

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.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
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WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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. & 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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org

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



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Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
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, January 13

Saint Hilary

8:05 a.m. Jose Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Alvaro Velázquez

5 p.m. Maria Beatriz Rios

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

8:05 a.m. Msgr. P. Fursey O'Toole

12:05 p.m. Martin Kelleher

Tuesday, January 16

8:05 a.m. Velton Darrow Johnson

12:05 p.m. Saverio Cerminaro

Wednesday, January 17

Saint Anthony

8:05 a.m. Sean Doyle

12:05 p.m. Amy Bowllan

Thursday, January 18

Prayer for Christian Unity

8:05 a.m. Ding Asuncion

12:05 p.m. Ignazia & Matteo Orlando

Friday, January 19

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Saturday, January 20

Saint Fabian

Saint Sebastian

8:05 a.m. Theresa Bartolotto

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Sequeira family

5 p.m. Elizabeth Breslin

Remember Our Sick

Grace Banks, Robert Battista, Jenny Becker, Donald Begota, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Viola Binua, Gustavo Cáceres, Taylor Calder, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Mary Hughes, Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elyse Locurto, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolois, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Romilda Roesler, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Rose Tibayan, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Sandra Zalbe—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 six (6) months, unless our office is notified.

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.

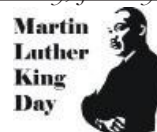
Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 14

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**
(enter at glass door behind the Mary statue)

After 1 p.m. Mass rectory basement meeting room:
Free Movie Screening of "Sound of Freedom"

Monday, January 15



Rectory closed for the holiday

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

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

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

Wednesday, January 17

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 18

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Evening Benediction returns February 15 at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 19

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall (school auditorium): **MAYO Meeting**
(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, January 20

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

Next Sunday, January 21

After 11:15 a.m. Mass church:

Close of St. Padre Pio Novena

Remember Our Deceased

Leonardo Celano
Anthony Cianci
Jacob Daniel
John Doyle
Stephen Gavosto



Thomas Daniel Moriarty
John Nash
Richie Singh
Maria Fatima Teh Danzil
Lisa Maria Vecchione

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 Teaching

The Root Cause of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

"We are all part of the problem.... We are not permitted to look elsewhere and declare our ignorance or our innocence." (Pope Francis)

REFLECT: January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. February 8th, St. Bakhita's Feast Day, is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking.

"Human trafficking takes control over its victims and puts them in locations and situations where they are treated as commodities, to be bought and sold and exploited as workers or even as 'raw materials' in multiple and unimaginable ways.... These are manifestations of immoral social, cultural, and economic systems and practices, which promote consumerist attitudes and increase inequalities within and among regions....

"In public discourse, much attention is paid to traffickers who provide the supply side of human trafficking, although few are arrested and far fewer still convicted. Little is said about the consumers: the factor of demand, which traffickers continue to meet. Considering the different areas in which the victims of human trafficking work or operate (agriculture, domestic work, prostitution and so on), the consumers constitute a huge mass who seem largely unaware of the exploitation of persons who are trafficked, yet enjoy the benefits and services they provide. If men, women, and children are trafficked, this is ultimately because there is great demand that makes their exploitation profitable....

"If the human family wishes to stamp out human trafficking, society itself will have to change. In order to bring human trafficking to an end, all people will need to simplify their needs, control their habits, rein in their appetites." (Dicastery for Integral Human Development)

"Is the principal cause of trafficking really the traffickers? I believe the principal cause is the unscrupulous selfishness of the many hypocrites in our world. Of course, arresting traffickers is an obligation of justice. But the true solution is the conversion of hearts, cutting off demand in order to dry out the market." (Pope Francis, February 12, 2018)

ACT: Pray the Novena for Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking, available in the church. Join us for a screening of the Sound of Freedom after today's 1 p.m. Mass.

LEARN: Read the Vatican's Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking, at <http://tinyurl.com/n4na99uj>. Watch Pope Francis's video, Human Trafficking, at <http://tinyurl.com/y6e7h4dv>.



BECOME a SHEPHERD

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.
PROTECT, HELP, EMPOWER AND, RESTORE DIGNITY

Order of Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #213—"God, We Praise You"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Now Let Us All Praise God" (*G. Young*)—Choir

Missal #420—"Earthen Vessels"

COMMUNION

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (*J. S. Bach*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #341—"Behold the Lamb"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #424—"The Church's One Foundation"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.
- » January 21, the second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the building that houses OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Attention Parents!

OLQM Catholic Academy

Accepting Applications for
Kindergarten and Grades 1–8

Open House Saturday, January 27, 9:30am to 11am

olqmca.org/how-to-apply

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: 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



January 7 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass

Three Kings Presentation

On Epiphany, or the 12th day of Christmas, we commemorated how a star led the three kings bearing gifts to the baby Jesus. The regally attired men with Father Passenant are *(left to right)* Alberto, Ryan, and their father Luis Portugal. Photos courtesy Bob Schnell and Regina Faighes.

ICYMI: We have posted on our website lovely photos from Christmas 2023 that were shared with us by parishioners. Many of these photos never made it into the weekly church bulletin because of the constraints of time and space amid the festive chaos. View the full album here: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/christmas-at-olqm-2023/



Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Meets in-person in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study is St. Luke's Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Study draws from the canon of Scripture and the teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian.

