

January 1, 2023 - Solemnity of Mary

# 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 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

**ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**  
Monday–Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

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

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
Mondays after 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

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



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Scan for parish registration  
information and form

**WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE**  
11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

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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 31

**Saint Sylvester I**

8 a.m. Serafin Fule

12:05 p.m. Lillian MacColl [living]

5 p.m. Helen Beres

Sunday, January 1

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

11:15 a.m. Intentions of the Christmas Memorials and Christmas Flowers Fund

Monday, January 2

8 a.m. Joseph Daniel Scartelli

12:05 p.m. Castor Rosario

Tuesday, January 3

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8 a.m. Willy Lao Vy

12:05 p.m. Doris Abril

Wednesday, January 4

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8 a.m. Stanley Daniszewski

12:05 p.m. Clarence W. Nassauer

Thursday, January 5

**Saint John Neumann**

8 a.m. Renelyn Joy Carino

12:05 p.m. Umberto Castaldo

Friday, January 6

**Saint André Bessette**

8 a.m. Jinanne Haddad

12:05 p.m. Jacques Telhomme

Saturday, January 7

**Saint Raymond of Peñafort**

8 a.m. Braden Meeker

12:05 p.m. John Viviano

5 p.m. Lillian Clarke

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 1

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study - Christmas Break**

*Zoom meetings at 10 a.m. resume on January 8, 2023*

Monday, January 2

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

**7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study**

Tuesday, January 3

**11:30 a.m. church: Confessions**

**No Choir Rehearsal**

*Choir rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. resume on January 10, 2023*

Wednesday, January 4

**Religious Education**

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

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

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

Thursday, January 5

**11:30 a.m. church: Confessions**

**After 12:05 p.m. Mass Exposition and Benediction**

*Evening Benediction returns February 23, 2023*

Friday, January 6

**6:30–8:30 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO Meeting**

(Martyrs/Mercy Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, January 7

**12:45 p.m. church: Confessions**

**3 p.m. WEDDING**

**Jing Feng/Timothy J. Rooney**

## Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czostkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**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, please contact our Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Karen Mongiello, at [disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Remember Our Deceased

Clara Ceparano	+	Odeile Moncher
Carmen Maria Colon		Philippe J. A. Morency
Dcn. Joseph C. Denzler		Lespinasse Morency
Eucebia Flores		Marie Louis Morency
Ernest Kmitis		Marie Passenant
Edith Lorick		Rosalind Warmuth

**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.**

## This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching Mary, the Mother of God

*"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, amen."*

**REFLECT:** "The description 'Mother of God'...is the fundamental name with which the Community of Believers has always honored the Blessed Virgin. It clearly explains Mary's mission in salvation history. All other titles attributed to Our Lady are based on her vocation to be the Mother of the Redeemer, the human creature chosen by God to bring about the plan of salvation, centered on the great mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Word....

"The devotion of the Christian people has always considered the Birth of Jesus and the divine motherhood of Mary as two aspects of the same mystery of the Incarnation of the Divine Word, so it has never thought of the Nativity as a thing of the past. We are 'contemporaries' of the shepherds, the Magi, of Simeon and of Anna, and as we go with them, we are filled with joy, because God wanted to be the God-with-us and has a mother who is our mother....

"The unique and unrepeatable position that Mary occupies in the Community of Believers also stems from her fundamental vocation to being Mother of the Redeemer. Precisely as such, Mary is also Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church....

"It is because she is Mother of the Church that the Virgin is also the Mother of each one of us, members of the Mystical Body of Christ. From the Cross, Jesus entrusted his Mother to all his disciples and at the same time entrusted all his disciples to the love of his Mother.... Therefore, at the supreme moment of the fulfilment of his messianic mission, Jesus bequeathed as a precious inheritance to each one of his disciples his own Mother, the Virgin Mary." (Pope Benedict XVI, January 2, 2008)

**ACT:** Pray the rosary.

**LEARN:** Read Pope Benedict XVI's 2008 general audience (<https://bit.ly/3Tvgqzc>). Watch Bishop Barron's presentation on the Queenship of Mary (<https://bit.ly/3AwEFqf>).

To learn more about legislative issues that affect 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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## Order of Mass Solemnity of Mary

*Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #84—"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schianvone*)

**FIRST READING:** Numbers 6:22-27

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*May God bless us in his mercy.*

**SECOND READING:** Galatians 4:4-7

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:16-21

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

*"Ave Maria" (F. Schubert)—Choir soloist*

*Missal #697—"Sing of Mary"*

### COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (M. Praetorius)—Choir*

*Missal #86—"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #82—"Joy to the World"*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for the Diocesan Mission.
- » January 8, the second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)). If using the 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. Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.



**Next Sunday  
January 8**

**11:15 a.m. Mass**

**Three King's Pageant**



## 2022 Year in Review in Pictures. Happy 2023!

Our parish had many blessings in the year past; we look forward to the New Year and many more opportunities to worship and gather together.

