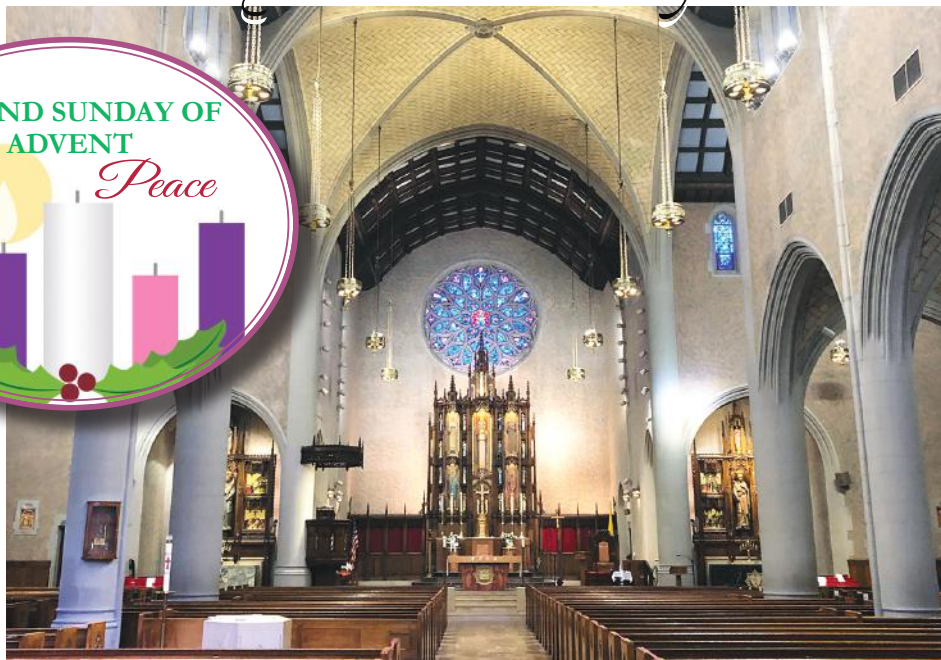


December 6, 2020 - Second Sunday of Advent

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 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS (until further notice):

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. inside the rectory door

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

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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 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, December 5

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Edward Flood
5 p.m. Susan Villani

Sunday, December 6

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, December 7

8 a.m. Robert Sonneman
12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving for
La Immaculada de Dasmariñas
Holy Day Vigil 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Sanchez

Tuesday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Patronal Feast Day of the United States
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlaloatzin

8 a.m. Marlon de Asis [anniversary]
12:05 p.m. Anna Primiano

Thursday, December 10

8 a.m. Kathleen McCarthy
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Friday, December 11

Saint Demasus I

8 a.m. Edward De Maria
12:05 p.m. Souls of Purgatory

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Cerminaro family
12:05 p.m. Frances DeBiase
5 p.m. Salvatore Pellettieri



Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 6

DROP OFF GIVING TREE GIFTS

Leave unwrapped gifts for boys and girls in church
at St. Joseph Altar or at rectory during business hours

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study online meeting

3:15 p.m., church: **ADVENT SERVICE OF HOPE**

Monday, December 7

7:30 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting

Tuesday, December 8

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions
(Please wear a face mask when visiting the rectory)

6:30 p.m., Zoom: 'Through the Word' faith-sharing group

Wednesday, December 9

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, December 10

11:30 a.m., rectory vestibule: Confessions

Until Further Notice

WEEKDAY MASSES: Use the ramp entrance/exit at Queens
Boulevard Mon-Sat for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass.
Following each Mass the church will be closed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: For private prayer or to light a candle, the
church vestibule is open weekdays and Sunday;
vestibule entrance is at Ascan Avenue.

