

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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 Jorgé

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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
Masses for Immaculate Conception
(Monday, Dec 9) at 8:05 a.m.,
12:05 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
(no Vigil Mass)

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 7

Saint Ambrose

***No 8:05 a.m. Mass**

12:05 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

5 p.m. Camilo Carreño

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

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:05 a.m. James Cruz

12:05 p.m. Austine E. Olson

7:30 p.m. Extra Mass for this holy day

Tuesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8:05 a.m. Harriett and Julius Goldenberg

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Wednesday, December 11

Saint Damasus I

8:05 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Fr. R. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:05 a.m. Louise and Sandy Howard

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

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy

8:05 a.m. Maria D'Egidio and Jean Gagliardo [anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Cecilia Rodrighuez and Eda Figueroa

Saturday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross

***No 8:05 a.m. Mass**

12:05 p.m. Anna Velez

5 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

*The Saturday morning Mass at 8:05 a.m. has been discontinued effective December 1, 2024.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 8

Last Week of the Christmas Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Return all gifts to the tree. Thank you for your generosity!

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, December 9

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 10

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, December 11

Church closes at 1:30 p.m. for Concert Preparation

Religious Education

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

7–8 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

7–8 p.m. rectory meeting room: Remember & Hope: A Theology of Advent Teaching Workshop

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

Thursday, December 12

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction resumes March 6, 2025)

Saturday, December 14

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1–1:30 p.m. rectory basement meeting room: Single Adults Group

Christmas Cheer Party

Sunday, December 15

4 p.m. church: A Christmas Festival Concert

Admission by ticket only. Tickets can be purchased in the rectory.

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Jonathan William Moresco

—requested by the Moresco family

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Michael Bekman, 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, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Ernny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Enrique Roque, Frank Schaefer, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Domingo Galicia
Vulana George
Marcos Martinez Sr.



Lucila Melendez
Msgr. Philip Reilly

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

Advent Isn't Christmas

by Deacon Greg Kandra

Once, about a week before Thanksgiving, as I headed out of our apartment building I noticed the lobby was deserted, but not quiet. The sound system was piping in Burl Ives. "Have a holly jolly Christmas..." I smiled at the doorman and said, "Christmas music? Already?" He smiled back and replied, "Much too early."

Many of us forget: It isn't Christmas. Not yet. No. This is Advent. And it demands something besides carols and tinsel. It demands, in fact, silence. "Advent is a time of waiting, of expectation, of silence, waiting for our Lord to be born," wrote Dorothy Day.

In early fall, we start being assaulted on TV by commercial, materialistic mush; the stores put up decorations. The noise continues. "It's the most wonderful time of the year . . . the hap-happiest season of all." Sorry. I'm not feeling it. Frankly, we shouldn't. The weeks before Christ's birth are a time for taking stock, and stepping back.

Thomas Merton put it beautifully. "The Church is preparing us for the birth of a 'great prophet,' a Savior and a King of Peace. The Advent mystery focuses the light of faith upon the very meaning of life, of history, of man, of the world and of our own being. In Advent, we celebrate the coming and indeed the *presence* of Christ in the world."

My suggestion: Turn down the volume. Wait a while before trimming the tree, hanging the lights and stapling red tinfoil to the front door. Keep Christ in Christmas—and the Savior's absence in Advent. Spend less time at the mall and more in quiet contemplation. Appreciate this period of expectation. That longing will be fulfilled soon enough. Among other things, Advent can teach us the virtue of patience. All good things do indeed come to those who wait.

And, after all, what could be *more* good than Christ?



Second Week of Advent
PEACE

*Prepare the way
of the Lord.
(Luke 3:4)*

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #41—"On Jordan's Bank"

MASS PARTS

A Community Mass (Proulx)

Mass XVIII and Gregorian (Chant)—Choir

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"And the Glory" (G. F. Handel)—Choir

Missal #71—"Every Valley"

COMMUNION

"Benedictus in C" (C. V. Stanford)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #355—"I Am the Bread of Life"

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 Immaculate Conception.
- » December 15, the second collection is our Christmas gift to the church.
- » 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.

Monday, December 9

Immaculate Conception

~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

This year, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—patronal feast day of the United States—is transferred from Sunday, December 8 to Monday, December 9. **Masses on December 9 will be held at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. (Note: There is no Vigil Mass on December 8, this Second Sunday of Advent.)** The second collection on the Immaculate Conception will be forwarded to *The Tablet's* "Bright Christmas" fund. Like last year, Fr. Passenant will personally match what we receive.



Bambinelli Sunday

Dec 14 & 15 | Third Sunday of Advent

Bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) figurine from your home Nativity set to church to be blessed at the conclusion of each weekend Mass. This tradition can be enjoyed by children of all ages!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 12, all are invited to bring roses to place in the vases at the base of the picture of Our Lady.



Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Reconciliation Monday, December 16:
Extended confession hours at 11:15 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, December 17 & 19: 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 21: 12:45 p.m. *(last opportunity)*
No Confessions Christmas Eve & December 26

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24
4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
with Children's Nativity Pageant
9 p.m.* Christmas carols followed by
Mass during the Night for the Nativity of the Lord
**in person and livestreamed*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.* (Choir) & 1 p.m.
**in person and livestreamed*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31, 2024
10 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses on January 1, 2025

—Weekly Collections—

	Nov 24	Dec 1
Candle Offerings	\$1,619.00	\$1,723.00
1st Collection	7,762.24	\$7,775.01
2nd Collection (major repairs)	2,501.24	—
Christmas Flowers	1,050.00	—
2nd Collection (school bldg main.)	—	1,452.00
Religious Retirement Fund**	—	2,029.00
Thanksgiving Day (11/28)	—	2,736.00
2nd Collection 11/28 (major repairs)	—	740.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,932.48</u>	<u>16,455.01</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,162.25	4,504.33
Mail In	3,995.00	3,421.00
TOTAL	\$21,089.73	24,380.34
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,410.27)	(119.66)

* 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 benefits the designated cause; does 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 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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[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Sacred Music Society

A Christmas Festival

Sunday December 15, 2024 at 4 pm

*Sing along and share in the joy of Christmas
carols and holiday favorites!*

John Easterlin, featured artist
Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano
Evan Katsefes, tenor
Regina J. Faighes, narrator
Barbara Podgurski, piano

David Close, conductor

Choir of the Sacred Music Society

Admission is by ticket only.

Tickets \$30 | Children 12 & under free

Concert tickets can be purchased in the rectory during
business hours (cash and check only).

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes: The winning ticket was #86! Many thanks to all participants for supporting the Sacred Music Society of OLQM.



Engage deeply with the season of Advent through our two-week workshop, “Remember & Hope: A Theology of Advent,” presented by Dr. Joseph Terry. Sessions are on **December 11th and 18th, from 7–8 p.m., in the rectory meeting room.** As we reflect on Christ’s first coming and anticipate His return, take this opportunity to renew your hope in God’s promises and prepare for Christmas by deepening your understanding of this sacred season.

OLQM CHRISTMAS Giving Tree & TOY DRIVE

Leave all gifts under the tree **UNWRAPPED**. If you have the original tag, attach it to the gift. All gifts from OLQM Parishioners will be collected by Catholic Charities and delivered to Santa’s Toy Shop at St. Gabriel’s Church in Elmhurst in time for Christmas. Thank YOU for your kindness.

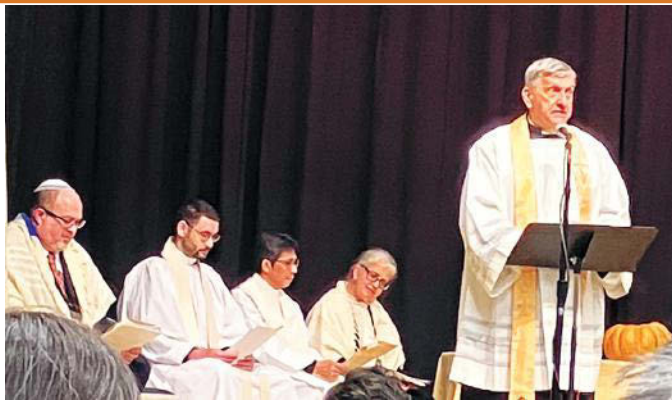
Blessings for a Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

SINGLE ADULTS GROUP CHRISTMAS CHEER PARTY

Saturday, December 14, from 1–3:30 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. Bring appropriate seasonal foods and beverages to share and feel free to wear your ugly Christmas sweaters and holiday attire. We will sing carols and celebrate our fellowship, while also observing the joy of Christ’s birth. Questions? Contact dmtdemaria@hotmail.com.

Catholic Social Teaching Committee: Consider Joining

This parish committee has been meeting for several years discussing many documents of Catholic Social Teaching and summarizing key elements of that teaching in the parish bulletin. At its next meeting, the committee will discuss Pope Francis’s call in his 2015 encyclical to care for our common home, the work of God’s creation. If you are interested in learning more about the committee, you are invited to attend the next meeting on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.** in the rectory.



Interfaith Service Unites the Community

The annual Interfaith Prayer Service took place on November 24, bringing together the faith communities of Forest Hills in a spirit of unity and thanksgiving. This year, the event was hosted at the Community House at Church-in-the-Gardens. The gathering featured inspiring readings, including one by Father Passenant, representing our Catholic Church, along with uplifting music performed by Protestant and Jewish choirs. It was a beautiful and well-attended celebration of shared gratitude. Photo courtesy of Denise DeMaria.

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Francesca Russell Amodeo

daughter of Brittany and Graham Amodeo

Anne Alexandra Bocchetti

daughter of Samantha and Vincent Bocchetti

Ryan Jordan Bretsch

son of Nancy and Jared Bretsch

Bernard Jacob Gervais

son of Dana and James Gervais

Isaac Joseph Terry

son of parents Virginia and Joseph Terry

Benjamin Oliver Tilbe

son of Aleksandra and Marc Tilbe

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Note: The next Baptism Instruction class will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m.

Bereavement Support at the Holidays

Holidays can be difficult for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. 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, Dec. 16 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Questions? Contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Is Christ calling you to serve his people as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Fulfill Your Pledges by December 31

We have successfully raised \$114,568 for the diocesan annual Appeal, fulfilling our parish's 2024 obligation. So far, \$171,091 has been paid of a total of \$179,569 pledged by 331 donors. Please continue to make all outstanding pledges. The surplus amount paid, which now stands at about \$56,000, will come back to our parish.



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

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. Current study: the Sunday readings for Advent and Christmastide until Jan 6. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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).

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is a program for adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. OCIA 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 callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.