

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

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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 16

8 a.m. Vincent Curcio

12:05 p.m. Saverio Cerminaro

5 p.m. Martin Kelleher

Sunday, January 17

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (federal holiday)

8 a.m. Luciano T. Abes

12:05 p.m. Ignazio and Matteo Orlando

Tuesday, January 19

8 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Sr. Mimi Wong

Wednesday, January 20

St. Fabian

St. Sebastian

8 a.m. (Baby) Nicolas A. Ferrucci

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Joan Olenyik

Thursday, January 21

St. Agnes

8 a.m. Dolly Cuartas

12:05 p.m. Daniel Cahill

Friday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

8 a.m. Aida Almendral

12:05 p.m. Maria Forero

Saturday, January 23

St. Vincent

St. Marianne Cope

8 a.m. Roman Konopka

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

5 p.m. Kay Bruno

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Marylou Bagasan, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Taylor Calder, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Anthony Delia, 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, 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 17

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

Monday, January 18



Rectory closed for holiday; Masses at 8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 20

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 23

1 p.m., Zoom: Single Adults Group meeting

Food Drive on January 23/24 (see page 4)

Novena to St. Padre Pio: January 16–24

(novena prayer on page 6)

SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. we will have a Mass posted on our website. You can join in prayer and spiritual communion at 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

Dolores Hartman

Sandy Imperante



Salvatore Petrelli

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, to make your special needs known.

This Week's Reflection from Catholic Social Teaching The Gospel of Life

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you. (Jeremiah 1: 5)

REFLECT: “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

“Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father...

“It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory.” (USCCB on Evangelium Vitae)

ACT: Make the “Nine Days for Life” novena this year; see www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

LEARN: The General Instruction of the Roman Missal designates January 22nd as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Learn more about this day of prayer at <https://bit.ly/3nO9cHv>. Read Evangelium Vitae, the Gospel of Life, at <https://bit.ly/3hkoyBd>.

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

Order of Mass Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #426—“All the Earth”

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

Missal #433—“Amazing Grace”

COMMUNION

Missal #323—“I Received the Living God”

CLOSING HYMN

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

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. Sundays at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

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

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » January 24 the second collection will be for Churches in Need. There is also an envelope for Rel Ed-Release Time.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (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. ©IPCC

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, a website for education on economic justice and guiding principles from the Church for assisting the poor.



OLQM Catholic Academy Registration for Nursery and Grades K-8

If you are interested in enrolling your child at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy, a first round of registration will be from **February 1st to February 10th**. There will be rolling enrollment after that based on availability. Please visit the academy’s website for more information about the registration process: olqmca.org/admissions.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH O God, make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love toward you. Grant that our common life and work may be an example to all about us. Guide us through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, our patroness. Draw us together in stronger faith and keep us secure in your love. (Source: Church bulletin archives)



Next Weekend Only

PLEASE DONATE

At Sunday Masses on January 23 & 24 we will hold a food drive on behalf of the **food pantry at Resurrection Ascension Church** in Rego Park. Sister Roberta has asked if we can help out and collect specific items. Please

bring donations to church with you next week and leave them on the piano. Members of the Knights of Columbus will deliver them to the pantry.

Items requested are:

- Boxed cereals
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Canned vegetables: carrots, potatoes, green beans, corn
- Instant coffee
- Any canned soups except chicken (the pantry already has lots of chicken soup)

† **GIVING IS GOOD. THANK YOU.** †

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

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.

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

Single Adults Group News

We are welcoming in the New Year with a Zoom meeting on **Saturday, January 23 at 1 p.m.** Let's share our hopes and resolutions for 2021 as well as catch up on the latest news. If you would like to join the session, please send an e-mail to dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or leave a message on the group's hotline at **718-361-3201** and you will receive the sign-in instructions. Newcomers are always welcome!

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, Monday evenings, 7–8PM. 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.

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Bereavement Support Group at OLQM

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](mailto:yimizelle@gmail.com).

