

December 25, 2022 - Christmas

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



*...the herald
angels sing,
glory to the
new born
King!*

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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 24

8 a.m. Vincent Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass *(with Children's Pageant)*

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

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses at 9 a.m.,

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

Monday, December 26

Saint Stephen

8 a.m. Anthony Capasso

12:05 p.m. Stephen Brazovskas

Tuesday, December 27

Saint John

8 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. John Swigert, Jr.

Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8 a.m. Pentti Honkanen

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Hickey family

Thursday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket

8 a.m. Maria Diaz

12:05 p.m. Eleanor Tierney

Friday, December 30

Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

8 a.m. Lourdes Madarang

12:05 p.m. Kathleen Farrell

Saturday, December 31

Saint Sylvester I

8 a.m. Serafin Fule

12:05 p.m. Lillian MacColl [living]

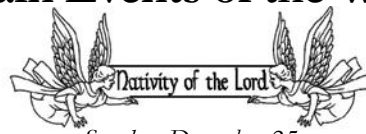
5 p.m. Helen Beres

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Clara Ceparano, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martínez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week



Sunday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Christmas Break

Zoom meetings at 10 a.m. resume on January 8, 2023

Monday, December 26

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

RECTORY CLOSED

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

Meeting as usual after Christmas and New Year

Tuesday, December 27

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

No Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. resume on January 10, 2023

Wednesday, December 28

Religious Education Christmas Break

Classes resume January 4, 2023

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

Thursday, December 29

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Saturday, December 31

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

Robert Ballerini

—requested by Audrey and Robert David Ballerini

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Gerry Bonneau

—requested by Mom, Marie Rose Bonneau

Remember Our Deceased

Luisa Cecilia Arteaga

Msgr. Michael Cantley

Joseph Cleary

Carmen Maria Colon



Mary Davio

Dcn. Joseph C. Denzler

Eucebia Flores

Ernest Kmitis

**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.**

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching
The Incarnation

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
(John 1:14)*

REFLECT: “Christ’s human nature belongs, as his own, to the divine person of the Son of God, who assumed it. Everything that Christ is and does in this nature derives from one of the Trinity. The Son of God therefore communicates to his humanity his own personal mode of existence in the Trinity. In his soul as in his body, Christ thus expresses humanly the divine ways of the Trinity: The Son of God ... worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved....

“[The] human soul that the Son of God assumed is endowed with a true human knowledge. As such, this knowledge could not in itself be unlimited.... This is why the Son of God could, when he became man, increase in wisdom and in stature ... at the same time, this truly human knowledge of God’s Son expressed the divine life of his person. The human nature of God’s Son, not by itself but by its union with the Word, knew and showed forth in itself everything that pertains to God. Such is first of all the case with the intimate and immediate knowledge that the Son of God made man has of his Father. The Son in his human knowledge also showed the divine penetration he had into the secret thoughts of human hearts....

“Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony, and his Passion and gave himself up for each one of us.... He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, “is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings” without exception.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

LEARN: Read what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches about the Incarnation, starting at paragraph 461, at <https://bit.ly/3tmHg1E>.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Sunday, January 1st Masses for the
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

5pm December 31
9am, 11:15am & 1pm January 1, 2023

Order of Mass Christmas

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

*Please see separate program for music for
5 p.m. Children’s Pageant and 9 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night*

ENTRANCE

Missal #93—“O Come All Ye Faithful”

MASS PARTS: Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-6

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #99—“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“Pueri Concinite” (J. von Herbeck)—Choir Mass

COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

Missal #89—“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“O Sing to God” (Ch. Gounod)—Choir Mass

Missal #79—Silent Night—Choir Mass

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #109—“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

“Hallelujah Chorus” and “Hark! The Herald

Angels Sing”—Choir Mass

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is our Christmas Offering. There is also an envelope for Catholic Charities.

» January 1, the second collection is for the Solemnity of Mary.

» 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 [Parish Giving](#) technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

To learn more about legislative issues that affect 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 NY State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.



2022 Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees & Flowers

The 11:15 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be celebrated for those remembered in the Christmas Memorial Wreaths and Trees and for the donors to the Christmas Flowers Fund. Thank you all for your generous gifts. Merry Christmas!— Father Francis Passenant

LARGE WREATHS in the sanctuary

In Memory of Anthony and Antoinette DeGennaro;
Richard, Evelyn, and Stephanie Peterson—by Douglas
and Grace Wellbrock

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

LARGE WREATH outside, over main door of church

In Memory of Frank and Josephine Giattino and Adam
and Josephine Soja—by Josephine and Richard Giattino

LARGE WREATHS outside, over side doors of church

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Rosa and family (Foodtown
Supermarket Corp., Forest Hills)
Gift of the OLQM Charismatic Prayer Group

WREATH on the choir loft

In memory of Yan and Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng

WREATH on the pulpit

In Memory of the deceased of the Wright, McGrath, and
McCarthy families—by Veronica McCarthy

GARLANDS over the sanctuary and choir loft

In Memory of the deceased of the Wright, McGrath, and
McCarthy families—by Veronica McCarthy

TWO LARGE TREES in sanctuary

In Memory of Frank Branciforte and Alma Nieves—by
Dee Branciforte (Dainora)

BIRCH TREES in front of the church

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

CHRISTMAS TREES outside, around manger scene

In Memory of Peter and Philomena O'Brien—by Marie
O'Brien Davis

In Memory of Joan Mehlmann—by daughter Marcella
Mehlmann

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

In Memory of Ena Chuck—by daughter Noila Johnson

CHRISTMAS TREES indoor, around manger scene

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

In Memory of Margaret and Thomas McBride—by Maura
McBride

WREATH on the rectory front door

In Memory of Wayne Baxter—by the Baxter family (Fox
Funeral Home)

