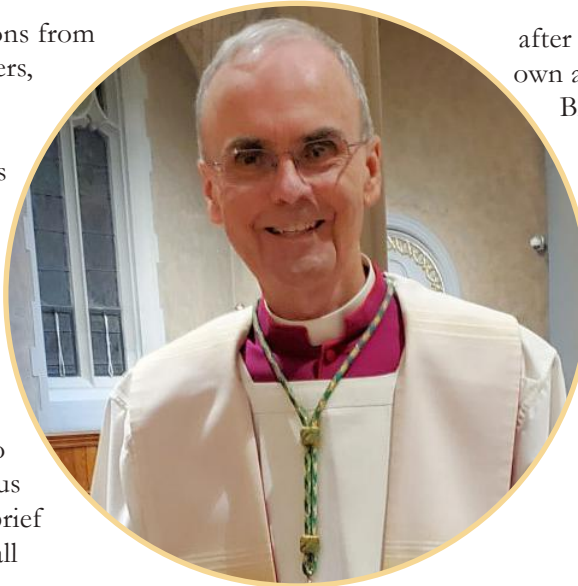


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

1 P.M. Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Bishop Paul R. Sanchez

Prayerful congratulations from our clergy, lay ministers, parish staff, faithful parishioners and friends of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to our pastor, Bishop Sanchez! It is a privilege to celebrate this milestone in Bishop Sanchez's life. We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Sanchez's family and friends attending Mass today. All who have come to worship and celebrate with us are heartily welcomed to a brief reception in McLaughlin Hall



after the 1 p.m. Mass to express your own appreciation and to congratulate Bishop on his 50 years of service as a Catholic priest.

In the nine and a half years that the Bishop has served as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, we have been blessed as a parish community by his sacramental ministry with us.

We pray that God continue to bless and strengthen you, Bishop Sanchez, to continue the ministry entrusted to you.

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Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D.—**Pastor**
Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V. F. —**Administrator**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek—**Parochial Vicar**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Cunningham—**Sr. Priest in Residence**

DEACON
Deacon Greg Kandra

OLQM CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRINCIPAL
Anne Zuschlag

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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES
Roger Aguinaldo
Veronica McCarthy

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deacon Thomas Jorge

WEEKDAY MASSES
(Mon–Sat) 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

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

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

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Lorna Stark

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

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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 4

Saint John Damascene

8 a.m. Sheri Pellettiere

12:05 p.m. Luz Arteche

5 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

Sunday, December 5

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

8 a.m. Paula Sequira

12:05 p.m. Susan Villani

Tuesday, December 7

Saint Ambrose

8 a.m. Robert Sonneman

12:05 p.m. Emilia Soriano

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

Wednesday, 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.

Thursday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Friday, December 10

8 a.m. Peter Sibulan

12:05 p.m. Rev. Peter Hsiang

Saturday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

8 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Marvin Goldfarb

5 p.m. Dominga Tan Yee Seng

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Man-Wing Au-Yeung, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Shaina Brenen Clemente, 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, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Sheila Smith-Gonzalez, Pat Gmerek, Alex Gutierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Wing Wan Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvianne Mullholand, Matilde Munoz, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Mary Sarro, Scaturro family, Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Robert Sorsaia, Remington Stafford, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Daniella Tavarez, Sen Trinh, Jorge Vasilescu, Lyle Vestermark, Wai-Suet Wong, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 5

OLQM Christmas Giving Tree Weekend

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

1 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

50th Anniversary of Bishop Sanchez's Priestly Ordination
(followed by anniversary reception in McLaughlin Hall)

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, December 6

Saint Nicholas Day

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

NEW 7:30 p.m. Zoom: Advent Faith Sharing Group (see p. 5)

Tuesday, December 7

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 7:30 p.m. HDO Vigil Mass: choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Religious Education

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

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

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir concert rehearsal

Thursday, December 9

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church choir loft: Choir concert rehearsal

Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Octavio and Carmen Rodriguez

—requested by Octavio Rodriguez Jr. and Chantal Sironneau

Remember Our Deceased

Dilia Coba
Marianna Doyle
Robbie Eschenbrenner



Joseph Nguyen Loc
John Presnick
Lacey Straeghtly

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

Mary's Advent Faith

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. (Luke 1:45)

REFLECT: “The Father of mercies willed that the consent of the predestined Mother should precede the Incarnation. And Mary gives this consent [saying] ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’... Rightly therefore does Elizabeth praise Mary: ‘And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’

“To believe means to abandon oneself to the truth of the word of the living God, knowing and humbly recognizing how unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways. Mary, who by the eternal will of the Most High stands, one may say, at the very center of those ‘inscrutable ways’ and ‘unsearchable judgments’ of God, conforms herself to them in the dim light of faith, accepting fully and with a ready heart everything that is decreed in the divine plan....

