

December 26, 2021 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
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

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays after the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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-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 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Note: There is no 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, December 26

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 27

Saint John

8 a.m. Stuart Haver

12:05 p.m. Anthony Capasso

Tuesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8 a.m. Julie Lee [living]

12:05 p.m. Patrick Farrell

Wednesday, December 29

Saint Thomas Becket

8 a.m. Susan B. del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Patrick Farrell

Thursday, December 30

8 a.m. David Humberto Aquino Benitez

12:05 p.m. Kathleen Farrell

Friday, December 31

Saint Sylvester I

8 a.m. Serafin C. Fule

12:05 p.m. Nick Cordero

Saturday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

(Holy Day but no obligation this year)

World Day of Prayer for Peace

10 a.m. Intentions of Christmas Memorials

12:05 p.m. Intentions of Christmas Flower Fund

5 p.m. Giovanni Tondi

Main Events of the Week

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN

Sunday, December 26

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, December 27



Christmas Week Schedule



There are no evening office hours this week. Rectory office closes at 5 p.m.

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, December 28

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

No Choir Rehearsal *(rehearsals resume January 11)*

Wednesday, December 29

Religious Education Christmas Break *(classes resume January 5)*

Thursday, December 30

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(evening Benediction returns March 3 at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 31

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

Saturday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

2 p.m., church: WEDDING

Stephanie Iannello/Michael Lavin

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of

William Sonntag

—requested by Michelle and Eric Sonntag

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Vivian Camporeale, Marc Calef, Susan Campbell, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Daulo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Clare Fabre, Paul Fabre, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Sheila Smith-Gonzalez, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, Ginger Inabinet, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Wing Wan Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvyanne Mullholand, Matilde Munoz, Christine Newsom, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Mary Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Robert Sorsaia, Sharon Speer, Remington Stafford, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Daniella Tavaréz, Sen Trinh, Jorge Vasilescu, Wai-Suet Wong, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Manwing Au-Yeung
Rev. Dario Betancourt
Shaina Brennan Clemente



Ildefonso Castillo
John Gutierrez
Scott Harrison

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 from Catholic Social Teaching

Freedom Exists for the Sake of Love

*The greater the feeling of responsibility for the person
the more true love there is. (Pope St. John Paul II)*

REFLECT: “Love consists of a commitment which limits one’s freedom—it is a giving of the self, and to give oneself means just that: to limit one’s freedom on behalf of another. Limitations of one’s freedom might seem to be something negative and unpleasant, but love makes it a positive, joyful and creative thing.

“Freedom exists for the sake of love. If freedom is not used, is not taken advantage by love, it becomes a negative thing and gives human beings a feeling of emptiness and unfulfillment. Love commits freedom and imbues it with that to which the will is naturally attracted—goodness. The will aspires to the good, and freedom belongs to the will, hence freedom exists for the sake of love, because it is by way of love that human beings share most fully in the good. That is what gives freedom its real entitlement to one of the highest places in the moral order, in the hierarchy of man’s wholesome longings and desires.

“Man longs for love more than for freedom—freedom is the means and love the end. He longs however for true love, for only if it is based on truth is a genuine commitment of freedom possible.... The will loves only when a human being consciously commits his or her freedom in respect of another human being, seen as a person whose value is fully recognized and affirmed. This commitment does not consist primarily of desire for the human being.... Willed love expresses itself above all in the desire of what is good for the beloved person.... This is, so to speak, the divine aspect of love. In point of fact, to desire unlimited good for another person is really to desire God for the person.” (Pope St. John Paul II, *Love and Responsibility*)

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II’s *Love and Responsibility* with someone you love.

Editor’s Note: This book was written by the future pope when he was Msgr. Wojtyla. See Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II), *Love and Responsibility*, trans. H. T. Willetts (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1981). Originally published in Polish in 1960.

To learn more about legislative issues that impact 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

Order of Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #101—“The Snow Lay on the Ground”

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

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (*M. Praetorius*)—*Choir*

Missal #108—“The First Nowell”

COMMUNION

“The Shepherds’ Farewell” (*H. Berlioz*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #83—“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #104—“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

(Sung to French tune “Angels We Have Heard on High”)

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for snow removal. For the Solemnity of Mary (January 1), there will be a second collection for major repairs.

» Sunday, January 2, the second collection is for parish youth programs. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.

» Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our 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.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses on Saturday,
January 1, 2022 at
10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.



2021 Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees & Flowers

The 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be celebrated for those remembered in the Christmas Memorials and the Christmas Flowers Fund. This list reflects memorials received as of 12/15/21. Thank you all for your generous gifts!

