

# 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 (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**

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

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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, January 9

8 a.m. Domingo Suero

12:05 p.m. Intention of Padre Pio Novena

5 p.m. Lillian Clark and William Wilfinger

Sunday, January 10

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, January 11

8 a.m. Luz Zenaida Villeran

12:05 p.m. Jorge Bonilla

Tuesday, January 12

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

8 a.m. Caroline P. Feeney

12:05 p.m. Marija Feretic [anniversary]

Wednesday, January 13

Saint Hilary

8 a.m. Michael Kaflan

12:05 p.m. Julito Jumalon

Thursday, January 14

8 a.m. Susan Passenant

12:05 p.m. Antonio Perez and Georgia Martinez

Friday, January 15

8 a.m. Carol Garst

12:05 p.m. Colonel John B. Cartafalsa

Saturday, January 16

8 a.m. Vincent Curcio

12:05 p.m. Saverio Cerminaro

5 p.m. Martin Kelleher

## Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Georgette Holland, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Jason M., Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Ritchie Perl, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, 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

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 10

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, January 11

7 p.m., Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 13

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 16 through Sunday, January 24

Novena to St. Padre Pio

### SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we will have a Mass webcast available to view on our website. You can join in prayer and spiritual communion at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org). The Sunday Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

### Until Further Notice

**Weekday Masses:** Use the ramp entrance at Queens Blvd Mon-Sat for 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass. Following each Mass the church will be closed. For private prayer or to light a candle, the church vestibule at Ascan Avenue is open.

## Remember Our Deceased

Sandy Imperante



Dennis Rosato

### 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## **This Week's Reflection** from Catholic Social Teaching

### **The Catechism on the Baptism of Jesus**

*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:27)*

**REFLECT:** “Jesus’ public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan.... A crowd of sinners—tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes—come to be baptized by him. Then Jesus appears. The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, “This is my beloved Son.’ This is the manifestation ... of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God....

“He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Already he is anticipating the ‘baptism’ of his bloody death. Already ... he is submitting himself entirely to his Father’s will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father’s voice responds to the Son’s acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to rest on him....

“Through Baptism ... the Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father’s beloved son in the Son.... Let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him. Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father’s voice, we become sons of God.”

**LEARN:** Read the Catechism on the sacrament of baptism (at <https://bit.ly/3kAJbtG>). Watch Bishop Barron’s video on the “Sacrament of Baptism” (at <https://bit.ly/2Ttw9lB>).

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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center).

## **Order of Mass** **Baptism of the Lord**

*Cycle B*

### **ENTRANCE**

*Missal #719—“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”*

**FIRST READING—Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**SECOND READING—Acts 10:34-38**

**GOSPEL—Mark 1:7-11**

### **HOMILY**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Missal #61—“On Jordan’s Bank”—Solo*

### **COMMUNION**

*Missal #335—“Behold the Lamb”—Solo*

*Missal #587—“Christ, Be Our light”*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Missal #444—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*Communion is distributed during exit*

### **Watch Sunday Mass Online**

9 a.m. Sundays at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)

### **Watch Daily Mass Online**

Livestream from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph at [netny.tv/masses](http://netny.tv/masses)

## **Second Collections**

» Today’s second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the building housing OLQM Catholic Academy.

» January 17 the second collection will be for Pastoral Care.

» Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)) or at our 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.



*With God our Father  
all things are possible.*



# Christmas 2020

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Outdoor creche on Christmas Eve (D.D.)



Outdoor creche at night (R.F.)



St. Joseph altar (L.V.)



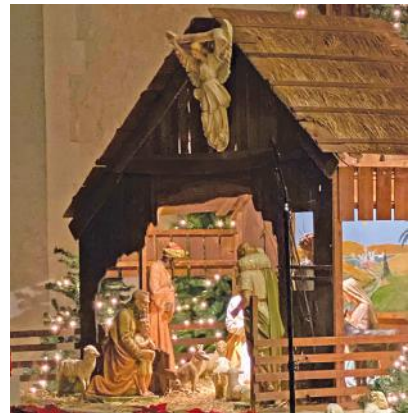
Pulpit (D.G.K.)



Christmas Eve Mass, choir loft view (L.C.)



Our clergy are pictured in the sacristy before the concelebrated Christmas Mass at Night on December 24. Ten altar servers participated. Roger Aguinardo, our trustee, operated the computer for the live-stream webcast. Mass was well attended though socially distanced. (photo by A.N.) For more photos, visit [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery).



