

January 12, 2025 - Baptism of the Lord

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

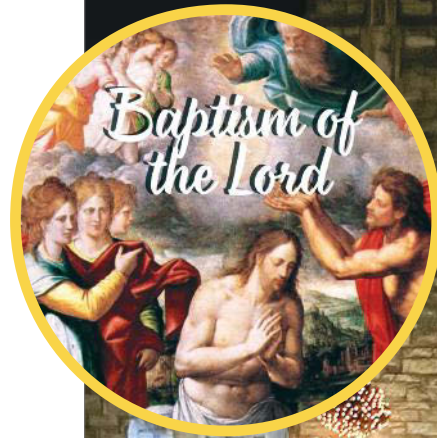


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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

TRUSTEE
Veronica McCarthy
Roy Joseph

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Edward Torres

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 Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
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 DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

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, January 11

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Patricia Almonte

5 p.m. Brian Francis Spaulding

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

Saint Hilary

8:05 a.m. Alejo Caccad

12:05 p.m. Alvaro Velazquez

Tuesday, January 14

8:05 a.m. Velton Johnson

12:05 p.m. Susan Passenant

Wednesday, January 15

8:05 a.m. Liza Pollini [living]

12:05 p.m. Jacques TelHomme

Thursday, January 16

8:05 a.m. Gerard Ihle

12:05 p.m. Asuncion Lopez

Friday, January 17

Saint Anthony

8:05 a.m. Amy Bowllan [living]

12:05 p.m. Saverio Cerminaro

Saturday, January 18

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Rosario E. Mendel

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, 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, Alexander Gutierrez, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Ginger Inabinet, Edward James, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Sherryl Kahn, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, George McGarrity, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordenez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Sylvia Vargas, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, Teresa Wong—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 12

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):*

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, January 13

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

6:45 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room:*

Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, January 14

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, January 15

Religious Education

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

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

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

Thursday, January 16

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6)

Friday, January 17

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization (MAYO) Meeting

Saturday, January 18

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions



Remember Our Deceased

Luisa Bertoli

Carlos Castillo

Rev. Msgr. John J. Gildea

John Ostling



Paloma Martinez

Gloria Raymundo

Judy Zeit

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

from Catholic Teaching

Care for the Environment

In 2015, Pope Francis issued an encyclical called *Laudato Si'* in which he called us to care for our common home. As a follow-up to that encyclical, the Holy Father established the Laudato Si' Action Platform and entrusted its work to an office in the Vatican to help achieve real and lasting solutions to the ecological crisis. That office is called the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

In his encyclical, Pope Francis reminded us of the words of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, who wrote that creation is harmed “where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves.”

Pope Francis writes: “I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. . . . All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.”

He goes on to point to “the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.”

LEARN MORE: Visit the Laudato Si' Action Platform (laudatosiactionplatform.org) because “everyone’s talents and involvement are needed” (*Laudato Si'* 14).

Join the Catholic Teaching Committee

The next meeting of our parish committee takes place on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in the rectory. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the committee's work, please try to attend.

Memorialize a Loved One with an Altar Gift

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To make your request, visit the rectory during business hours.

Order of Mass

Baptism of the Lord

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #112—“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation

Missal #841—**GLORIA:** Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Just as I Am” (R. Powell)—Choir

Missal #342—“Behold the Lamb”

COMMUNION

“On Jordan’s Bank” (arr. M. Archer)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #518—“Christ, Be Our Light”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #117—“When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

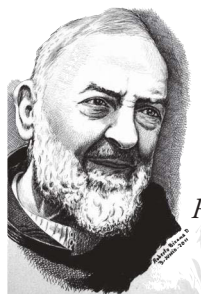
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Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for winter fuel.
- » January 12, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building.
- » 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.

NEW MASS INTENTION STIPEND

Starting March 1, 2025, the stipend for a Mass intention will be \$25 (\$20 for an intention, \$5 for the Mass card). This increase, approved by the bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, will apply to intentions requested for the 2026 Mass Book, which will open later this year.



St. "Padre Pio" Novena January 11-19

*Recited at the 12:05 p.m. Masses (Mon-Sat)
and after 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sundays*

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, known as "Padre Pio," had the stigmata and is regarded as a miracle worker. His feast day is September 23, but he is sometimes referred to as the unofficial patron saint of the January blues and stress relief, owing to his famous words, "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

We encourage you to take a copy of the novena prayer sheet (available in the church) and ask for his intercession. Each novena prayer ends with a variation of the prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which Padre Pio recited daily as his go-to prayer for all those who asked for his intercession.

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.



The statue of St. Padre Pio (center) in the Saints Chapel. Lean on the faith and intercession of Padre Pio to seek comfort and strength against the January blues. Join us in reciting the Padre Pio Novena from January 11-19. (Photo courtesy Denise De Maria)

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

For adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments, the OCIA program 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.

