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SUNDAY MASSES Saturday: 5 p.m. Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. **D**EACON Deacon Greg Kandra

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WEEKDAY MASSES 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT Mel Gagliano

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Lorna Stark

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. CHILDREN'S CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER and 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

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs - Forest Hills, New York

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation ~ No Confessions 8 a.m. Souls of Purgatory 12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca 5 p.m. Marylou DeLeon Bagasan [living]

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 9</u> 10 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

> <u>Monday, December 10</u> 8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy 12:05 p.m. Ermini Colon

<u>Tuesday. December 11</u> Saint Damasus I 8 a.m. Edward De Maria [anniversary] 12:05 p.m. Msgr. Michael Dempsey

Wednesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8 a.m. James Cruz 12:05 p.m. Anne Margaret Keating [anniversary]

<u>Thursday, December 13</u> Saint Lucy 8 a.m. Thomas Mulligan and Angelo Marino 12:05 p.m. Daniel Fernandez

> <u>Friday, December 14</u> Saint John of the Cross 8 a.m. Barbara Hageney 12:05 p.m. Wesley Horbatuck

<u>Saturday. December 15</u>
8 a.m. Maura J. McMillion
12:05 p.m. Maria and Vincenzo Malizia and family
5 p.m. Deceased members of the Linares and Griffin families

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, Mark Bradley, William Bruscella, Taylor Alan Calder, Luis Fernando, Cardenas, Augustine Cisneros, Robert Cosenza, Dr. Robert Cospito, Tracy Cuva, Theresa Do, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Gabriel Eshaghian, Joanne Ferolie, Albert and Sheila Flescher, Lidia Flores, Gaye Fruscione, Sr. Frances Gritte SC, Cathie Greulich, Alex Guttierez, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, Henry Johnson, Anna LaBruna, Jacqueline Lisandrelli, Elizabeth Maryon, Richard Meehan, John Murphy, Doolarie Niranjan, Veronica Nissan, Eugene Novacek, Maureen Piatt, Nancy and Ronald Piotrowksi, Grace Plank, Veronica Pulanski, Nora Radocca, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Kathy Semble, Gail Whelan, Heather Wright, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

<u>Sunday, December 9</u> **Drop Off Your Giving Tree Gifts** Leave unwrapped gifts for boys and girls, with the original tag attached, under the tree



4 p.m., *church:* CHRISTMAS CONCERT Admission by Ticket Only

If purchasing tickets at the door, please arrive by 3 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, December 11</u> 7:30 p.m., choir loft: Choir Rehearsal

<u>Wednesday. December 12</u> 10:15 a.m., *nursing home:* Fairview Nursing Home Mass After 12:05 p.m. Mass, *church:* St. Pio Prayer Group

Religious Education 3:45–5 p.m., levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class 7–8:15 p.m., levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

<u>Thursday, December 13</u> After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church: Exposition and Benediction

Church closes at 1 p.m. for Christmas cleaning

<u>Friday, December 14</u> 7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Road): Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

<u>Saturday, December 15</u> 1:30 p.m., rectory: Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer Party

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

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The Altar Flowers are offered in loving memory of Michael Barone —requested by his wife Angela, son Joseph & grandson Joseph

Remember Our Deceased

President George H. W. Bush Josephine V. Mysiuk Theresa Scida

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 Tissler-Bacca, Charles Torres, Gonzalo Vallecillos, 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! We have an open door for all God's people. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of the parish, please contact the rectory or 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 8 5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham Lectors: Denise Bertolotti, Sandy Singh Leader of Song: Warren Harding EMHCs: Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp, Joseph Pollini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez Lectors: Aldison Andrade, David Lee Leader of Song: Warren Harding EMHCs: Pat Abes, Richie Perl, Grace Sommero

10 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham Lectors: Lenny Rodin, Judith Balasubramaniam Leader of Song: Warren Harding Children's Liturgy of the Word: Emer Herity EMHCs: Gina Warshaw, Eileen Corrado, Margarita Forero

11:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez Lectors: Yasmin Ammirati-Weber, Gregory Stein Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández EMHCs: Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas, Angela Damone

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant Lectors: Marie O'Brien, Noila Johnson Leader of Song: Joe Annese EMHCs: Beth Barretto, Eddy Eng, Al Smith

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers



TODAY AT 4PM (DECEMBER 9TH)

hristmasConcert

It's show time. The annual concert is a much-anticipated event at our church as we prepare for Christmas. Tickets at the door \$35 | \$10, age 12 and under. Please arrive by 3 p.m. if you don't already have a ticket.