WREATHS outside, around the rectory

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

In Memory of Agrippa Gould—by John Gould

In Memory of Marie D. and Andrew F. Cassidy—by
Carole M. Cassidy

In Memory of the Rooney and Thompson families—by
Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson

Gift of Bidyahwatee Goolcharrar

In Memory of Ildefonso Castillo, Jr.—by Wendy Castillo

In Memory of living and deceased family members and
friends of the Johnson family

In Memory of Reginald, Michael, Ricardo, Milagros,
Felimon, Lorna Lopez—by Lettie Lopez-Betito (two wreaths)

In Memory of the deceased members of the Couples for
Christ—by the current members

In Memory of Jacques and Raphaelle Telhomme—by
Emmanuel Telhomme

POINSETTIA PLANTS

In Memory of Anastasia Zervas—by Celeste Zervas

In Memory of the deceased of the OLQM rectory
staff—by the priests

In Memory of Anna Squillante—by Alberta Squillante

In Memory of Louis and Mary Petrocelli—by Mary
Petrocelli

In Memory of Domenico and Jennie Laudani—by Mary
Petrocelli

In Memory of Ann and Carmine Primiano—by Mary
Petrocelli

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Christmas Memorials *cont'd from p. 4*

POINSETTIA PLANTS

In Memory of Joseph and Frances Mobilia—*by Mary Petrocelli*

In Memory of Patrick Mongelli—*by Mary Petrocelli*

In Memory of Don Sterling—*by Michael Sterling*

In Memory of Rose Ward and Jack McDonough

In Memory of Anton and Marija Feretic and Anthony Feretic

In Memory of Mary Newman—*by a friend*

In Memory of Blanche Appelli

VENDOR-BUSINESS CHRISTMAS TREE at St. Joseph's Altar

Angel Top

Fox Funeral Home, Inc., Forest Hills, N.Y.

D'Ambrosio Art Studio, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

J. C. National AC Corp., Flushing, N.Y.

Terra Firma Restorations, Inc., East Meadow, N.Y.

Tree Ornament

Fazio Construction Group, Maspeth, N.Y.

Ranshaw Plumbing and Heating Co., Whitestone, N.Y.

PC Concrete Corp., Maspeth, N.Y.

Light Bulb

Forest Park Chapel, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Celano Electric, Whitestone, N.Y.

Paladino Printing, Bayside, N.Y.

Lunar IT Consulting, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Monte Bros. Sound Systems, Westchester, N.Y.

Father and Son Florist, Commack, N.Y.

Mike's Floor Covering, Brooklyn, N.Y.

EquestrianHousePA.com, Pleasant Mount, Pa.

Empire Stairs & Railing, LLC, Richmond Hill, N.Y.



Dear Parishioners, Merry Christmas!

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

The birth of Jesus gave our fallen and sinful world the hope of redemption. Christ 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 the table in each home. Let our concern for the poor be in appreciation of the many gifts we have received, and may the glow of the Nativity Star radiate in our hearts long after our celebration is over!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, Pastor
Fr. Passenant, Fr. Antonin, Fr. Cunningham,
Deacon Greg
And the OLQM Parish Staff

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www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

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www.olqmca.org

Weekly Collections

| | Dec. 11 |
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| Candle Offerings | 1,302.00 |
| 1st Collection | 6,713.00 |
| 2nd Collection <i>(fuel)</i> | 1,617.00 |
| Christmas Music & Liturgy | 1,120.00 |
| In-Church Subtotal | 10,752.00 |
| Online Parish Giving | 6,997.48 |
| Mail In | 1,530.00 |
| Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8 <i>(1st collection)</i> | 2,755.00 |
| Immaculate Conception <i>(2nd collection, major repairs)</i> | 1,025.00 |
| TOTAL | 23,059.48 |
| Weekly Income Needed* | 23,150.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (90.52) |

*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

Annual
Christmas Day
Collection for Catholic
Charities

Pope Francis said: "Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them; they are the hands that bring hope." Each year on Christmas Day, we ask that you extend a hand to your neighbors by making a generous gift to Catholic Charities to assist them in their work. You can make all the difference in the world.

Please use the special envelope to give to the Catholic Charities Christmas Day Collection. May the Lord bless your generosity with the peace and joy of Christmas.

PLEASE FULFILL YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC
APPEAL PLEDGES BY DECEMBER 31.
THANK YOU.



GIVING TREE
THANK YOU

Catholic Charities thanks you for your generosity and kindness as they deliver all the Christmas gifts you brought to the Giving Tree. It is a wonderful tradition and so appreciated by the young people in our diocese who receive the gifts.

THANK YOU, BULLETIN AD SPONSORS!

We are grateful for your continued support of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish. And readers, please frequent the businesses whose ads appear weekly on the last page of the bulletin. Their support allows our church bulletin to be free to our parish. Let them know you saw their ad here.

LIVESTREAM @OLQM Each week Sunday Mass at 11:15 a.m. is livestreamed for the benefit of the homebound and the sick who are unable to be in church in person. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.



Faith Sharing on
Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic is St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The group is engaged in a *year-long study* on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join in the study on Zoom, contact Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults



If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, please contact olqmrchia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

Bereavement Support Is Available

Holidays can be difficult if you have recently experienced the death of a loved one. The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (on the third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet next on **January 23**. All meetings start at **7 p.m.** An RSVP is required. If you wish to attend, please email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.