

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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DAILY MASSES
Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. & 5 p.m. (Vigil)

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday–Saturday after 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass



JOIN THE PARISH
Scan for parish registration information and form

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

SUNDAY MASSES
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRINCIPAL
Anne Zuschlag

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
January 1, 2025
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Vigil Mass (12/31/24) at 5 p.m.
10 a.m. and 12:05 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 12 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

5 p.m. Rose Lea Kilayko

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 30

8:05 a.m. Frank P. Esposito

12:05 p.m. Kathleen Farrell

Tuesday, December 31

Saint Sylvester

8:05 a.m. Daniel L. Brogno

12:05 p.m. Alvaro Fuentes

Holy Day Vigil Mass

5 p.m. Christopher Papa

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10 a.m. Intentions of the Christmas Memorials and Christmas Business Tree Donors

12:05 p.m. Christmas Flower Fund Donors

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:05 a.m. OLMQ Parish

12:05 p.m. Patrick James Flannery

Friday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

8:05 a.m. Rosemary Kelly

12:05 p.m. Mary and Manuel Lima

Saturday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Toribio Aviles

5 p.m. Robert Sorsaia

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 29

10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, December 30

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 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

No Choir Rehearsal

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

Wednesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

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

Rectory closed

Religious Education - Christmas Break

(Wednesday classes resume Jan. 8)

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

Thursday, January 2

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6)

Friday, January 3

6-8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization (MAYO) Meeting

Saturday, January 4

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

**2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH ON
JANUARY 1ST**

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, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Ernny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Peter Colic
Salvatore J. Della Croce
Ulana George
Anthony J. Sarro



Elsa Seda
Maria Luz Serpas
Joseph Thomas

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 timeless pieces from the View from the Pew archives.—Father Passenant

A View from the Pew: Wholly Family

by Deacon Greg Kandra

About now, the toys are wearing out. The trash cans are stuffed with wrapping paper. The sweaters don't fit. Everything has started to taste like eggnog. Is everybody still feeling jolly?

Experts agree: Christmas is the most stressful time of the year with the shopping and endless lists of things to do. However, it is a time of merriment and joy, and you will be merry and joyful, even if it kills you. You will do it surrounded by family and all that entails: expectations, disappointments, conflicts, heartburn, tension headaches, guilt, crowded airports, and long lines at the returns counters. This can be a season of family togetherness—and a time when people yearn for family apartness.

But into this whirlwind, when we have had just about enough, there comes the Holy Family. This Sunday, the first one after Christmas, the Church pauses to honor one family that got it right.

The details are sketchy. We know the Child was born in poverty to a young woman who was not married when she became pregnant. We know the family fled soon after the baby was born, fearing for His life. The father was a carpenter. They were devout Jews, who kept the customs of their day. We do not know much more than that. Their day-to-day lives are a mystery.

But out of that mystery, from that small family, grew a love that history cannot contain and that no mere holiday can really do justice to. Whatever that mother taught her Son, whatever that father showed Him, it had a profound effect on us all. It helped to reshape the world. So we honor them, for what they gave Him—and us. What they gave transcends this season. It is grace wrapped in wisdom and love—a gift as wide as the desert, as far-reaching as the stars. It moves us and humbles us. It reminds us of what family can be—a sanctuary of hope, the Church in miniature.

It's quite a gift.

Order of Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #89—"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

MASS PARTS:

Mass of St. Peter and 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

*"Nunc Dimittis" (H. Friedell)—Choir
Missal #115—"First Nowell"*

COMMUNION

*"The Shepherds' Farewell" (H. Berlioz)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #94—"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #114—"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for snow removal.
- » January 5, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.
- » 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.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Father Passenant, Bishop Sanchez, Father Antonin, and the staff of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs extend to all parishioners and their loved ones sincere wishes for a Happy New Year!

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—a holy day of obligation.

Join us for the Vigil Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. or on New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1), when Masses are at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

For your generous gifts of flowers, trees and wreaths that decorate our church this Christmas, the 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be offered for the intentions of the Christmas memorials and Christmas business tree sponsors, and the 12:05 p.m. Mass for the intentions of the Christmas flower fund donors.