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent Cycle B—11:30 a.m. Choir Mass ENTRANCE

Missal #61—"On Jordan's Bank"

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (Proulx)

FIRST READING: Missal pg. 36—Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm—Missal pgs. 36

SECOND READING: Missal pg. 37-Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Missal pg. 37—Luke 3:1-6

HOMILY

OFFERTORY "And the Glory" (G. F. Handel)—Choir Missal #66—"Every Valley"

COMMUNION "Benedictus in C" *(C. V. Stanford)*—*Choir* Organ Meditation *Missal #363*—"I Am the Bread of Life"

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

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for winter snow removal. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.

» Sunday, December 16, 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 or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. More at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of America Wednesday, December 12 Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

There will be a sung Mass at 12:05 with the opportunity for the congregation to place roses at the base of the picture of Our Lady.

Thursday Devotions

Through February 28, 2019, Exposition and Benediction will be held right after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening devotions resume March 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.



Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Arisella Alma Dias daughter of Annarella and Arlindo Dias

Annika Jane Mary Dowd daughter of Sarah and Dennis Dowd, Jr.

Eliana Clara Mei-Yee Evertsz daughter of Annie and Adrian Evertsz

Dia Ophelia Chua Healing daughter of Catherine and Timothy Healing

Mackenzie Rey Panganiban daughter of Fritzie Fulay and Mark Panganiban

Patrick Kenneth Strohm son of Moira and Steven Strohm

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!



SINGLE ADULTS GROUP:
All single adults are welcome to join our December meeting and annual Christmas Cheer party. It's next Saturday,
December 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. There will be caroling and

snacking (bring some food to share) and everyone's encouraged to dress in festive holiday attire, including ugly Christmas sweaters. For the latest information, please call the hotline at **718-361-3201**.

Early Bulletin Deadlines: News for the December 23 Christmas bulletin is due by noon Tuesday, December 11. Early deadline for the December 30 (New Year's) and the January 6 bulletins is Monday, December 17. Email to olqmcomm@aol.com. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.

Christmas Giving Tree Gift Appeal

Please leave all gifts by the tree in front of the St. Joseph altar. Gifts must be NEW, <u>unwrapped</u>, and have the original identifying tag attached. **Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens** will be picking them up soon to distribute in time for Christmas.

Thank you so much for your generosity and making Christmas brighter and a blessing for someone else!

COPING WITH GRIEF AT THE HOLIDAYS

Loneliness and loss of a loved one can be difficult to bear at this time of year. Anyone who has recently lost a loved one can join our **Bereavement Support Group**. We HELP, CARE and LISTEN to one another and work together through grief. The last meeting for the year is **Monday, December 17 from 7–9 p.m.** in the rectory. Meetings are facilitated by Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle. If interested in attending, please email ymizelle@nyc.rr.com or call the rectory (718-268-6251).

About the Religious Retirement Fund: The special collection that is being taken today will help provide medications and nursing care for retired Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have given a lifetime of service to the Church. This fund also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders! To the extent possible, please be generous.



Poinsettia bloom during the Christmas season, and their star-shaped leaves call to mind the star of Bethlehem and Christ himself—the "bright morning star."

Christmas Flowers and Wreaths in Loving Memory

A meaningful Christmas memorial offering is a beautiful tribute to those we cherish during this season of joy and renewal! Your memorials of wreaths, trees, and poinsettia plants will soon be displayed in the sanctuary, along the altar rail and outside the Church. *Names of those persons memorialized will appear in the December 23rd Christmas bulletin. The 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intentions of those memorialized and donors to the Christmas flower offering.*



The Evergreen is a symbol of everlasting life. The circular Wreath symbolizes the Eternal Love from God to all faithful people.

