

January 19, 2025 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
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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

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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

**GIVE NOW**  
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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 18

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

5 p.m. Rosario E. Mendel

Sunday, January 19

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners

of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Monday, January 20

Saint Fabian

Saint Sebastian

8:05 a.m. Rosemarie Nicolais

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Tuesday, January 21

Saint Agnes

8:05 a.m. Sergio Martinoli

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

Wednesday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of Unborn Children

8:05 a.m. Albert E. Araneo, Jr.

12:05 p.m. Nina Diamond

Thursday, January 23

Saint Vincent

Saint Marianne Cope

8:05 a.m. Catherine West

12:05 p.m. Aida Almendral

Friday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales

8:05 a.m. Joseph Larson

12:05 p.m. Doctor Ic Fergus [living]

Saturday, January 25

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

12:05 p.m. Aurora G. Castro [living]

5 p.m. Eva Luna Fernandez Le Fur

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Mass: Close of the Padre Pio Novena

Monday, January 20



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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Rectory closed for the federal holiday

Tuesday, January 21

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, January 23

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

(Evening Benediction resumes Mar. 6)

Saturday, January 25

9:30–11 a.m. OLQM Catholic Academy Open House

(see p. 6 for more information)

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

## 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, Ernny Ordonez, 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

Because of space constraints, we must periodically update the prayers for the sick. Names may be removed after three (3) months, unless the rectory is notified. Thank you for understanding.

The Sanctuary Lamp  
is offered in loving memory of  
**Rene F. Beglan**  
—requested by the Beglan family

## Remember Our Deceased

Cesar Castillo  
Rev. Msgr. John J. Gildea  
Paloma Martinez



John Ostling, Sr.  
Amelia Perdomo  
Judith 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, to make your special needs known. Contact: [disabilities.olqm@gmail.com](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).

## This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

### Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

*The following prayer is a response to the invitation of the Holy Father to care for our common home.*

**F**ather, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you!

Amen.

### 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.

## Order of Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

### ENTRANCE

*Missal #716—“At the Name of Jesus”*

### MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation

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

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 62:1-5

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.*

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

### GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

### HOMILY

### OFFERTORY

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” (*J. S. Bach*)—*Choir*  
*Missal #418—“Earthen Vessels”*

### COMMUNION

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Casciolini*)—*Choir*  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #327—“One Bread, One Body”*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #205—“Now Thank We All Our God”*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the OLMQ Catholic Academy building.
- » January 26, the second collection is for CCD and Religious Ed programs. There is also an envelope for churches in need in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa.
- » 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 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.



**Prayer Focus**  
*A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers*

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.

Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of goodwill, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

**Bereavement Support Group**

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. Meetings are scheduled for **Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, and Jun 16**. All meetings 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](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

**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](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.

**DioceseofBrooklyn.org/PrayforMe**

**ONLINE PRAYER COMMUNITY**

Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a contemplative order of nuns cloistered in Borough Park, Brooklyn, will pray for all intentions submitted from 5:45 AM until 10 PM every day.

**KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT**

**—Weekly Collections—**

	Jan 12
Candle Offerings	\$2,127.00
1st Collection	8,038.12
2nd Collection ( <i>winter fuel</i> )	3,396.12
<u>Subtotal - In church</u>	<u>13,561.24</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,057.93
Mail In	3,232.00
TOTAL	20,851.17
Weekly Income Needed *	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,648.83)

*\* 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).*

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit?"  
 Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office: 718-827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**Contact Us**

**MAIN PHONE AND EMAILS**

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 718-268-6251, ext. \*843

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 Baptisms:  
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MAYO (Youth Organization):  
[youth@olqmchurch.org](mailto:youth@olqmchurch.org)

Pastoral Care Office:  
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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

**LIVESTREAM MASS**  
 Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)



## 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. Although his feast day is September 23, 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.*

## Winter Celebrations at OLQM

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

### Sun, February 2—Presentation of the Lord

Also known as Candlemas. Bring candles from home to be blessed at the Sunday Masses.

### Mon, February 3—Feast of St. Blaise

A communal Blessing of Throats at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.

### Tue, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12:05 p.m. *(details to follow)*

### Sun, March 2—“Alleluia” Sunday

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will bid farewell to this sacred word for the duration of Lent.

