

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

WEEKDAY MASSES
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: Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA
First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

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

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is a vibrant Catholic Faith Community in Forest Hills, New York. We are one parish family seeking to be the welcoming and warm presence of Jesus Christ to the diverse peoples of the area. Our parish life is centered on celebrating the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming and teaching God's Word, faith formation through our school and religious education programs, and ministering to and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful. In thanksgiving to God for all that has been, for all that we are, and for all that we will be, we support vocations and lay leadership development, strengthening stewardship, and fulfilling the mission of the New Evangelization to bring Christ into the world.



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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 7

Saint Ambrose

8 a.m. Sister Lucia Paredes

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Deceased members of Linares and Griffin families

Sunday, December 8

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8 a.m. Marie England

12:05 p.m. Sylvia Loney [living]

Tuesday, December 10

8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Cerminaro family

Wednesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

8 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Norina M. Garafalo

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Frances De Biase

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Marino family

12:05 p.m. Alice and Victor Rabbat

Saturday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Sara and Jose Torres

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

Main Events of the Week



Sunday, December 8

Last Day to Drop Off Your Giving Tree Gifts

Leave unwrapped gifts for boys and girls, with the original tag attached, under the tree

10 a.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd): **Bible Study Group**

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

10:15 a.m., nursing home: **Fairview Nursing Home Mass**

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church: **St. Pio Prayer Group**

Church closes at 1:30 p.m. for Christmas Concert Rehearsal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

Thursday, December 12

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church:

Exposition and Benediction

(Evening devotions resume 02/27/20)

Friday, December 13

6:30–9 p.m., McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization

7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Saturday, December 14

1:30 p.m., rectory: **Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer Party**

Rectory = basement meeting room

The Sanctuary Lamp
is offered in loving memory of
Carmen and Octavio Rodriguez
—requested by Octavio Rodriguez

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Svetlana Abramova, Augusto F. Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Aldo Arcomano, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Michael Bekman, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Elba Camacho, Shana Clemente, Maria Comacho, Mary Ann Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Joan Donnelly, Norman Doucette, Mary Evanisko, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, René Hojilla, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Ann Carol Macho, Carmen Leon Marin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, Marina Mavashev, Anthony Mendola, Mark Myers, Veronica Nissan, Maria Ojeda, Richard O'Keefe, Barbara Pacheco, Connie Panaralla, Clara Patoff, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Nancy Piotrowski, Bonnie Post, Veronica Pulanski, Nicole Rappa, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Soriente, Steven Strumpf, Wong Wai Suet, John Taddeo, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Karen Flynn
Margaret Mary Hall
Alicia Ledesma

Sheila Lucey
Mariana Menoscal
Mary Shea

Emilia Soriano
Mildred Ann Tighe

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 Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tisser-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! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Please visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Denise Bertolotti, Sandy Singh

Leader of Song: Joe Annese

EMHCs: Joseph Pollini, Yorke Mizelle, Sandy Singh

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: David Lee, Aldison Andrade

Leader of Song: Joe Annese

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Emer Herity

EMHCs: Pat Abes, Gerald Abes, Grace Sommero, Gina Warshaw

11:15 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Celeste Zervas, Johanna Fausto-DiDio

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Jacqueline Lakah, Joe Cardenas, Alice Cardenas

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham

Lectors: Marie O'Brien, Noila Johnson

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Maria de Jesus Aguirre, Eddy Eng, Beth Barretto

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #61—"On Jordan's Bank"

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 34—Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pgs. 35*

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 35—Romans 15:4-9

GOSPEL

Missal pgs. 35-36—Matthew 3:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"And the Glory" (*G. F. Handel*)—*Choir*
Missal #58—"Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

COMMUNION

"Benedictus in C" (*C. V. Stanford*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation

Missal #606—"Like a Shepherd"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #39—"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund. There is also an envelope for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- » Sunday, December 15, the second collection will be our Christmas gift to the church.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

Help for Those Who Have Given a Lifetime

Today we are taking up a special collection for the National Religious Retirement Fund, which helps to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests (known collectively as women and men religious). To the extent possible, please be generous.

Take home today's bulletin insert for a special advent wreath prayer and reflection.





