

# 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 (until further notice):**

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**

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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 26

**Saint Stephen**

8 a.m. Marie England

12:05 p.m. Norine Garofalo

5 p.m. Stephen Brazauskas

Sunday, December 27

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 28

**The Holy Innocents**

8 a.m. Ramon Bagasan

12:05 p.m. Maria Macias

Tuesday, December 29

**Saint Thomas Becket**

8 a.m. Theresa Nucifaro

12:05 p.m. Michael Barone

Wednesday, December 30

8 a.m. Serafin Fule

12:05 p.m. Venus and Kelvin Chucheong

Thursday, December 31

**Saint Sylvester I**

8 a.m. Daniel Brogno

12:05 p.m. Marie England

*New Year's Eve*

5 p.m. Ogan Gates [living]

**Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary**

New Year's Day ~ Friday, January 1

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

10 a.m. Mass is for the intentions of those remembered in the Christmas Memorials and the Christmas Flowers Fund

Saturday, January 2

**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

8 a.m. Luz Moran

12:05 p.m. Lolita Torres

5 p.m. Elzbieta Woronowicz and Stanley Wojas

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 27

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

(See p. 6 for news of an additional bible study program starting January 11)

Tuesday, December 29

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Wednesday, December 30

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

**Religious Education Christmas Recess**

Thursday, December 31 ~ Friday, January 1

*Happy New Year!*

### SUNDAY MASS LIVE STREAM

A livestream of the 9 a.m. Mass will be available every Sunday from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. If you remain homebound, you can join in prayer and spiritual communion by visiting our home page at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org) or our [@OLQMChurch Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch). If you cannot join us at the 9 a.m. hour for live Mass, the Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

### Until Further Notice

**Weekday Masses:** Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

## Remember Our Deceased

Eucebia Flores

John Gutierrez



George Kebalo

Brenda Thorpe Meyer

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Sandy Imperante, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dennis Rosato, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

## 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 Moise, 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!** 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching

### The Catechism on the Family as the Domestic Church

*May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace that the newborn Christ has given as a gift to humanity.—John Paul II*

**REFLECT:** “Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than ‘the family of God.’ From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers together with all their household.... These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.

“In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason, the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are by word and example the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children.... It is here that ... all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity. Thus, the home is the first school of Christian life.... Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous—even repeated—forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life.

“We must also remember the great number of single persons who ... deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church.... No one is without a family in this world: the Church is a home and family for everyone.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

**ACT:** For couples, make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to strengthen communication in your good marriage. Learn more at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/marriage-encounter](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/marriage-encounter). For singles (never married, separated/divorced, or widowed), the parish Single Adults Group has opportunities to interact on other adults on social, spiritual, service, and educational levels. Visit them at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/single-adults-group](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/single-adults-group).

**LEARN:** Read Pope John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, on the role of the Christian family in the modern world (<https://bit.ly/35yKzGW>). [ForYourMarriage.org](http://ForYourMarriage.org) is a website from the USCCB with tips on dating and marriage.

To learn more about the 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 New York State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## Order of Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #108—“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

FIRST READING—2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING—Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL—Luke 1:26-38

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #109—“The First Nowell”

COMMUNION

Missal #78—“Silent Night”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #92—“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Communion is distributed during exit*

### Watch Sunday Mass Online

Livestream of the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass  
at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph  
at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for snow removal. This is also an envelope for the Solemnity of Mary (January 1).
- » January 3 the second collection will be 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](http://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

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass

December 31 at 5 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

January 1 at

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

# 2020 Christmas Wreath, Tree, and Plant Memorials

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. The list below reflects memorials received as of 12/15/20. Thank you all for your generous gifts! —Father Passenant

## ***ONE LARGE WREATH in the Sanctuary***

Gift by the members of the Couples for Christ Community

## ***ONE LARGE WREATH in the Sanctuary***

In Memory of Antoinette DeGennaro, Richard, Evelyn & Stephanie Peterson—by Wellbrock family

## ***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 Raphael F. Longobardi—by JoAnn M. Longobardi

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

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

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

In Memory of Yan & Lui Eng—by Eddy Eng

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

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

## ***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 Mr. & Mrs. Jean Charles Milord—by Dr. Fabiola Milord

In Memory of Ms. Jane Paul—by Dr. Fabiola Milord

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

In Memory of the deceased of the Della Marco & Hurley families—by Iris & Rosemary Della Marco

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## ***POINSETTIA PLANTS***

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 Mary Neuman—by a Friend

In Memory of Donna & Robert A. Cospito—by Anonymous

In Memory of Antoinette Tobia—by Alberta Squillante

In Memory of Susan & Brian Rooney—by Patricia & John Thompson

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

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In Memory of Rose Ward McDonough—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory of Jack McDonough—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory of Joseph Ward—by Betty Anne McDonough

In Memory of Anna & Nick Caccavala—by Antonella Spaventa

In Memory of Anna & Rocco Mingione—by Antonella Spaventa

In Memory of Maria & Silvio Spaventa—by Antonella Spaventa

## Winter Calendar at OLQM

### Padre Pio Novena

Saturday, January 16 to Sunday, January 24

### Pro-Life Masses

Friday, January 22 (Roe v. Wade anniversary), 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

### Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, February 17

### St. Joseph Novena (during the Year of St. Joseph)

Thursday, March 11 to Friday, March 19

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

## A Sincere Thank You

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the Christmas cards, messages, and gifts you sent to us personally, and for the support and prayers offered to our parish by so many others.

