

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.

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.



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information and form

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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 3

Saint Francis Xavier

8 a.m. Peg and Ed McDonald

12:05 p.m. Martin Quimsom

5 p.m. Sharon and Marvin Spieler

Sunday, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

8 a.m. Leonard J. and Edna M. Cunningham

12:05 p.m. Susan, Anthony, and Luis Villani

Tuesday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

8 a.m. Joseph Dwyer

12:05 p.m. Carmine Primiano

Wednesday, December 7

Saint Ambrose

8 a.m. Robert Sonneman

12:05 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

Holy Day Vigil 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Sanchez

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Patronal Feast Day of the United States

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

Friday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Saturday, December 10

8 a.m. Elizabeth McAvennie

12:05 p.m. Deanna Condino [living]

5 p.m. Celia Uhrman

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 4

All Masses: **Christmas Giving Tree Weekend**

Leave unwrapped gifts at the tree at the St. Joseph altar

10 a.m. Zoom: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

2:30 p.m. church: **Baptisms**

Monday, December 5

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, December 6

🎄🎄🎄 **ST. NICHOLAS DAY** 🎄🎄🎄

11:30 a.m. church: **Confessions**

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, December 7

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, December 8

11:30 a.m. church: **Confessions**

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church Closes at 5 p.m. for Christmas Concert Preparation

Friday, December 9

6:30–9 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: **MAYO Meeting**

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, December 10

12:45 p.m. church: **Confessions**

Sunday, December 11

4 p.m. church: **A Christmas Festival** (see p. 5)



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, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Reszo Hrosz, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Gary Hoskie, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Annabelle Resitano, 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

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.**

The Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp are offered in loving memory of **Agrippina Gould**
—requested by John and Tara Gould

The Wine and Host, Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp for the week of November 27 were offered in loving memory of **Idefonso Castillo**
—requested by Wendy Castillo

Remember Our Deceased

Rose Annese
Frances Hatch

Mirleine Joseph
Joan Mehlmann
Christel Ovalle

Antoinette Perez
Patricia M. Sharkey

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.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Social Teaching

Rite of Welcome to the Catechuminate (celebrated at the 11:15 a.m. Mass)

And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold. (Mark 4:8)

REFLECT: “The Church has always considered catechesis one of her primary tasks, for, before Christ ascended to His Father after His resurrection, He gave the apostles a final command—to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that He had commanded. He thus entrusted them with the mission and power to proclaim to humanity what they had heard, what they had seen with their eyes, what they had looked upon and touched with their hands, concerning the Word of Life. He also entrusted them with the mission and power to explain with authority what He had taught them, His words and actions, His signs and commandments. And He gave them the Spirit to fulfill this mission.” (Catechesi Tradendae)

“The rite of Christian initiation... is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts....

“The rite that is called the rite of acceptance into the order of the catechumens is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechuminate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the church.

“From this time on the Church embraces the catechumens as its own with a mother’s love and concern. Joined to the Church, the catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of the liturgical celebrations.” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

ACT: Let us embrace our catechumens with our prayers and support.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation, Catechesi Tradendae, at <https://bit.ly/3IwxLCh>. Watch Bishop Barron’s presentation on “The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church,” at <https://bit.ly/2CsgU3K>.

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.

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #41—“On Jordan’s Bank”

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“And the Glory” (*G. F. Handel*)—Choir

Missal #60—“Comfort, Comfort, O My People”

COMMUNION

“Benedictus in C” (*C. V. Stanford*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #616—“Like a Shepherd”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #42—“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund. Envelopes for the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) are also in your packets.
- » December 11, the second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for Christmas Music and Liturgy.
- » 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass ~ Wed, Dec 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses ~ Thu, Dec 8 at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mon, Dec 12 ~ Mass at 8 a.m.

Sung Mass at 12:05 p.m. with roses procession

Please bring roses to place at the base of the picture of Our Lady

Reflections on Ireland

by Bishop Paul Sanchez

I was blessed to have the opportunity to visit Ireland on a ten-day pilgrimage with over 80 other pilgrims this past November. My mother's grandfather migrated from Ireland to the United States in 1849. My family has no known ancestors in Ireland now, but the opportunity to visit there was a reminder of my roots. Ireland is a country of stark beauty. The Giant's Causeway near Antrim, the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Kylemore and Blarney Castles, the Book of Kells, the rolling countryside and quaint villages—all were special treats to experience. Our pilgrim group celebrated the Eucharist each day in a different church and gave thanks to God for the gift of walking together through an ancient land.