Photos (clockwise from top)—On January 7, 2022, Bishop of Brooklyn Robert J. Brennan celebrated Mass with us after blessing his coat of arms installed in our church. During Holy Week, we rejoiced with our RCIA candidates and the large crowds at our Easter services. After an absence of several years, the Vocation Fair returned. Spring and summer meant a May crowning, communion and confirmation (not pictured), and graduation at OLM Catholic Academy. Summertime also brought us together to receive first blessings from new priest Fr. Andrew Tsui during his visit for the St. John Vianney Novena. Fr. Passenant gave a thumbs-up to the return of the Summer Potluck Luncheon, an always-popular way to spend time with each other. Our priests celebrated with Monsignor Joseph Cunningham who was honored in 2022 by Cathedral Prep and Seminary as one of its past rectors. Catholic Charities turkey mascot thanked our good parishioners for your Thanksgiving food drive donations to feed migrants (we also had a successful blood drive, Christmas toy drive, and multiple clothing drives throughout the year with St. Vincent de Paul Society). The Single Adults Group gathered to make merry and share Christmas cheer for their first in-person gathering since February 2020.







**A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, DECEMBER 11, 2022**—Another wonderful event for our parish, the concert featured soprano Paula Jean Rochelean, guest artist and tenor John Easterlin, Barbara Podgurski on piano, with Maestro David Close conducting the OLQM Church choir and members of the Oratorio Society of Queens. Pictures by Adriana Lopetrone Photography. Merry Christmas to All!

### Additional Memorial Recognitions

Today's 11:15 a.m. Mass is celebrated for the intentions of those memorialized with Christmas wreaths, trees, and poinsettias decorating our church and the donors to the Christmas flower fund. The following names were omitted from the memorial listing published in the Christmas bulletin:

#### POINSETTIA PLANTS

In Memory of our beloved lost in 2022—  
by Myrna Kelly and Felix Oquendo

In Memory of Maria Alvea—by Carlos Kelly and family

#### VENDOR RECOGNITIONS

We also want to acknowledge additional gifts made to the Vendor-Business Christmas Tree at the St. Joseph altar:

- Angel Top:* Terra Firma Restorations, Inc., East Meadow, N.Y.
- Light Bulb:* Forest Park Chapel, Forest Hills;  
Celano Electric, Whitestone;  
Empire Stairs & Railing, LLC, Richmond Hill

## New Year's Blessings

Our sincere thanks for all the wonderful Christmas cards and personal messages and gifts we received this season. Be assured of our continued prayers and best wishes for a healthy and happy new year to all.

*Bishop Sanchez*

*Fr Passenant, Fr. Antonin,*

*Msr. Cunningham, Deacon Greg Kandra*

### Weekly Collections

	<b>Dec. 18</b>
Candle Offerings	1,084.00
1st Collection	7,423.00
2nd Collection ( <i>Christmas Gift to the Church</i> )	16,785.00
<u>In-Church Subtotal</u>	<u>25,292.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,174.57
Mail In	1,186.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,652.57</b>
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	8,502.57

\*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, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

#### 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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

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- OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

## Census Sunday 2022 Results

by David Lee, Stewardship Committee

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs conducted a census last October for parishioners to certify their parish membership and declare their desire to be a part of our Catholic community. The census is important for helping the parish maintain sacramental records and better know and serve the needs of all parishioners, old and new. In all, 214 parishioners completed a census form. Here are some of the tabulated results:

- » About 8% of our survey participants 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 allows OLQM to continue having several special ethnic celebrations every year.
- » Of the participants who indicated that OLQM is their parish, 21% started worshipping here within the last five years; 16% 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 the full census results, please go to our website at: [www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/CensusSunday22](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/CensusSunday22)

## Winter Calendar

### January 8, 2023

Epiphany Sunday. *Three Kings Pageant at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

### January 14 to January 22

Padre Pio Novena. *Daily Masses (Mon-Sat) at 12:05 p.m., Sundays 1/15 & 1/22 after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

### January 22

Observance of the National March for Life (held January 20 in Washington, DC). *All Sunday Masses.*

### February 2

Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of the Candles. *At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses*

### February 3

Feast of St. Blaise and Blessing of Throats. *At the 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.*

### February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes. Anointing of the Sick. *At the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

### February 20

Alleluia Sunday. *All Masses. Last Sunday before Lent for singing hymns with lots of Alleluias! (Lent begins February 22.)*

## RCIA at OLQM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, please contact [olqmrcia@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia).

## To Our Generous Parishioners

The diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith thanks you for the \$11,173 our parish gave over four collections in 2022 in support of the Diocesan Mission, Catholic Relief Services, Summer Missionaries, and World Mission Sunday.

With the generosity of 345 donors, we fulfilled our parish goal of raising \$114,568 for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal for diocese-wide programs and ministries. The total in paid pledges we received exceeded the goal amount, bringing over \$33,000 back to our parish to fund projects right here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. God bless you all for your generosity.

## 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.** Current topic is St. Luke’s Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: [noilas@hotmail.com](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday Evening “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** The group is engaged in a *year-long study* on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join in the study on Zoom, contact Joe: [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m.** Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join to pray together and for one another. Learn how God’s word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).