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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Diana Salcedo

daughter of Veronica and Heriberto Salcedo

Wyatt Colette So

daughter of Mia Lui and Philip So

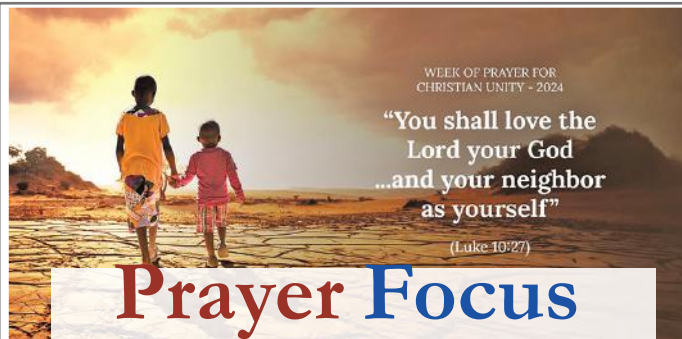
Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!

Cor: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council #14578 has an initiative named Cor for forming and strengthening Catholic men in faith. The first event is on **January 24 at Our Lady of Hope** (61-27 71st St, Middle Village), starting with attendance at the 7 p.m. Mass, followed by a 7:30 p.m. talk in the cafeteria by Joe Amato, spiritual team leader from St. Paul's Cursillo, discussing "The gifts of Christ's humanness." Group discussions and socializing will follow. Future Cor events will rotate across parishes. If you need a spiritual boost for the new year, consider joining and inviting along someone who hasn't been to Mass in some time.

Bereavement Support Group

The parish bereavement support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). Announced meeting dates are **January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17**. All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. For additional information or updates (meeting dates may be subject to late changes), contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Source: USCCB)



FREE MOVIE SCREENING

After today's 1 pm Mass

For Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we invite you to join us in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue) for a screening of a film meant to raise awareness about the crime of human trafficking and efforts to combat it. The film is rated PG-13; it may not be suitable for young children.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are age 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. 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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Dec 31	Jan 7
Candle Offerings	\$1,857.00	\$1,295.00
1st Collection	7,305.00	6,338.07
2nd Collection	2,801.00	2,945.07
	snow removal	pastoral care
Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day)	3,809.01	-
2nd Collection (1/1/24; major repairs)	1,203.00	-
Subtotal: In Church	16,975.01	10,578.14
Online Giving	5,490.78	14,573.72
Mail In	2,787.00	4,943.00
TOTAL	25,252.79	30,094.86
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,102.79	6,944.86

* 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.

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.

Contact Us

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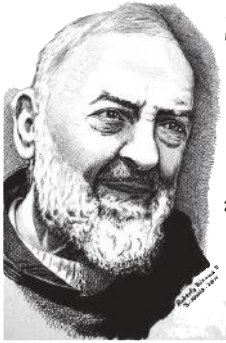
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:

www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast



St. “Padre Pio” Novena January 13–21

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, known as “Padre Pio,” had the stigmata and is regarded as a miracle worker. Although his feast day is September 23, he is considered 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.”

Padre Pio recited the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus daily as his go-to prayer for all those who asked for his prayers. Our novena to honor Padre Pio will be prayed weekdays (Mon-Sat) at the 12:05 p.m. Mass all this week and after the 11:15 a.m. Mass today and next Sunday. We encourage you to recite the novena (copies in the church) and ask 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.

* Suggestion: if you do not have a personal intention in mind, then consider making the divine protection of those who are exploited and abused and an end to all forms of modern slavery an intention to pray for during the Padre Pio novena.

5-Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17–21. Led by Bishop Robert Brennan. Full package price including airfare: \$1,780. Contact Peter’s Way Tours for details and availability. Payment deadline is May 1. www.petersway.com/1048.html.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress



Deanery Corner

A place for news from nearby parishes

TODAY: Sunday, January 14 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE ♦ **St. Margaret’s Parish** (166-05 79 Place, Middle Village). The New York Blood Center needs donors of all blood types. Walk-ins welcomed. Donate blood, save a life.

Community Services

Affordable Housing Open for Applications

Newly constructed affordable housing units are available at **Vista65** (97-12 65th Rd, Rego Park). Apply online at <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/>. The deadline for online applications is February 5, 2024. To obtain a paper application, write to MGNY Consulting Corp., 109 E. 9th St., New York, NY 10003.

Social Adult Day Services

Queens Community House (108-25 62nd Dr.) offers this program for older adults (age 60+) with cognitive or functional impairments who need the assistance of another person with activities of daily living. The program operates weekdays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. For an individual to gain the maximum benefit from the group, a consistent commitment of one to two days per week is strongly recommended. Transportation to and from program is available but limited to Forest Hills and Rego Park (zip codes 11374 and 11375). An initial phone intake will be completed to determine potential eligibility. Cost: \$40 per day, which includes all activities, lunch, and transportation (if applicable). Contact Queens Community House at 718-592-5757, ext. 240.

Assisted Living Residence & Respite Care

Dominican Village, founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY, has openings. To schedule a tour or to request more information, call 631-842-6091 or email jford@dominicanvillage.org.

Mental Health Services

St. John’s University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike) offers psychological testing and therapy services for children, adolescents, and adults. To make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.