Christmas Schedule 2018

Note an important time change in this year's Christmas Eve Mass schedule.*

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS December 17–December 24 O Antiphons sung at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

December 17 Confessions at 11:30 a.m., 3:30–5 p.m., and 7–8:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS Tuesday to Friday (December 18–21) at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 22 at 12:45 p.m. No Confessions Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

Family Mass with Children's Pageant at 5 p.m. Christmas Mass during the Night begins at **11 p.m.*** (*Note Change*) with Christmas Carols at 10:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

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

OFFICE HOURS

Rectory will be closed on Christmas Day. Hours on Christmas Eve are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 26 the rectory will reopen after noon.



'Bambinelli' Blessings Sunday Masses on December 15/16

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 to focus on the proper place Jesus has in our homes and hearts! Joy and love come to us from the infant Jesus. Please join this joyous Advent celebration here with your parish family next week.

JOHN WENT THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE REGION OF THE JORDAN, PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. (LUKE 3:3)

Pray for All Victim-Survivors

As Roman Catholics, we have surely been disturbed by the negative press about the Catholic Church these past few months. I ask for your continued prayers for all victim-survivors.

Pray also for our Church. As Bishop DiMarzio reminded us in his recent column on the Roman Catholic dioceses of New York State, no other comparable institutions except our dioceses have been served with a subpoena by the State

Weekly Collections

	December 2
Candle Offerings	1,564.00
1st Collection	9,243.76
2nd Collection (winter fuel)	2,509.00
Parish Online Giving	1,180.00
Mail In	225.00
TOTAL	14,721.76
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,528.24)
* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures are unaudited.	
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.	

Attorney General. The subpoena asks the dioceses in this state for a multiplicity of information regarding the sexual abuse of minors and adults by any clergy, employees, and volunteers of each diocese since 1950. My question is: If the state was truly concerned about all victim-survivors, why has it not subpoenaed all institutions that work with minors and vulnerable adults?—*Bishop Sanchez*

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Census Sunday 2018 Results by David Lee, Stewardship Committee

ur Lady Queen of Martyrs conducted a Census on September 15 and 16, in an effort to increase parish registration as well as update current parishioner information. Parish registration is the best way to certify parish membership. Registering at OLQM is a declaration of one's desire to be a part of our Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of our parish.

516 parishioners completed a census form. Here are some of the tabulated results:

- Many of our survey participants (over 20%) were not officially registered with our parish.
- OLQM's cultural and lingual composition remains as diverse as ever (note that a participant could choose more than one race or language). It is this diversity that enables OLQM to continue having several special ethnic celebrations every year.
- Of the participants who indicated that OLQM is their parish, 23% started worshipping here within the last five years; 18% of OLQM's parishioners have lived in the neighborhood no more than five years. So, as the parish changes, pastoral needs are changing as well.

For more census results, please go to our website at: www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/CensusSunday18

Student Honors

Congratulations to these students from our parish and parish school for commendable academic performance during the first quarter of the current school year:

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL First Honors: Gregory Magid Second Honors: Samuel Torres, John Zarnowski

ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL Honor Roll: Ciara Bilello, Gabriel Joseph, Daniel Morales, Ethan Portelli, Jolai Rodriguez, Aidan Youngman

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

Feel Great, Look Great Exercise Class. Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 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.

FREE Spanish Classes. Saturdays at 3 p.m. at Resurrection Ascension Church (85-25 61 Rd, Rego Park). Call the RA rectory: 718-424-5212.

HELP WANTED: If you enjoy working with the elderly, activity leaders are needed at Ozanam Hall Nursing Home of Queens, in Bayside. Hours 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Paid position. Will train. Contact Marilyn Gindi: 718-423-2000, ext. 2708.

On Evangelization: Be Sure to Pick Up This Book Next Week

Bishop DiMarzio through the Office of Evangelization has made available free copies of a book by the renowned author Matthew Kelly titled "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." The book promotes the idea that holiness is possible for ordinary Catholics. A limited number of copies will be available in the church next weekend (December 15/16). Feel free to take one, and consider giving a copy of the book to a person or family member who does not attend Church. May God continue to watch over you!



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