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 OR call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message. All emails and calls will receive a response.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Jan 10
Candle Offerings	577.00
1st Collection	4,012.00
2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>)	923.00
School Bldg Maintenance	465.00
<i>In Church Subtotal (562 attending)</i>	<u>5,977.00</u>
Lobby Box & Mail In	2,590.00
Catch-up Envelope	7,100.00
Parish Giving Online	4,847.04
TOTAL	<u>20,514.04</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(735.96)

* 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.

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.

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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 this novena to Padre Pio and ask for his intercession.

DAY 1

Beloved St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you have had the signs of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ on your body. You have carried this stigmata for everyone, enduring both the physical and mental sufferings that racked your soul and body in a continual sacrifice. We beg you to pray for us, so that we will be able to accept both the little and the larger crosses we too must bear during our life on earth and to offer these sufferings to God, assuring us a place with him in Eternal Life.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold, I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 2

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, together with Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have been able to withstand the temptations of the Devil. You suffered the beatings and the oppression of the demon of hell, who wanted to have you abandon your journey of holiness. We beg you to pray for us so that, with your help and the help of all of the Heavenly Kingdom, we will be able to find the strength to set sin aside and to persevere in our faith until the day of our death.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of my Father in my Mighty Name, He will give it to you.” Behold, in Your Name I ask the Father for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 3

Virtuous St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you love Our Holy Mother very much and have received daily graces and consolations from her. Please, we beg you to pray to the Holy Mother for us. Place in her hands the sorrow for our sins and our prayers of reparation, so that, as at Cana of Galilee, her Son says “yes” to His Mother and our name may be written in the Book of Eternal Life.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away.” Encouraged by Your infallible words, I now ask for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 4

Chaste St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you loved your Guardian Angel, who served you well as your guide and as a defender and messenger. The Angels brought the prayers of your spiritual children to you. We beg you to pray for us, so that we may learn to call on our Guardian Angel who is always ready to guide us to what is good and to avoid falling into sinful actions.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have pity on us sinners and grant us the grace of *(name your request)* which we ask of Thee through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Your and our tender Mother.

DAY 5

Prudent St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you have had a great devotion for the Souls in Purgatory for whom you have offered yourself as a victim to remit their punishments. Please pray for us and ask God to send us the same interest, compassion and love that you have for these souls. In this way, we will also contribute to reducing their suffering and, with our sacrifices and prayers, win for them their necessary Indulgences.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold, I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 6

Obedient St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you have loved the sick more than yourself, because you were able to see Jesus in them. You have performed many miracles by healing patients in the name of Jesus and thereby giving them peace of mind. We beg you to pray for us, so that sick patients, through the intercession of Mary, can be healed and their bodies restored so that they may benefit from the Holy Spirit and, therefore, thank and praise God forever.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of my Father in my Mighty Name, He will give it to you.” Behold, in Your Name I ask the Father for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 7

Blessed St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you have worked in “God’s Plan for Salvation”, by offering your sufferings to free sinners from the chains of the Devil. We beg you to pray for us, so that unbelievers will be converted to the faith, that all sinners will repent in their hearts and that those with lukewarm hearts will find renewed enthusiasm for a Christian life. Finally, pray for all those who are faithful, so that they will persevere on their way to salvation.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will not pass away.” Encouraged by Your infallible words, I now ask for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 8

Pure St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you experienced great love for your spiritual children and have helped them by purchasing them for Christ with the giving of your blood. Please grant us, who have not met you personally, the opportunity to be considered your spiritual children. In this way, with your protection, guidance and strength, you will obtain for us a special blessing from God, so that we may meet Him on the day of our death at the gates of Heaven.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O My Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold, I knock, I seek, and I ask for the grace of *(name your request)*.

DAY 9

Humble St. Pio of Pietrelcina, you who loved the Roman Catholic Church, pray for us. May the Master send workers to the harvest and give them the strength and knowledge needed to be children of God. Pray that Our Holy Lady will unite Christian people everywhere, comforting all of them in one great house of the Lord, the lighthouse of our salvation in the storm of life ... just as a lighthouse is a beacon for safe return when there is a storm at sea.

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART: O my Jesus, You have said: “Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of my Father in my Mighty Name, He will give it to you.” Behold, in Your Name I ask the Father for the grace of *(name your request)*.

After each day’s prayer and after naming your request,
recite an Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and
“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You. Amen.”