— *Father Passenant*

LARGE WREATH in the Sanctuary

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

LARGE WREATH in the Sanctuary

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

LARGE WREATH outside over Main Door of Church

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. David Rosa & family (Foodtown Supermarket Corp., Forest Hills)

LARGE WREATHS outside over Side Doors of Church

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

In Memory of Raphael F. Longobardi—by JoAnn M. Longobardi

In Memory of the Bellone family—by JoAnn M. Longobardi

In Memory of M. A. Rivera Valdiria & Osvaldo Torres—by Melissa Rivera

WREATH on the Choir Loft

In Memory of Yan & Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng

WREATH on the Pulpit

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

GARLANDS over the Sanctuary and Choir Loft

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

BIRCH TREES in front of Church

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jean Charles Milord—by Dr. Fabiola Milord, DDS

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CHRISTMAS TREES outside around Manger Scene

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

In Memory of Peter & Philomena O'Brien—by Marie O'Brien

In Memory of Ms. Jeanne Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord, DDS

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

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

WREATH on the Rectory Front Door

Gift of Fox Funeral Home—by the Baxter family

WREATHS outside around the Rectory

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

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

In Memory of Marie D., Andrew F. & Andrew R. Cassidy—by Carole M. Cassidy

In Memory of Our Beloved Lost in 2021—by Myrna Kelly & Felix Oquendo

In Memory of Carmen Rodriguez—by Melissa Rodriguez

In Memory of Dominick Nikolich—by Joan Nikolich

In Memory of the Grosso & Henry Families—by Michael & Jo-Ann Henry

In Memory of Lizbeth & Herbert Gargurevich, Maria Jimenez, Gustavo Forero—by Betty Gargurevich

Gift of Ester Riveros

Cont'd on p. 5

Christmas Memorials *cont'd from p. 4*

POINSETTIA PLANTS

- In Memory of Louis & Mary Petrocelli—by Mary Petrocelli
 In Memory of Domenico & Jennie Laudani—by Mary Petrocelli
 In Memory of Ann & Carmine Primiano—by Mary Petrocelli
 In Memory of Joseph & Frances Mobilia—by Mary Petrocelli
 In Memory of Patrick Mongelli—by Mary Petrocelli
 In Memory of Dolores, Irving & Mary Kotin; Lillian Neumann—by Belinda Kotin
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 In Memory of Richard A. Mohr—by Lillie M. Johnson—Mohr
 In Memory of Anna Squillante—by Alberta Squillante
 In Memory of Our Little Saints—by Virginia & Joseph Terry
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 In Memory of Anton & Marija Feretic; Anthony Feretic—by Lucille Feretic
 In Memory of Mary Neuman—by a friend
 In Memory of Blanche Aepli

New Year's Blessings

Please accept our sincere thanks for the wonderful Christmas cards and personal messages and gifts that we received from YOU, the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, and for the support and prayers offered to our parish by so many others.

Be assured of our continued prayers and our wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to all. May God bless you!

**Bishop Sanchez, Fr. Passenant, Fr. Antonin,
 Msgr. Cunningham, and Deacon Greg Kandra**

Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming

Our parish welcomed members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on December 12. These individuals have been studying our faith since the fall. There are five inquirers, now called catechumens, who have been called to the Catholic religion and are preparing to be fully initiated into our faith by Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They are Shereen Beydoun, Marqus McIntosh, Allajah Schraufnagel, Maya Snaith, and Karen Stanion. Three candidates, who are already baptized, are preparing to be received into the full communion of the Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, also at the Easter Vigil; they are Jennifer Marin, Edwin Peterson, and Julianne Torreno. After knocking on the door of the church, asking for admittance to continue their preparations for their faith journey, they were warmly greeted and received by Bishop Sanchez and the entire congregation. This completes the first of three formal Rites of RCIA.

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

Weekly Collections

	Dec 12
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,055.00
1st Collection	6,483.00
2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>)	2,515.00
Immaculate Conception: HDO (<i>Dec. 8</i>)	1,965.00
2nd Collection on HDO (<i>major repairs</i>)	713.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>12,731.00</u>
Mail In	1,893.00
Parish Giving Online	5,499.17
<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>20,123.17</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,126.83)
CHRISTMAS GIFT TO CHURCH	21,633.00

* 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 to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. Additional information on leaving a legacy gift is available at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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2021 Year in Review in Pictures



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



Pictured—Many people returned to church in 2021, even with pandemic precautions in place. (1) Our Christmas concert returned in a lessons and carols format, under the direction of Maestro David Close, with a sing-along in the second half. (2) There was an outpouring of love for Bishop Sanchez at his Golden Jubilee Mass, to celebrate his priestly ordination anniversary. (3 & 4) We were blessed to have Bishop DiMarzio bless the Marian emblem installed in our church plaza and celebrate Mass with us before his retirement as Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens. (5) Parish representatives with new Bishop of Brooklyn/Queens Robert Brennan after his installation Mass. (6) Newly ordained Fr. Chin Nguyen was our guest for the St. John Vianney novena and met the parishioners who prayed for him. (7 & 8) Scenes from the Easter Vigil and Ash Wednesday. Photo contributors: Adriana Lopetrone Photography (1); Barbara Ann Balzaretti Flannery (2); Denise DeMaria (3); Deacon Greg's Facebook page (4&7); Roger Aguinaldo (5); CNS photos/Gregory A. Shemitz (8). For more pictures, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.