The Wine and Hosts

are offered in loving memory of
Rocco, Norma, and Diana Napoli

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Sandy Imperante, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, Dennis Rosato, Andy Sanchez, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Robert Sorsaia, Frank Soriente, Nick Spaventa, Fr. Radu Titonea, Maria Viesta, Teresa Wong, Brittany Zaita—**and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes**

Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Remember Our Deceased

Gladys Blanchet ✝ Sallie Ottavino Elkordy
Nepomuceno Hoyos Nicolena Vitale
Deacon Hiram Lopez Sr. Mimi Wong

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, 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! 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

Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius IX on the Immaculate Conception

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. (Luke 1: 28)

REFLECT: “From the very beginning, and before time began, the eternal Father chose and prepared for his only-begotten Son a Mother in whom the Son of God would become incarnate and from whom, in the blessed fullness of time, he would be born into this world.... So wondrously did God endow her with the abundance of all heavenly gifts poured from the treasury of his divinity that this mother, ever absolutely free of all stain of sin ... would possess that fullness of holy innocence and sanctity than which, under God, one cannot even imagine anything greater....

“We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful.

“Let all the children of the Catholic Church ... venerate, invoke and pray to the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God ... with utter confidence.... Since she has been appointed by God to be the Queen of heaven and earth ... and stands at the right hand of her only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she presents our petitions in a most efficacious manner. What she asks, she obtains. Her pleas can never be unheard.” (Ineffabilis Deus, 1884)

ACT: Pray the rosary.

LEARN: Read Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary) at <https://bit.ly/34jqRF>.

To learn more about the 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 New York State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

WE DID IT! We surpassed our parish goal of \$109,112 and have reached our pledged goal of ... **\$118,501**. God bless you for supporting the ACA 2020!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ON PAGE 6

Order of Mass

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Missal #719—“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

FIRST READING—*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING—*2 Peter 3:8-14*

GOSPEL—*Mark 1:1-8*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #61—“On Jordan's Bank”

COMMUNION

Missal #325—“I Am the Bread of Life”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #196—“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLQM is viewable at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

Livestreamed from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.
- » Sunday, December 13, the second envelope is for making a Christmas Gift to our church.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. To contribute through our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Announced Masses Available

If you would like to schedule additional Mass intentions, we have openings in the 2021 Mass Book. To make arrangements and reserve an announced Mass, please call 718-268-6251 or stop by the rectory during office hours. Many dates are available for January and February 2021 and beyond. If a requested date is not available, a Mass at the closest date possible will be scheduled. Under the circumstances, we ask you to please wear your masks if visiting the rectory in person to make your request. Thank you.



Blessing of the Bambinelli Sunday Masses Dec. 12/13

During his papacy, Pope John Paul II instituted the celebration of Bambinelli Sunday on the Third Sunday of Advent—a day when children from Rome bring to St. Peter’s Square the figurine of the Christ Child from their families’ Nativity set. Then, following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses the statues of Baby Jesus, which the children will take back home to be placed under their Christmas trees. Parishes worldwide now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.

You are invited to bring your Christ Child figurine from your nativity set to Sunday Mass next weekend for a special blessing. We hope that you will participate in this powerful witness to the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

Bereavement Support at the Holidays

If you are grieving the recent death of a loved one and feeling isolated, our parish support group can help. We HELP, CARE, and LISTEN to one another and work together through the hurt and grief. The support group is currently meeting on Zoom twice a month on Monday evenings. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays this month, **Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?

You may like one of our faith-sharing groups: **Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets 10–11AM and is discussing St. John’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. **Tuesday Evening ‘Through the Word’ Bible Study** meets 6:30–8PM. To join this program, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

Post-Abortion Ministry

Entering Canaan: Day of Prayer and Healing: Saturday, December 12. Hosted by Lumina/Hope and Healing After Abortion. To make a confidential reservation and receive additional information, including details of the meeting’s time and place, please call Theresa at 1-877-586-4621 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org.



Bring **CHRISTMAS JOY** to someone this season!

RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS BY OR BEFORE DEC 13th

Leave your unwrapped gifts for boys and girls in church at the St. Joseph altar before Mass. 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 risk they’ll get stolen.) When returning gifts, remember to attach the original gift tag if you have one.

If you weren’t able to take a tag from the Christmas basket, that’s OK—you can still participate in our Christmas Giving Tree! 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 boys and girls before Dec. 14, when Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas.

Tip: If buying for teens ages 13-18, consider gift cards to allow them to purchase what they need. (Gift cards must be new. Do not give partially used cards.)