'Bambinelli' Blessings
Sunday Masses on December 14/15

Unpack your Nativity sets! On the Third Sunday of Advent, every household, young and old, is invited to bring their baby Jesus statues ("bambinelli" in Italian) to Church to receive a special blessing — a blessing you can bring back home with you! Bambinellis will be blessed at every Mass. Join us for this joyous Advent celebration next week.



Orders for Christmas Memorial Wreaths and Trees are due Monday, December 9th for names to appear in the December 22nd bulletin. Thank you for your Christmas flower offering!

Calling All Actors in Grades 2-8
Christmas Pageant: December 24th
Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Family Mass

Preparations are under way for our parish Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant. Children are asked to volunteer as nonspeaking actors in the pageant. This is a great tradition loved by our parishioners and families. All roles are very important. Practice dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, December 13: noon-1:30 p.m. at OLQMCA; 3-4 p.m. in the Church for Religious Ed Students

Sunday, December 15: 10:30 a.m.-noon at OLQMCA (meet in schoolyard after 9 a.m. Mass)

Friday, December 20: 3-5 p.m. in the Church. This is a practice with the choir.

Saturday, December 21: 3-4:30 p.m. in the Church. Full dress rehearsal with choir.

Contact Mrs. Langowski, Pageant Director, by email (lstark@rcn.com) if your child wishes to participate or provide the information below to the rectory by Dec. 11th.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name, Email, Phone _____

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Naima Armand
daughter of Altalie and Reginald Armand

Natalie Yuna Boen
daughter of Vera and Hartano Boen

Andrew Mateo Delizo
son of Alexis and Rodel Delizo

Carl Baliog Friday
son of Caryl and Verne Friday

Michelle Csoda Katona
daughter of Loris and Mihaly Katona

Allison Rose Maletta
daughter of Kelly and Robert Maletta

Nathan Brian O'Grady
son of Valerie and Adam O'Grady

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Bereavement Support Is Available

The holidays can be a difficult time full of sadness for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Our bereavement support group is here to HELP, CARE and LISTEN. We will meet **Monday December 16 at 7-9 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. (Previously announced December 9 meeting is canceled.) RSVP required. Call the rectory (718-268-6251) or email group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Christmas Giving Tree
Gifts are due today by 1pm Mass

Thank you for your act of kindness! Leave all UNWRAPPED gifts—with the original tag attached—under the tree in church. If needed, you may drop them off at the rectory no later than Monday, December 9th so Catholic Charities of Brooklyn/Queens can collect them, wrap them, and distribute them in time for Christmas. We extend thanks to the Single Adults Group, for helping to organize this year's appeal!



Single Adults Group December Meeting/ Annual Christmas Cheer Party

Saturday, December 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room.

Festive and/or funny seasonal attire encouraged; bring beverages or snacks to share. We will do traditional caroling, making spirits bright. Newcomers welcome. For more information, call 718-361-3201.



Reflections for December on the Dignity of the Human Person

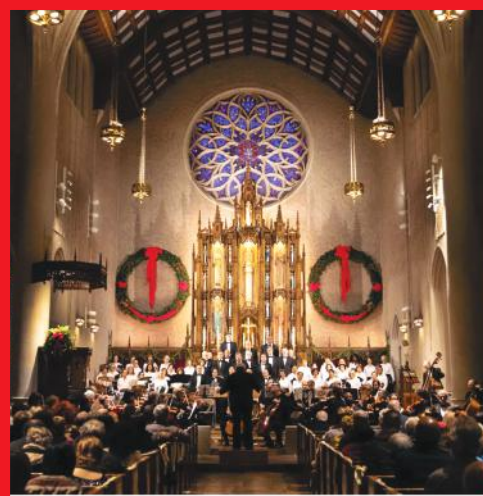
From the OLQM Social Action Committee

God, Who has fatherly concern for everyone, has willed that all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood.... For this reason, love for God and neighbor is the first and greatest commandment.... Indeed, the Lord Jesus, when He prayed to the Father "that all may be one as we are one" (John 17:21-22) opened up vistas closed to human reason, for He implied a certain likeness between the union of the divine Persons, and the unity of God's sons in truth and charity. This likeness reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes).

How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles! The Creator can say to each one of us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer 1:5). We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" (Laudato Si).

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them at the rectory (rectoryolqm@aol.com). You are welcome to join us in the rectory at our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit. For links to important documents and useful videos, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/catholic-social-action-committee. To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we also encourage you to sign up for "action alerts" from the New York State Catholic Conference.

