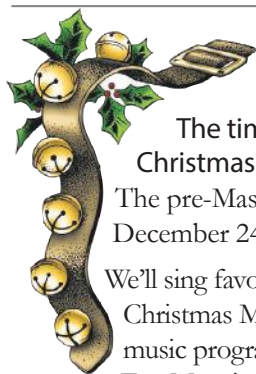
*Lectors:* Dorothea Brady, Noila Johnson

*Leader of Song:* Cheryl Manrique

*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**



### Christmas Eve Mass Time Change

The time of the solemn Mass at night on Christmas Eve has been changed to 11PM.

The pre-Mass program of Christmas carols on December 24th begins at 10:30 p.m.

We'll sing favorite hymns and carols at all of our Christmas Masses and have prepared a four-page music program for everyone. The 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is the Children's Pageant telling the

Nativity story. Christmas Day Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m. and will feature a trumpet and organ prelude and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as the recessional. There are also Masses at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

## Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Cycle B—11:30 a.m. Choir Mass

ENTRANCE

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

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

FIRST READING

*Missal pgs. 41-42*—Micah 5:1-4a

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**—*Missal pg. 42*

SECOND READING

*Missal pg. 42*—Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL

*Missal pgs. 42-43*—Luke 1:39-45

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Ave Maria" (*Gregorian chant*)—Choir

*Missal #705*—"Hail Mary: Gentle Woman"

COMMUNION

"The Angel Gabriel" (*Basque carol arr: M. Archer*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

*Missal #46*—"Beyond the Moon and Stars"

CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #40*—"People, Look East"

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for our Pastoral Care ministry.
- » Sunday, December 30, the second collection will be winter fuel.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. More at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope).

## All is calm

### The Story of Silent Night

On Christmas Eve of 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time in a small church in Oberndorf near Salzburg, Austria. In the 200 years since, many changes have unfolded in the world, but the global message of peace found in Silent Night persists.

The song is perhaps the most famous Christmas carol worldwide, but the Austrian provinces are most closely associated with the song's history. Father Josef Mohr (1792-18480), an Austrian Catholic priest, wrote the words and Franz Xaver Gruber (1797-1863), an organist, composed the music. Here is their story. **cont' p. 5**



# 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 (sanctuary)

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

## LARGE WREATH (outside over main door of church)

Gift of David Rosa (Foodtown/  
Orchard Supermarket Corp.)

## LARGE WREATHS (outside over side doors of church)

Gift of Robert and Josephine  
McBride for a Special Intention

In Memory of the living and  
deceased parents—from Pedro  
Morales and JoAnn Longobardi

In Memory of Yan and Lui Eng—  
from Eddy Eng

In Memory of deceased family  
members—from Mary Petrocelli

## WREATH (on choir loft)

In Memory of Angela and Diego  
Polito, and Rosa Polito—from  
Carmine Polito (Portofino)

## WREATH (on the pulpit)

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

## CHRISTMAS TREES (at outdoor manger scene)

In Memory of Robert Peter  
Ballerini—from Audrey Ballerini  
and Robert D. Ballerini

In Memory of Giattino and Soja  
family—from Mr. and Mrs. R.  
Giattino

## CHRISTMAS TREES (at outdoor manger scene—cont'd)

In Memory of Celina Cavalier—  
from niece Jusette Lubin Meaney

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

In Memory of John E. Gregory, Sr.—  
from John E. Gregory

In Memory of Dorothy and Gerard  
Mongiello—from Karen Mongiello

## WREATH (on rectory front door)

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

## WREATHS (outside, around the rectory)

Gift of Ester Riveros and family

In Memory of Dominick and Emily  
Nikolich—from Joan Nikolich

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

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

In Memory of the McDonough  
and Ward families—from Bettyanne  
McDonough (2 wreaths)

In Memory of Kol Gegovic and  
Gjelosh, Tom, and Luc Gegaj—  
from Elizabeth Nica

In Memory of John C. Sullivan—  
from Josefina Sullivan

In Memory of Augusto and Preciosa  
Tanghal—from Blesilda Tanghal

## POINSETTIA PLANTS (in front of altar rail)

In Memory of Kevin Hurley and  
Joseph A. Della Marco—from Iris  
and Rosemary Della Marco

In Memory of Bart Garcia—from  
Iris and Rosemary Della Marco

In Memory of the Dolores Kotin  
and Lillian Neumann—from  
Belinda Kotin (2 plants)

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

In Memory of Betty and Frank  
Mancino—from Michael Mancino

In Memory of William Scott  
Campbell—from Susan Campbell

In Memory of Mary Neuman—  
from a friend

In Memory of the McDonough  
and Ward families—from Bettyanne  
McDonough (2 plants)

In Memory of Sara and Jose  
Manuel Torres—from Lisandra,  
Marian, and Jose Torres

In Memory of Catherine Lastraglio  
and Joan Miller—from Mr. and  
Mrs. Ferro (2 plants)

Thank you all for your generous gifts!  
—Father Passenant



## The Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

Each year on Christmas Day, we ask that you extend a hand to your neighbors in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. Your gift makes all the difference when people turn to Catholic Charities for assistance with basic and vital needs, including food, winter clothing, household necessities, and counseling. Thank you for your generous giving this Christmas season. God bless you.

