

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**

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Lorna Stark

SUNDAY MASSES

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

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at least
six months in advance, **prior** to the
proposed wedding date



JOIN THE PARISH

Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 30

8:05 a.m. Lourdes Madarang

12:05 p.m. Serafin Fule

5 p.m. Connie Calero

Sunday, December 31

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

No Vigil Mass

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day with No Obligation

10 a.m. Electra Gioldasis

12:05 p.m. Christmas Memorial Trees, Wreaths, Poinsettias
Christmas Flower Fund

Tuesday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:05 a.m. Elenita Rico

12:05 p.m. Ana Lopez [living]

Wednesday, January 3

Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:05 a.m. Luis Edrosolan

12:05 p.m. Al Maher

Thursday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:05 a.m. Jorge Manuel Santiago

12:05 p.m. Claire Adams

Friday, January 5

Saint John Neumann

8:05 a.m. Renelyn Joy Carino

12:05 p.m. Enrique Martinez

Saturday, January 6

Saint André Bessette

8:05 a.m. Thomas MacBride

12:05 p.m. Maria Dolores Martinez

5 p.m. Antonia Pollini

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarías, Grace Banks, Robert Battista, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Taylor Calder, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Stephen Gavosto, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Marites Macapagal, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Jovanka Radeka, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Rose Tibayan, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Deacon Elias Yepes, Sandra Zalbe—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, 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 31

Sunday Morning Bible Study

(Study resumes January 7 at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room)

Monday, January 1

HELLO 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Monday Evening Bible Study

(Study resumes January 8 at 7 p.m. on Zoom)

Tuesday, January 2

Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

No Choir Rehearsal

(Choir rehearsals resume Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 3

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

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

Thursday, January 4

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction returns February 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, January 6

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Epiphany Sunday, January 7

Three Kings Day Pageant at 11:15 a.m. Mass

2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH

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

—the Priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Msgr. John F. Casey

Rae T. DeFalco

Eucebia Flores



Giles Houghton

Lillian MacColl

Deacon James Ramos

**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 Teaching

The Holy Family and the Life of Prayer

"Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children." (Deuteronomy 6: 6-7)

REFLECT: Pope Benedict XVI invites us to reflect on the way that prayer was part of the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth, following the model of Mary and Joseph. "Mary was a peerless model of contemplation of Christ. The face of the Son belonged to her in a special way because he had been knit together in her womb and had taken a human likeness from her. No one has contemplated Jesus as diligently as Mary... Memories of Jesus, imprinted on her mind and on her heart, marked every instant of Mary's existence. She lived with her eyes fixed on Christ, cherished his every word ... keeping these things, pondering on them in her heart...."

"[Together with Mary, Joseph] must certainly have taught Jesus to pray... In particular Joseph himself must have taken Jesus to the Synagogue for the rites of the Sabbath, as well as to Jerusalem for the great feasts of the people of Israel. Joseph, in accordance with the Jewish tradition, would have led the prayers at home... In the rhythm of the days he spent at Nazareth, in the simple home and in Joseph's workshop, Jesus learned to alternate prayer and work, as well as to offer God his labor in earning the bread the family needed.... Joseph truly gave the whole of himself to Mary and to Jesus and this led him to perfect his response to the vocation he had received...."

"It is in the family that children, from the tenderest age, can learn to perceive the meaning of God [from living] in an atmosphere marked by God's presence. [I invite you] to pray together as a family at the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth and thereby really to become of one heart and soul, a true family." (December 28, 2011)

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI's entire text at <https://tinyurl.com/yj99243t>. Read Pope St John Paul II's apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, on the role of the Christian family in the modern world, at <https://tinyurl.com/3b9xhpr7>.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: 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

FREE MOVIE SCREENING: "SOUND OF FREEDOM": Thursday, January 11 after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and Sunday, January 14 after the 1 p.m. Mass. This presentation is being arranged by the parish Catholic Teaching committee during Human Trafficking Prevention Month to raise awareness about human trafficking and efforts to combat it. The film is rated PG-13; not suitable for young children. The screening will be in the rectory basement meeting room (accessed through the glass door behind Mary's statue).

Order of Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #91—"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (*M. Praetorius*)—Choir

Missal #112—"The First Nowell"

COMMUNION

"Nunc Dimittis" (*H. Friedell*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #88—"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #111—"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.
- » On January 7, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » 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.



**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God
January 1**

**Mass times
10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.**

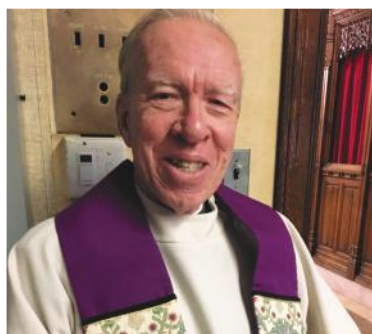
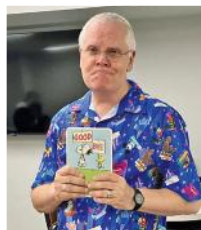
*Holy Day with
no obligation this year*

2023 Year in Pictures



For more photos, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year



In loving memory of Msgr. Cunningham who entered into eternal life on October 12, 2023



Memorable Moments from 2023—(pictured on facing page) Bishop Brennan graced us with his presence during the Diocesan Lenten pilgrimage. RCLA Lenten rites. Clergy with Knights & Dames of Malta before the Easter Vigil. First Communion with the second graders. A highlight of the year was the June installation of Fr. Passenant as pastor, with Bishop Sanchez now an active pastor emeritus. Confirmation day. A Corpus Christi procession in our deanery brought renewed fervor in the Eucharistic Revival year. St. John Vianney Novena and first blessing with Fr. Samuel Mwiwavi. (pictured above) A fond farewell to Deacon Greg Kandra who retired to Florida. Celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the single adults group, the longest-running parish group. We mourned the loss of Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham, whose death has left a palpable void. A parish mission with Fr. Bruno strengthened our path to being Christ-present in our local church. A festive Christmas concert with the Sacred Music Society led by Maestro David Close.

OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY RAISED \$6,613 ON GIVING TUESDAY 2023. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Parish 2023 Financial Report is on page 6

—Weekly Collections—

	Dec 17
Candle Offerings	\$1,667.00
1st Collection	7,238.17
2nd Collection (Christmas Gift to My Church)	11,776.23
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>20,681.40</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,023.52
Mail In	1,830.00
TOTAL	26,534.92
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,384.92

*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.

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.

Contact Us

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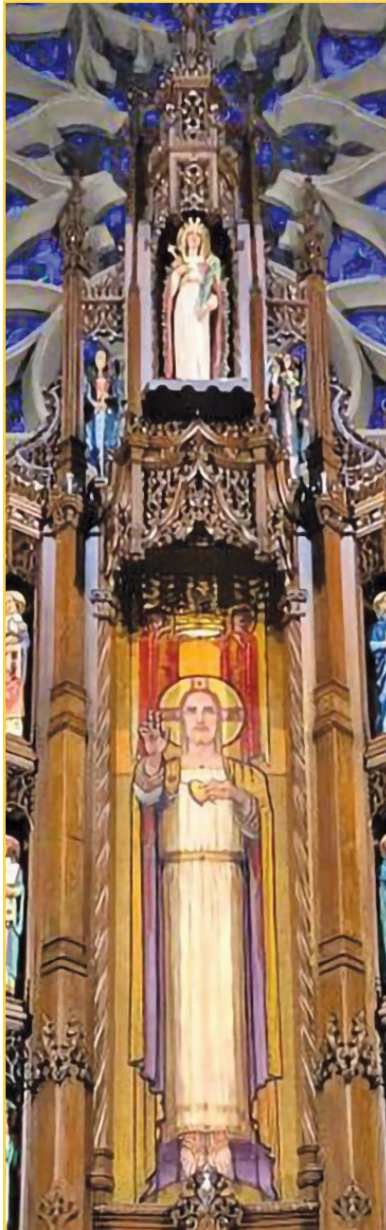
LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

OLQM CHURCH FINANCIALS FY 2022–2023

Statement of Operation: Profit & Loss

September 2022 through August 2023 (with comparison to previous financial year)



Detail of the painted panel of Christ on the main altar in our church. Above is the carved statuette of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. The altar reredos paintings and statuettes were refurbished in 2018. It was one of many renovation projects that were undertaken in the past five years. Major repairs are ongoing.

	Fiscal Years Ended	
	8/31/2023	8/31/2022
Ordinary Income		
Collections/Donation	1,052,296	1,069,700
Votive Shrines	78,667	65,990
Rental Income	204,873	196,000
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	82,286	75,444
Other Auxiliary Receipts	2,000	4,093
Poor Box	7,333	4,782
Fund Raising	46,927	57,387
Parish Programs	60,940	54,005
Diocese Grants	15,000	0
St Eliz Seton Revenue	1,400	2,296
Annual Catholic Appeal	42,002	38,867
Total Ordinary Income	1,593,724	1,568,564
Ordinary Expenses		
Salaries	589,328	586,741
Benefits	121,087	107,273
Office Expense	78,735	82,286
Parish Programs	13,781	12,381
Votive Candles/Altar Supplies	18,853	15,506
Utilities	68,996	48,741
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	49,448	41,215
Fund Raising Expenses	35,259	33,562
Donations	14,560	7,662
Insurance	118,146	105,317
Miscellaneous Expense	1,022	2,441
Diocesan Assessment	80,800	80,800
St Eliz Seton Expense	10,000	10,000
Total Ordinary Expenses	1,200,015	1,133,925
Net Ordinary Income	393,709	434,639
Extraordinary Activity		
Extraordinary Income:		
Bequests	1,500	4,118
Investment Gains (Losses)	291,967	(382,730)
Campaign Income GOF	0	8,503
Insurance Proceeds	0	4,075
Federal PPP Program	0	118,292
Employee Retention Credits	0	75,241
Extraordinary Expenses:		
Extraordinary Repairs & Equipment	(354,265)	(210,645)
Total Net Extraordinary Activity	(60,798)	(383,146)
TOTAL NET INCOME (A)	332,911	51,493

(A) Excludes deferred maintenance for the years ended 8/31/23 and 8/31/22 (\$63,100 and \$62,631, respectively).
A non-cash accrual for future extraordinary repairs implemented by the Diocese.

YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING. Thank you for fulfilling your 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal pledges. If you were blessed with a year-end bonus or are able to make an additional contribution to our parish, gifts to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church dated December 31, 2023, are eligible for tax deduction. God bless you for your generosity.