THANK YOU!

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? RCIA is the answer to your spiritual needs. To find out more, contact us at olqmrca@gmail.com OR call us at 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

Thank You ... For Making the World Missions Your Mission

Rev. Charles Keeney, diocesan director of the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, extends a warm thank-you to the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for your generosity to the missions. Our parish raised \$1,383 for World Mission Sunday and the Summer Mission Appeal, in support of communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world.

ADVENT SEASON OF HOPE

Join our Prayer Services at
3:15 PM in the Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
MR. JOSEPH TERRY

Lecturer at Kingsborough College who completed
his Sacraments of Initiation in our parish this year

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
DEACON GREG KANDRA

Blogger, Author, OLQM Deacon

Services will be posted on our website
for those unable to attend



Catholic Charities Can Help! The call-in and walk-in centers of Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens (CCBQ) offer emergency assistance to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. CCBQ can provide information about services for children and youth, adults and seniors, the mentally ill, the hungry and the homeless. To find local food pantries, mental health counseling, and other social services, call 718-722-6001 Monday through Friday, 9AM to 6PM. The Queens Walk-In Center in Jamaica is located at 91-14 Merrick Blvd., 6th floor, and is open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 4PM. www.ccbq.org.

Weekly Collections

	November 22	November 29
1st Collection	\$4,222.00	\$4,103.00
2nd Collections	1,036.00	1,171.00
	<i>(SVP, Charity Outreach)</i>	<i>(Christmas flowers)</i>
Pastoral Care Collection	-	1,092.00
Candles	711.00	678.00
Czech Stamps	-	165.00
Subtotal	5,969.00	7,209.00
	<i>(517 attending)</i>	<i>(532 attending)</i>
Mail In/Lobby Box	1,990.00	1,632.00
Catch Up Envelopes	2,745.00	6,585.00
Online Parish Giving	5,357.56	4,492.19
Thanksgiving (In Church & Mail In)		2,153.00
TOTAL	16,061.56	22,071.19
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,188.44)	821.19

* 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 Collection

Campaign for Human Development \$723.00 *(not accruing to parish)*

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Advent and Christmas 2020

ADVENT

Sunday, December 6

Advent Prayer Service, *Scripture and Music*, 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8

**Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

*Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. on December 7
Holy Day Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.*

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:05 p.m. Mass

Weekend December 12 & 13

Bambinelli Blessing, all Sunday Masses

Giving Tree Deadline to drop off *unwrapped*
Christmas gifts for boys and girls

Advent Prayer Service, *Scripture and Music*, 3:15 p.m.

Reconciliation Monday, December 21

Christmas Confessions

3:30–5 p.m. and 7–8:30 p.m. (in the priest and altar server
sacristies; line up at church entrance on Queens Blvd)

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 & 23

Christmas Confessions at 11:30 a.m. (in rectory vestibule)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

No Confessions

3:30 p.m.* and 5 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Mass*
8:45 p.m. *Christmas Carols followed by*
Mass during the Night for the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

Masses at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1, 2021

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on December 31, 2020
Holy Day Masses at 10 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

** An extra Christmas Eve Mass at 3:30 p.m. is added this year to accommodate more parishioners while maintaining social distancing. All services are in the church. A video-recorded Christmas Mass will be available on our website for those unable to attend.*



Christmas Memorial Wreaths/Trees

We are accepting memorial donations to go toward decorating the Church during this Advent and Christmas season. To request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one or family member, please contact the rectory and have information to complete this form. The 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intention of those being memorialized and the donors to the Christmas flower fund.



Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
2	Large Christmas Wreaths in Sanctuary of Church (Right side OR Left side)	\$600.00/each
1	Large Christmas Wreath Indoors (over balcony)	\$400.00
1	60-inch Christmas Wreath (outdoors, over center doors)	\$400.00
4	48-inch Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around Church)	\$250.00/each
6	Christmas Trees (around the outdoor manger)	\$150.00/each
10	Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
	Poinsettia Plants Large	\$75.00/each

Gift in Memory of: *please print name(s)*

Requested by: _____

Requester's Phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from remaining items listed above): _____