“She is therefore blessed, because ‘she has believed,’ and continues to believe day after day amidst all the trials and the adversities.... Mary together with the child has to flee into Egypt in the protective care of Joseph, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him. And until the death of Herod, they will have to remain in Egypt. ... At the foot of the Cross, Mary is the witness [while] her Son hangs in agony, despised and rejected by men.... How completely she abandons herself to God without reserve, offering the full assent of the intellect and the will to him whose ways are inscrutable.” (Redemptoris Mater)

“May Mary Most Holy, Virgin of Advent, prepare us all to joyfully welcome Christ’s coming and to celebrate worthily his sacramental presence in the mystery of the Eucharist.” (Pope John Paul II, November 28 2004)

ACT: Pray the rosary. Offer your full consent to God’s will this Advent, and always.

LEARN: Read Pope St John Paul II’s encyclical, Redemptoris Mater (Mother of the Redeemer), at <https://bit.ly/3bGfIRw>.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle C—Choir 11:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

ENTRANCE
Missal #40—“On Jordan’s Bank”
“Enter His Sanctuary Singing (*Hal Hopson*)—1 p.m. Choir

MASS PARTS: Proulx: A Community Mass—11:15 a.m.
Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul—1 p.m.

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

HOMILY

OFFERTORY
Missal #69—“Every Valley”
“And the Glory” (*G. F. Handel*)—11:15 a.m. Choir
“Ave Maria” (*F. Schubert*)—1 p.m., Solo

COMMUNION
“Benedictus in C” (*C. V. Stanford*)—11:15 a.m. Choir
“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (*J. S. Bach*)—1 p.m. Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #326—“I Am the Bread of Life”
Missal #368—“Godhead Here in Hiding”—1 p.m.

AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 p.m.)
Missal #697—“Salve, Regina”—Choir

CLOSING HYMN
Missal #41—“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Missal #541—“O God Beyond All Praising”—1 p.m.

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » Sunday, December 12, the second collection is our Christmas gift to the church. There is also an envelope for winter fuel.
- » 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.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7
Holy Day Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8

Congratulations, Bishop Sanchez! 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

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Accomplishments

Bishop Sanchez was born November 26, 1946, in Brooklyn. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from St. Bonaventure's University, a Master of Arts from the University of Notre Dame, and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on December 17, 1971, at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Before being assigned to OLQM, his priestly assignments included Our Lady of Mercy, Forest Hills (1972–75), St. Michael, Flushing (1975–87), and St. Sebastian, Woodside (1987–91). He was pastor at St. Agatha, Brooklyn (1991–2001) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (2001–08) while also serving as administrator of St. Margaret Mary, Long Island City.

*We are so blessed to have you,
Bishop Sanchez, at OLQM, showing us
God's loving presence in the sacraments, prayer,
scripture, and pastoral care.*

Then-Father Sanchez was named a Prelate of Honor by Blessed John Paul II in 1997. He was named Vicar for Queens North in June 2008. He became pastor of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish on June 30, 2012—just weeks before his Episcopal ordination on July 11, 2012. He also serves as Vicar for Queens.

OLQM's Spiritual, Pastoral Guide

We are grateful for Bishop Sanchez leading us in worship as a priest, for his reverence in the liturgy and his homilies that bring us to reflect on the wonder of the gospels. He has served our parishioners (and other Catholics in our diocese) in many situations: during pilgrimages to Rome, tending to the spiritual health of the students at the OLQM Catholic Academy and supporting the academy as an educational destination for youngsters in our area, lending support and pastoral care to the various lay ministries in our parish, and spiritually getting us through these historic and trying pandemic times.

Prayers, love, and safe keeping to you, Bishop Sanchez.

Pictured (from top)—Leading the 2016 Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Rome and with parishioners and Pope Francis during the 2014 diocesan pilgrimage for the canonization of Saints John XXIII and John Paul II; tending to the care of the flock while preaching and at church gatherings; encouraging OLQMCA students doing good works; serving as beloved leader of our parish clergy.