We also wish to thank the Single Adults Group for their involvement in the 2020 Giving Tree project and our parishioners for their generous contributions of Christmas gifts for children.

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

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

## Pope Francis Declares 2021 the Year of St. Joseph

St. Joseph was a working man. Despite his humble work and means as a carpenter, he was descended from the royal house of David. We know this because according to the Old Testament, the prophets foretold that Jesus will be born of the House of David and He will be the last King of Israel.

Joseph was a good and caring man. When the angel told him that Mary conceived a child by the Holy Spirit, Joseph did everything God asked of him to protect and love his family.

Historians believe that Joseph died before Jesus started his ministry because Joseph is not mentioned in the bible during the time of Jesus' ministry and death.

By dedicating 2021 to St. Joseph, Pope Francis is honoring the saint who is the patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray together this simple prayer to St. Joseph, who is also the patron saint of families.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

## Weekly Collections

	December 13
Candle Offerings	523.00
1st Collection	4,998.10
Christmas Gift to the Church	7,878.00
2nd Collection (Major Repairs)	367.00
Immaculate Conception (Dec 8)	1,509.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (582 attending)</u>	<u>15,275.10</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,077.13
Catch-up Envelope	3,195.00
Parish Giving Online	5,708.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>26,255.74</u></b>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,005.74

\*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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.  
Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

## The Twelve Days of Christmas

Most of us know the music and lyrics of the well-known Christmas carol. The twelve days refer to the days from the celebration of Christ's birth (December 25) to Twelfth Night (January 5), which is the eve of the visit of the Three Wise Men (January 6). During these twelve days, the Catholic Church observes several important feast days honoring different saints.

*Day 2 (December 26):* St. Stephen's Day. The first Christian martyr was known for his service to the poor. It is customary to distribute gifts to the poor on the Feast of Stephen.

*Day 3 (December 27):* Feast of St. John the Apostle, who wrote the Fourth Gospel. With December 27 falling on the Sunday after Christmas this year, the day is observed for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

*Day 4 (December 28):* Feast of the Holy Innocents remembers the male infants killed when King Herod was looking for Jesus.

*Day 5 (December 29):* St. Thomas Becket, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, who was killed for challenging King Henry II's authority over the church.

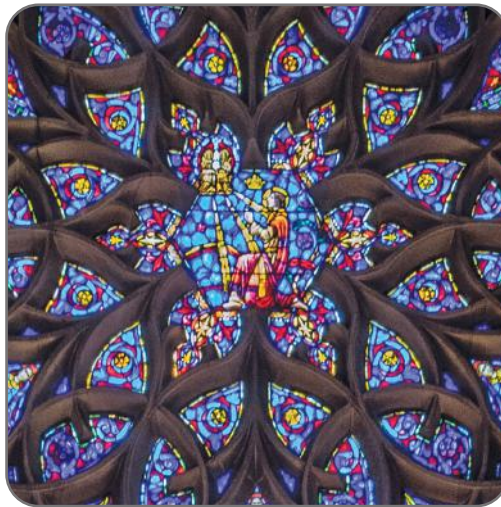
*Day 7 (December 31):* New Year's Eve honors St. Sylvester I, the pope believed to have converted the Roman emperor Constantine to Christianity.

*Day 8 (January 1):* This feast day that celebrates Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

*Day 9 (January 2):* St. Gregory and St. Basil were two important church leaders during the fourth century.

*Day 12 (January 5):* The eve of the Epiphany, which falls on January 6. The observance of Epiphany may be on the Sunday before (January 3 this year). The season of Christmas ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism (the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday).

—Adapted from U.S. Catholic magazine



*In our church, the rose window facing north depicts St. Stephen (feast day December 26) seeing a vision of heaven.*

### Student Honors

Congratulations to these students from our parish for their academic achievements at **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY**.

Principal's List: **Angelina Bhojwani, Kaitlyn Chesleigh, Cybella Kosinov, Maribel Martinez, Chloe Riche**  
First Honors: **Annabelle Ali, Chloe Romero, Jade Rubbo**  
Second Honors: **Angelina Perez**

### RCIA

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at [olqmrkia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrkia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

### Faith Sharing on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?  
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study meets from 10–11AM.**  
The group is currently discussing St. John's Gospel.  
Contact Noila Johnson: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

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**Through the Word meets Mondays from 7–8PM beginning January 11.** This Catholic bible study draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you.  
Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com).