Indoor creche at Mary altar (R.F.)

## Winter Calendar at OLQM

### Padre Pio Novena

Saturday, January 16 to Sunday, January 24

### Pro-Life Masses

Friday, January 22 (Roe v. Wade anniversary), *8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.*

### Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, February 17

### St. Joseph Novena

Thursday, March 11 to Friday, March 19

## Recent Baptisms at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

### Cesar Matteo Amay

son of Lisbeth and Darwin Amay

### Conor Dylan Cody

son of Lauren and Thomas Cody

### Justin Alexander Mangual

son of Joyanet and Rafael Mangual

### Theodore Charles Poulos

son of Christina and Dennis Poulos

*Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!*

## Faith Sharing on Zoom

**Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?  
Join one of our faith-sharing groups.**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10–11AM.** The Sunday morning group is currently discussing St. John's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

**Through the Word, Mondays from 7–8PM beginning January 11.** This Catholic bible study draws from the 73 books of the canon of Scripture, sacred tradition, and teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church to bring Christ in the word to you. Contact Joseph Terry for the Zoom information: josephterry@gmail.com.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

The parish bereavement support group offers spiritual support to those who have recently suffered a loss. We offer a caring environment, hope, and comfort; we are nonjudgmental and respect privacy in all aspects of the grieving process and point toward healing. Meetings are typically the first and third Mondays of the month, except on days when federal holidays fall on Mondays.

Support group meetings are virtual via Zoom until further notice. Zoom meetings are scheduled for **February 1** and **March 1 & 15**. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Please contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

## Weekly Collections

	Dec 25-27	Jan 1-3
Candle Offerings	726.00	820.00
1st Collection	4,334.50	3,118.50
2nd Collection	2,052.00	968.00
	<i>(snow removal)</i>	<i>(youth programs)</i>
<b>In Church Subtotal</b>	<b>7,112.50</b>	<b>4,924.50</b>
Lobby Box & Mail In	4,165.00	5,205.63
Catch-up Envelope	5,170.00	15,714.00
Parish Giving Online	7,892.26	5,829.72
<b>Christmas Day (685 attending)</b>	<b>10,092.50</b>	
<b>New Year's Day (321 attending)</b>		<b>3,523.21</b>
<b>2nd Collection (Jan 1-major repairs)</b>		<b>348.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,432.26</b>	<b>35,527.06</b>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	13,182.26	14,277.06

\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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 Collections

Catholic Charities (Dec 25)	\$3,935.00
Diocesan Mission (Jan 3)	\$710.00

Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the parish.

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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**ONLINE**  
Website:  
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:  
@OLQMChurch

OLQM Catholic Academy:  
www.olqmca.org

## 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 [olqmrchia@gmail.com](mailto:olqmrchia@gmail.com) OR call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

## Poverty Awareness Month

Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6 percent of men and 12.9 percent of women lived in poverty in the United States. The poverty rate for married couples was 4.7 percent—but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7 percent, and for single-parent families with no husband present it was 24.9 percent. In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7 percent. That’s nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty!

The facts on poverty in our country are eye-opening. We recommend you visit [PovertyUSA.org](http://PovertyUSA.org), a website for education on economic justice and guiding principles from the Church for assisting the poor.



### Deanery Corner

**Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry** (70-01 Kessel St.) is open Saturdays, 10–11AM. There will be prepared bags to pick up. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. OLM always needs food to restock its shelves. If you’d like to lend support, contact Deacon Dean Dobbins directly at the OLM rectory: 718-268-6143 or [ddobbins@diobrook.org](mailto:ddobbins@diobrook.org).



## St. “Padre Pio” Novena

January 16-24

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, known as “Padre Pio,” had the stigmata and is regarded as a miracle worker. He lived the Franciscan life of poverty and saw the image of Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the sick.

Saint Pope John Paul II canonized him in 2002.

Padre Pio recited the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus daily. It was his go-to prayer for all those who asked for his prayers. We encourage you to pray the novena to Padre Pio and ask for his intercession. You can find the novena prayer sheet on our church website ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org)); there will be copies of the prayer sheet in the church beginning January 16th.

### Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of...*(State your intention.)*

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be to the Father. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.

## Respect Life Month

Respect for life is a year-round effort, but the church also observes Respect Life month and encourages the 9 Days for Life Novena from January 21–29. To receive daily reflections on all the ways to show respect for life, sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com). Here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, pro-life Masses will be celebrated on January 22.