As we celebrate this Advent season of hope, I give thanks to God for the knowledge of our past roots and the expectation of His future blessings!



Photos—Top: *The Ireland pilgrims all together on their last day in Dublin.*
Middle row: *The beauty of Ireland's churches, both ancient (ornately carved statues in Armagh Cathedral, Northern Ireland) and modern (Our Lady of Knock Shrine with altar of cross and lamb).*
Bottom: *A day just to be a tourist at the Giant's Causeway, with parishioner Grace Sommero.*
Photos are courtesy Fr. James Cunningham.



Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

The sweepstakes drawing was held on Sunday, November 27. The winner of the \$1,000 prize is Shereen Beydoun (ticket #57). Congratulations!

Christmas Memorial Wreaths, Trees & Poinsettias

Contact the rectory before Dec 13 to make your request. Memorial listings will appear in the Christmas bulletin.

Giving Thanks Together

Closer to home, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Bishop Sanchez joined Father Passenant, Deacon Greg, and clergy and neighbors from the Jewish and Protestant communities for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service. The-Church-in-the-Gardens hosted this year's gathering. Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery for more photos.



Return unwrapped gifts by Dec. 11th

Thank you for helping us collect as many gifts as possible for boys and girls in time for Christmas! There is one more week to leave your UNWRAPPED gifts—with the original tag attached—under the tree in the church.



Thank you for your generosity!

If you do not have a tag, that's OK. You can still donate a brand-new gift for a child. Just attach a label marked Giving Tree Gift to your item. **TIP:** For teens ages 13-18, consider gift cards to let them purchase what they need. Gift cards must be new (do not give partially used cards).

If the church is closed, you may drop off gifts at the rectory on Monday, December 12 (please do not leave gifts in the church vestibule). Gift cards can be put in an envelope marked Giving Tree and left in the rectory mailbox.

Bambinelli Blessing Next Sunday

Everyone, bring the baby Jesus statue (*bambinelli* in Italian) from your home nativity set to Sunday Mass next week to be blessed. This tradition on the Third Sunday of Advent is a sweet way to make the connection between the Christmas tree at home and church.



A Christmas Festival

Presented by the Sacred Music Society of
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 4 pm

John Easterlin, featured artist
Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano
Barbara Podgurski, piano
Deacon Greg and Siobhain Kandra, narrators

David Close, conductor

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir
Oratorio Society of Queens

*Tickets: \$30. Purchase at the rectory this week.
Concert tickets will also be available at the door.*

Weekly Collections

	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
Candle Offerings	1,108.00	1,303.00
1st Collection	7,125.00	6,600.27
2nd Collection	2,025.00	2,024.27
	<i>pastoral care</i>	<i>major repairs</i>
Thanksgiving Day (11/24)	–	4,018.00
Christmas Flowers Collection	–	2,505.27
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>10,258.00</u>	<u>16,450.81</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,652.28	4,406.11
Mail In	3,127.00	2,419.00
TOTAL	18,037.28	23,275.92
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,112.72)	125.92

*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.

Special Collection

Campaign for Human Development (11/20) \$1,021.00
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

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.

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YouTube (Sunday livestream):
www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Christmas Schedule 2022

'A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL'

Sunday, December 11

4 p.m. in church

Admission by ticket only

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17

12:45 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, December 19

11:15 a.m., 4-5 p.m. & 7-8pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

December 20, 21 & 22

11:30 a.m.

No Confessions on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24

5 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

*9 p.m. Christmas Carols followed by
Christmas Mass during the Night*

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2023

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Masses will be on the regular weekend schedule:

5 p.m. Vigil Mass, Dec 31

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m. on Jan 1

Bereavement Support at the Holidays

Christmas can be a difficult time if you have experienced the death of a loved one. The parish bereavement group is a welcoming community of individuals who have experienced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. They meet next on **Dec. 19** and **Jan. 23**. Start time is **7 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please email the group facilitator, Mike Acquilano, at bereave@olqmchurch.org to RSVP.

LIVESTREAM @OLQM: Sunday Mass at 11:15AM 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.

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 learn more, contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 827, and leave a message (including a call back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.



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).

CHRISTMAS FAIR at AMERICAN MARTYRS

December 10 & 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
American Martyrs is located at 79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside.

End-of-Year Reminder. Our parish has surpassed our Annual Catholic Appeal goal by \$30,000! There are still some outstanding pledges to be paid, however. Please fulfill all remaining pledges by December 31.

About Today's Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Every year we are humbled by donations to this collection taken by the U.S. bishops and distributed to provide elder care for aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Say thank you to those who devoted their lives to serving God and others by making a contribution.