—Weekly Collections—

	Dec 29	Jan 5
Candle Offerings	\$1,601.00	1,642.00
1st Collection	7,708.29	8,011.06
2nd Collection	2,413.29	2,561.05
	<i>(snow removal)</i>	<i>(Pastoral Care)</i>
Diocesan Mission	—	1,180.00**
Subtotal - In church	11,722.58	13,394.11
Christmas Gift to the Church (#3)	—	11,422.00
Online Parish Giving	7,538.48	6,639.90
Mail In	4,073.00	—
Solemnity of Mary/New Year's (1/1)	—	5,220.01
2nd Collection on 1/1 <i>(major repairs)</i>	—	2,015.00
TOTAL	\$23,334.06	38,691.02
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,165.94)	14,191.02

* 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 that benefits the designated cause; does not accrue to our 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.

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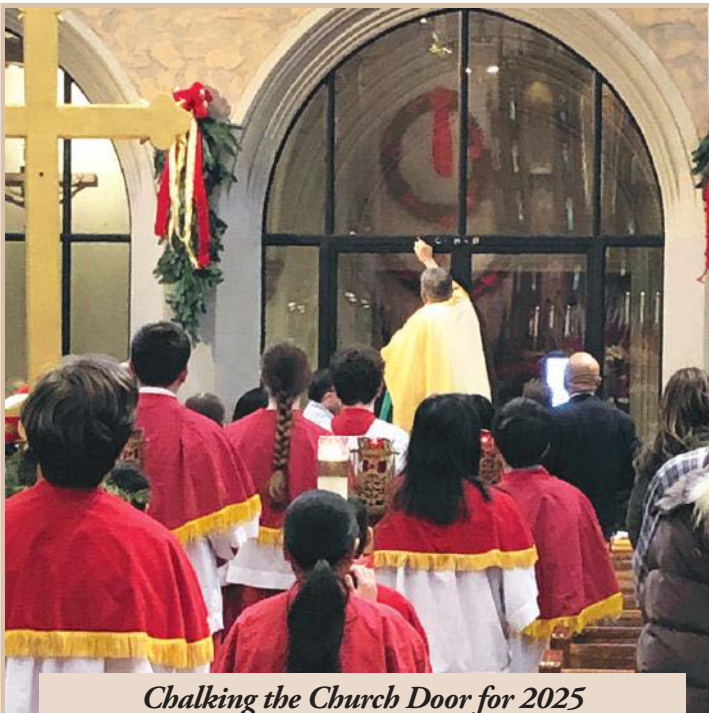
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LIVESTREAM MASS

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



Chalking the Church Door for 2025

The Epiphany tradition continues! At last Sunday's 9 a.m. Mass, Father Passenant wrote in chalk about the church door the inscription 20 + C + M + B + 25. This message symbolizes the initials of the three Magi and asks Christ's blessings on our house of worship and all who enter in the year ahead. (Photo courtesy Liz Lopez)

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Hope Patricia Haskoor

daughter of Karena and Michael Haskoor

Cristina Alexis Montero

daughter of Carla and Adam Montero

Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Student Honors

These students from our parish were recently cited by **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY** for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Principal's List: **Cecelia Aguinaldo, Amber Ali, Karina Bianchini, Amrit Chopra, Miriya Healing, Emilia Ho, Claudia Wysocky**

First Honors: **Leila Ibanez, Sophia Estevez, Alyssa Iadicicco**

Second Honors: **Emilia Aguinaldo, Emma Granadillo, Lillah Weitman**

Bereavement Support Group Meets This Monday

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. Meeting are scheduled for **Jan 13, Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. All meeting start at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. For more information or questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Winter Celebrations at OLQM

Save these dates & watch for more information in future bulletins.

Sunday, Feb 2—Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles at all Sunday Masses.

Monday, Feb 3—Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats at the 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.

Tuesday, Feb 11—Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 2—St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Donation Truck. Visits on Sunday only from 9 a.m. to noon to collect drop-offs of gently used clothing.

March 5—Ash Wednesday. Lent begins. Ashes will be distributed at these times only: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses; 4 p.m. Prayer Service; 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Mar 6—Thursday Evening Devotions resume. Exposition and Adoration weekly after 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.



Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly gatherings in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

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).

Through the Word Bible Study: On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies from 2023–2024. Available at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

More Christmas 2024 Memories



Photos—(1) Father Passenant, assisted by seminarian Louis Chabot, blessed the outdoor creche on Christmas Eve. (2) The Christmas altar. (3) Paulina Levantis and her son Christopher, who played the role of the Baby Jesus (4) at the Children's Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve. (5) Many altar servers joined the opening procession of the Christmas Mass at Night when the statue of the Infant Jesus was carried to the crib at the altar. (6) The Mass at Night was concelebrated with Father Radu, Father Antonin, Father Passenant, and Bishop Sanchez. Photos are courtesy Rainbow Dee, Denise De Maria, and Leon Volskis.