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center



Sunday
December 15
2019
4 pm

Sacred Music Society of
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Annual Christmas Concert

Jennifer Gliere, soprano
John Easterlin, tenor
Nathan Bahny, bass-baritone

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir
Oratorio Society of Queens
The Orchestral Arts Ensemble of Queens

David Close, conductor

Tickets: \$35; \$10 children 12 and under.
Tickets will be available at the Rectory during office hours.
For more information, call 718.268.6251

Congratulations! The Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes winner is Alice Dowd with ticket # 46. The drawing was held on November 24, after 1 p.m. Mass.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Sacred Music Society of OLQM.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

	Weekly Collections	
	Nov 24	Dec 1
Candle Offerings	1,410.00	1,768.00
1st Collection	10,818.50	11,046.00
2nd Collection	2,030.00	2,751.50
	(St. Vincent de Paul)	(winter fuel)
Thanksgiving Day		3,835.00
Online Parish Giving	1,395.00	1,400.00
Mail In	350.00	350.00
TOTAL	16,003.50	21,150.50
Weekly Income Needed*	21,250.00	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,246.50)	(99.50)

* Amount we estimate we need weekly to meet church expenses. Figures are unaudited.

Special Collection

Nov 24: Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$1,626.50

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. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251.

Contact Us

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Advent Activities at OLQM

December 7/8, Giving Tree Wrap Up! *Bring new and unwrapped gifts to the tree in church*

December 9, Immaculate Conception: *No obligation*

December 11, OLQM Academy Christmas Tree blessing & lighting: *6:30 p.m., adjacent to Ascan Avenue church entrance*

December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe: *8 a.m. Mass; 12:05 p.m. Mass with procession of roses*

December 14/15, Bambinelli Sunday: *Blessing of baby Jesus statues at all Sunday Masses*

December 15, Christmas Concert: *4 p.m. in church*

December 16, Reconciliation Monday, Confessions *at 11:30 a.m., 3:30–4:30 p.m., and 7–8:30 p.m.*

December 17–23, O Antiphons: *Time of active waiting and anticipation for Christ's birth*



Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service (November 24th) at Our Lady of the Angelus—Pictured left to right: Bishop Paul Sanchez from OLQM, Rev. Jeanne R. Warfield (Lutheran), Rev. Thomas Reese (Episcopalian), Rev. John Mendonca (pastor of Our Lady of the Angelus and host of the 2019 event), Rabbi Hazzan Henry Rosenblum (Forest Hills Jewish Center), Deacon Greg Kandra (OLQM), and Msgr. John McGuirl (Our Lady of Mercy).

Photo courtesy Andy Nguyen.

Free Screening: Unplanned (the Movie) January 12 @ 2:30 p.m. in the Rectory

Unplanned is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. Join us for this showing in the OLQM rectory basement meeting room on Sunday, January 12th at 2:30 p.m. Space is limited. Because of the intense nature of the film, you must be age 18+. This event is sponsored by the Social Action Committee of OLQM.

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

New Year's Eve Celebration at American Martyrs (Sullivan Center, 79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside). **December 31, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. \$65/person.** Appetizers, dinner, dessert, DJ, dancing. BYOB. RSVP by December 23. Call Theresa (718-428-5308) or email Jovie212@yahoo.com.

Feel Great, Look Great Exercise Class. Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall (70-01 Kessel). Low-impact, gentle movements for your muscles and joints. \$2/session. For all ages! Call 718-268-6143.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish and/or parish school are recognized for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all, for honors earned.

ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY

Honor Roll: **Gianna Cruz, Caroline Favelson, John Ostling IV, Anthony Nuzzi, Eleanor Langowski**

CATHEDRAL PREP & SEMINARY

Second Honors: **Alexander Chen, Christopher Chen;**
First Honors: **Elias Diaz**
Principal's List: **Matthew Martinez, Justin Mateo, Eion Moran**

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Second Honors: **Samuel Torres**

Looking Ahead to 2020

April 21–May 3: Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes/Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona. \$3,699/person includes airfare, sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily, and daily Mass. Call Cathie or Michael Milano at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (800-733-2600) for full details and flyer.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES: The early deadline for the Christmas (December 22nd) bulletin is Monday, December 9th. Early deadline for the New Year's bulletin (December 29th) is Monday, December 16th. Please submit by email to olqmcomm@aol.com. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.