### March 2—St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations

The truck will visit our church during the designated hours of 9 a.m. to noon to accept drop-offs of gently used clothing.

### March 2—Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew Weekend

At all Sunday Masses.

### 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.

### March 6—Thursday Evening Devotions resume

Exposition and Adoration weekly after the 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

### Tue, March 11 to Wed, March 19—St. Joseph Novena

### Thu, March 13—Lenten Pilgrimage Day at OLQM

Begins at 8:05 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. *(detailed schedule to follow)*



## TODAY Take Home a Christmas Poinsettia

The poinsettias from our beautiful Christmas altar display are ready for new homes! If you’d like to give one of these plants a second life, you can take one home with you after Mass **today**.

To care for the plant at home—Keep it in a comfortable spot with temperatures between 55°F and 71°F, away from drafts and heat sources. Place it in bright, indirect light and water only when the soil is dry. By late winter, when the color petals fade and fall off, you can prune and fertilize the plant. Through summer, with proper watering and light, new green shoots should start to grow, and you can repot the plant if needed. In fall, give your poinsettia 12 hours of darkness daily to encourage blooming. By November, it should develop color. With some TLC, your poinsettia can bloom again and brighten your home for next Christmas!



## 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 at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit these past studies or explore them for the first time.

# Catholic Schools Week 2025 January 26 – February 1

## Apply for 2025–2026 School Year at OLQM Catholic Academy

Applications are open for kindergarten through 5th grade! Families are encouraged to apply online for a streamlined process and the ability to track application status. Visit [olqmca.org/announcements](http://olqmca.org/announcements) to find the Click to Apply link and detailed instructions. Questions? Call 718-263-2622 or email [admissions@olqmca.org](mailto:admissions@olqmca.org).

## Financial Aid Deadlines for 2025–2026

Futures in Education offers partial financial aid for students in grades K-8 at Catholic schools and academies in Brooklyn and Queens. Returning families who received aid last year must apply by March 31. Deadline for new students and families applying for the first time is April 30. Complete the financial aid application at [futuresineducation.org/scholarships](http://futuresineducation.org/scholarships) and submit all required documentation.



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
**Catholic Academy**  
Saturday, January 25 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.

## A Resolution to Renew Your Marriage

Facing marital challenges? The Retrouvaille program for married couples can help. The next weekend is **Jan 24–26** at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. Take the first step—visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) to register or call 800-470-2230 for more information.

## Deanery Corner

*A place to share news at nearby parishes*

**Golden Age Club @ Our Lady of Mercy** meets on Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., in the OLM Parish Hall (elevator access). Join for bingo or bring your own games, puzzles, and cards. Free coffee and dessert every week! Contact Frances Coseglia at 646-248-0492.

**Rosary and Altar Society @ Our Lady of Mercy** welcomes men and women of all ages and interests who are devoted to Our Lady. They meet once a month in the Parish Hall after 9 a.m. Mass. Call Renate at 718-551-7986 for more information and dates.

Our Lady of Mercy is located at 70-01 Kessel Street.

## A Word of Thanks for Supporting the Missions

In 2024, parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs gave \$6,010.20 to the Summer Mission Appeal and World Mission Sunday collections, which help foreign missionary dioceses, religious groups, and individual mission projects of the Catholic Church. Your parish contributions will be recognized in the annual Missions Pamphlet. Thank you.

—Reverend Thomas W. Ahern, Diocesan Director  
Office of the Propagation of the Faith

## 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

We had great success with the annual diocesan fundraiser. With gifts from 353 donors from our parish, \$191,980 was pledged. Of that amount, \$185,574 is already paid—far surpassing our parish goal of raising \$114,568 to support the many diocesan programs that carry out the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. Over \$70,000 in surplus funds will return directly to our parish for use in operations and improvements. A final diocesan report is forthcoming, and we expect our parish to rank among the top. God bless you for your support!

## Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats

Hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope & Healing Mission, the retreats are for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are **March 15 and May 31**. For locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call 866-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

## Assisted Living and Respite Care

Dominican Village, an independent living retirement community founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York, has availability. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email [jford@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:jford@dominicanvillage.org).

## Big City Catholics Podcast

Every Friday, Bishop Robert Brennan releases a new episode, discussing events in the diocese and exploring questions of faith that affect us as parents, friends, and professionals. Listen at [podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org) or on your favorite streaming platform (Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music).