The Year in Review in Pictures



The Three Kings tradition always welcomes the year



Team OLMQ with Cardinal Dolan at the gala for St. Joseph's Seminary and College



A new tradition: blessing of Easter baskets



Holy Week and Easter



First Holy Communion

—Weekly Collections—

Thank you for your generous giving!

	Dec 15
Candle Offerings	\$1,631.00
1st Collection	8,189.00
2nd Collection (Christmas gift to parish)	12,253.00
Immaculate Conception (12/9)	3,090.00
2nd Collection 12/9 (Tablet's Bright Christmas Fund)**	1,485.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>26,648.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,274.53
Mail In	5,877.00
TOTAL	\$36,799.53
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,299.53

* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does 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.

**Special collection that benefits the designated cause; does not accrue to the parish. Fr. Passenant matched the amount collected in church and sent a total of \$3,001 to this cause.

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 directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

We thank you all for your many gifts, cards, and good wishes for Christmas. You made our Christmas very merry. God bless!

—Father Passenant and the priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM
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The Year in Review in Pictures



Altar server appreciation day



St. John Vianney Novena observed with newly ordained and visiting Father Toby, here with his prayer sponsors

These photos capture a few moments that made 2024 so memorable. As we turn the page to a new year, we are grateful for all we've shared together as a parish community.

Also noteworthy in 2024 (but not pictured), we made significant progress in caring for our parish grounds, replacing the sidewalks on Queens Blvd alongside the church and rectory and repaving the church parking lot and installing new fencing.

Thank you for being part of our parish family and for all the ways that you contribute to making Our Lady Queen of Martyrs so special.

God bless you.



Socializing at the annual summer potluck luncheon



A beloved event each fall: the blessing of animals



Through the generosity of so many of you, we had successful food, clothing & toy drives, supporting Catholic Charities and reaching those in need



BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!



We experienced a deep loss in 2024 with the passing of our dear friend Robert Sorsaia, but his memory continues to inspire us to live with faith and kindness.



(Above) Seminarian Louis Chabot spending his pastoral year at OLMQ, here assisting Fr. Passenant in a saints chapel blessing

*(Below) Another marvelous Christmas concert!
Photo: Adriana Lopetrone*

The TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Aren't you happy that Christmas is 12 days, not just one? Christmas began on Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and continues through the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6). A popular Catholic interpretation of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" carol explains that each gift on each day represents a specific tenet of the faith.

The first gift, *a partridge in a pear tree* given by one's true love, represents Jesus—and the love He has for us by being willing to give His life for us.

Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens are the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

Four calling birds is a reference to the four Gospels.

Five gold rings are the first five books of the Old Testament (the "Pentateuch").

Six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eight maids a-milking symbolize the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Ten lords a-leaping refer to the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus.

Twelve drummers drumming refers to the twelve points of the Apostle's Creed that summarize the core beliefs of Christianity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

OCIA: 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 olqmrcia@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.

Monday Evening Bible Study Wraps Up

Through the Word Bible Study program on Zoom will take an indefinite break following the **final session on Jan. 6**. Although the live Zoom sessions will pause, the collection of Through the Word recordings 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 these meaningful Monday evening gatherings the past few years.

YEAR-END GIVING

Please fulfill any outstanding Annual Catholic Appeal pledges by December 31.

If you were blessed with a year-end bonus or are able to make an additional contribution, we kindly ask you to support our parish. Gifts made by December 31 are eligible for tax deductions, maximizing the impact of your generosity. You may use the envelope labeled "Christmas Gift to My Church" or the Parish Giving option on our website.



A Resolution to Renew Your Marriage

Facing marital challenges? The Retrouvaille program for married couples can help. Their next weekend is Jan. 24–26 at Immaculate Heart Seminary in Huntington. Take the first step—visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) to register or call 800-470-2230 for more information.

Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement group is a welcoming and comforting community of individuals who help one another deal with grief. They meet once a month, usually the third or fourth Monday. They meet next on **Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. For questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Faith Sharing at OLOM

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. Last study on Advent and Christmastide concludes Jan 6. For 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).