Advent Faith-Sharing Group

To prepare for Christmas, we invite anyone who is interested to join this small group for prayer and reflection these weeks of Advent. The group meets on **Monday evenings during Advent at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom**. They are using the Renew International book "Advent Awakenings-Year C" (available on Amazon for Kindle). To request the Zoom link to join, contact Bob and Melinda Nobbs at 718-805-7232 or email bobmelinda@aol.com.



Blessing of the Bambinelli Sunday Masses December 11/12

Everyone, young and old! Bring the baby Jesus statue (*bambinelli*) from your home nativity set to Sunday Mass next week for a special blessing. For families with young children, this tradition on the Third Sunday of Advent is an especially sweet way to make the connection between the Christmas tree at home and the church where they worship each weekend.

Bereavement Support Meeting: Fr. Radu Titonea, chaplain at Forest Hills Hospital, has graciously agreed to lead a bereavement group meeting on **Monday, December 13 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.** in our rectory meeting room. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the rectory at 718-268-6251.

Weekly Collections

	Nov 21	Nov 28
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,036.00	\$ 1,321.00
1st Collection	7,216.00	7,669.00
2nd Collection (<i>major repairs</i>)	-	1,896.00
Thanksgiving Day (11/25)	-	2,689.00
11/25 2nd collection (<i>major repairs</i>)		320.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>8,252.00</u>	<u>13,895.00</u>
Mail In	1,308.00	2,490.00
Parish Giving Online	5,200.94	4,483.33
TOTAL	14,760.94	20,868.33
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,489.06)	(381.67)

* 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.

Special Collections

St. Vincent de Paul (11/21)	1,505.00
Campaign for Human Development (11/28)	1,020.00

Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish and are not included in the weekly collection total.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS BY OR BEFORE DECEMBER 11/12th

Leave your unwrapped gifts for boys and girls in church at the tree by the St. Joseph altar. If you need to drop off gifts during hours the church is closed, you may bring them to the rectory. Gift cards can be put in an envelope clearly marked "Giving Tree Gift" and left in the rectory mailbox. (We ask everyone not to leave gifts in the church vestibule to avoid the risk they'll be stolen.) When returning gifts, remember to attach the original gift tag if you have one. **If you weren't able to take a tag, you can still participate!** Simply buy a gift for a child or youth and bring it, unwrapped, to the rectory by the deadline above. Our goal is to collect as many gifts as possible for children and teens before December 15, when Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas.

Tip: If buying for teens ages 13-18, consider new gift cards to allow them to purchase what they need.

THANK YOU!



OLQM LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE We livestream the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses every Sunday. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass will be available on demand at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast (look for the "past livestreams" link).

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Advent and Christmas Music Event!

“A Christmas Festival” is presented by the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

FEATURING...

John Easterlin, *tenor, guest artist*

Barbara Podgurski, *piano*

Maestro David Close, *conductor*

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir

Oratorio Society of Queens

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4 pm

Tickets: \$20/each

NOTE: Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination for COVID-19 with a matching ID at the door. Anyone not vaccinated, including children, will not be admitted. Tickets are on sale in the rectory during office hours. Call 718-268-6251.

ATTN: PARENTS & OLQM STUDENTS For anyone interested in a Swim Program for Girls (ages 7-14), Tri-M has tryouts on December 16th @ Grover Cleveland HS in Ridgewood. Start time is 6PM. You can get the registration flyer online at shorturl.at/bstR8. Questions? Email TriMSwimTeam@gmail.com.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please contact olqmrcia@gmail.com or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.



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. The group is currently discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you'd like to join them, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. *Through the Word* bible study group is currently engaging scripture through “The Nicene Creed: Beholding the Fullness of Our Faith.” All are welcome and can join in the study at any time! For Zoom details, email Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

OLQM Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:45–9 p.m. Fridays. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings, with Bible Study the 3rd Friday of the month. Pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

And the Winners ... The Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes drawing was held on Sunday, November 21. Winner of the \$1,000 prize is Regina Faighes (ticket #43). The winner of a surprise second drawing, for two tickets to “A Christmas Festival,” is Joan McCarthy.

Single Adults Group News

The group has resumed monthly Zoom meetings again. Since they are sometimes scheduled too late to be included in the bulletin, please call the group hotline at **718-361-3201** for the latest news and information. New members are welcome.

End-of-Year Reminder: Outstanding Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Are Due December 31st.



Christmas Memorial Wreaths & Trees

Take home an order form (available in church) and make your arrangements early.