**Christmas Office Hours** The rectory will be closed on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Wednesday, December 26, the rectory will reopen at 1 p.m. and will close at 5 p.m. on the 26th and the 27th (no evening hours during Christmas week).

### Silent Night cont'd from p. 3

On December 23, 1818, Father Mohr attended a Christmas play that told of the events in the first chapters of Matthew and Luke. The presentation put him in a meditative mood. Taking a longer way home and stopping on a hill that overlooked his peaceful snow-covered village, he thought about the Christmas play he had just seen and remembered a poem he had written a couple of years before. The poem was about the night when angels announced the birth of the long-awaited Messiah to shepherds on a hillside. Father Mohr decided those words might make a good carol for his congregation on Christmas Eve.

With the church organ broken and only a few hours to work, Gruber managed to compose a soothing lullaby for the newly born baby Jesus. It no longer mattered to Mohr and Gruber that their church organ was inoperable. They now had a Christmas carol that could be sung to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar. It was sung for the first time at Midnight Mass in 1818 in a simple arrangement for guitar and choir. Within a few years, arrangements of the carol appeared in churches in the Salzburg Archdiocese. Thanks to the Tirolean national singers, the song spread from the Zillertal Valley to the rest of Europe, then to America, and was translated into hundreds of languages for the entire world. Wherever it was sung, it made people immediately sit up and listen.

The composition captures the ineffable mystery of the incarnation and birth of our Lord: The holy infant Jesus, who is Christ the Savior, Son of God, and Love's pure light, was born of Mary and filled the world with the redeeming grace from Heaven. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, may we truly take to heart the words of "Silent Night" and may its message be carried in our own thoughts, word, and deeds.—*Contributed by Lorraine Garvilla*

**WELCOME!** We have an open door for all God's people. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of the parish, email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello at [disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com) to make your special needs known.

### Weekly Collections

Because of the Christmas holiday, the collection figures for Sunday, December 16 were not available in time for the early bulletin deadline. Collection figures will appear in a future bulletin.

## A Christmas Message to Our Parishioners

The joyful remembrance of Christmas, commemorating the birth of the Savior, creates opportunities for many special gatherings. Our annual family traditions or the memories of Christmases past will fill our hearts.

The birth of Jesus—God dwelling among us—gave our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption. It is a time for us to recognize God's goodness to His beloved. He came among us, shared our human condition, and gave of Himself to us without reserve.

Let the presence of Christ from our parish table be the extension of His love around your table in your home. Let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received, and may the glow of the Christmas star radiate in our hearts long after our celebration is over.

May God bless you and your family during this season of joy!

Sincerely in Christ,

**Bishop Sanchez**

**Fr. Passenant, Fr. Antonin, Fr. Cunningham,  
Deacon Greg Kandra, Deacon Thomas Jorge  
and the Parish Staff**

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### Memorable Christmas Concert

*Far too many to thank in this space, from our Religious Education student volunteers, parish choir members, guest soloists, hosts, and audience members. We will have more coverage of our December 9th, 2018 Christmas Concert soon.*



## Parish Planning for the Future

Bishop DiMarzio has authorized our Territorial Vicar, the Very. Rev. Thomas Pettei, and his assistant Ms. Ellen Rhatigan to give presentations on the topic of future planning to parish leaders in each deanery. Father Passenant accompanied a group of our parish leaders to our deanery meeting on Thursday, November 29.

Among the statistics that were distributed at the meeting were the following:

- In 2006, there were 309 priests assigned to active parish ministry.
- In 2017, there were 273 priests assigned to active parish ministry, a 12 percent decrease.
- A large number of priests will retire in the next 5 to 10 years.
- There are currently 17 parishes with two worship sites and 4 parishes with three worship sites.
- There are currently 186 Catholic parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Among other items, there are two takeaways from the informational meeting. The first is the call to continue

to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The second is to begin to think about the idea of parish partnerships. Such partnerships would encourage the sharing of ministries, services, and resources between neighboring parishes.

One example of such sharing is seen in the support that our parish gives to the food pantries at Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of the Angelus. Instead of duplicating a third food pantry here, we contribute to the two neighboring food pantries that already exist.

Another example of such sharing is through the collaboration of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) in basketball, swimming, and track, assisted by the Catholic Youth Organization.

A third example of such sharing is seen in the collaboration between OLM and OLQM in the parish youth program. As we move forward, we hope that other ways of collaborating will develop.

We are always grateful for your continued support and prayers.—Bishop Paul R. Sanchez

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Revelation 22:17



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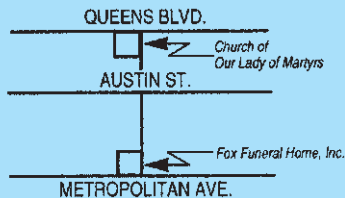
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