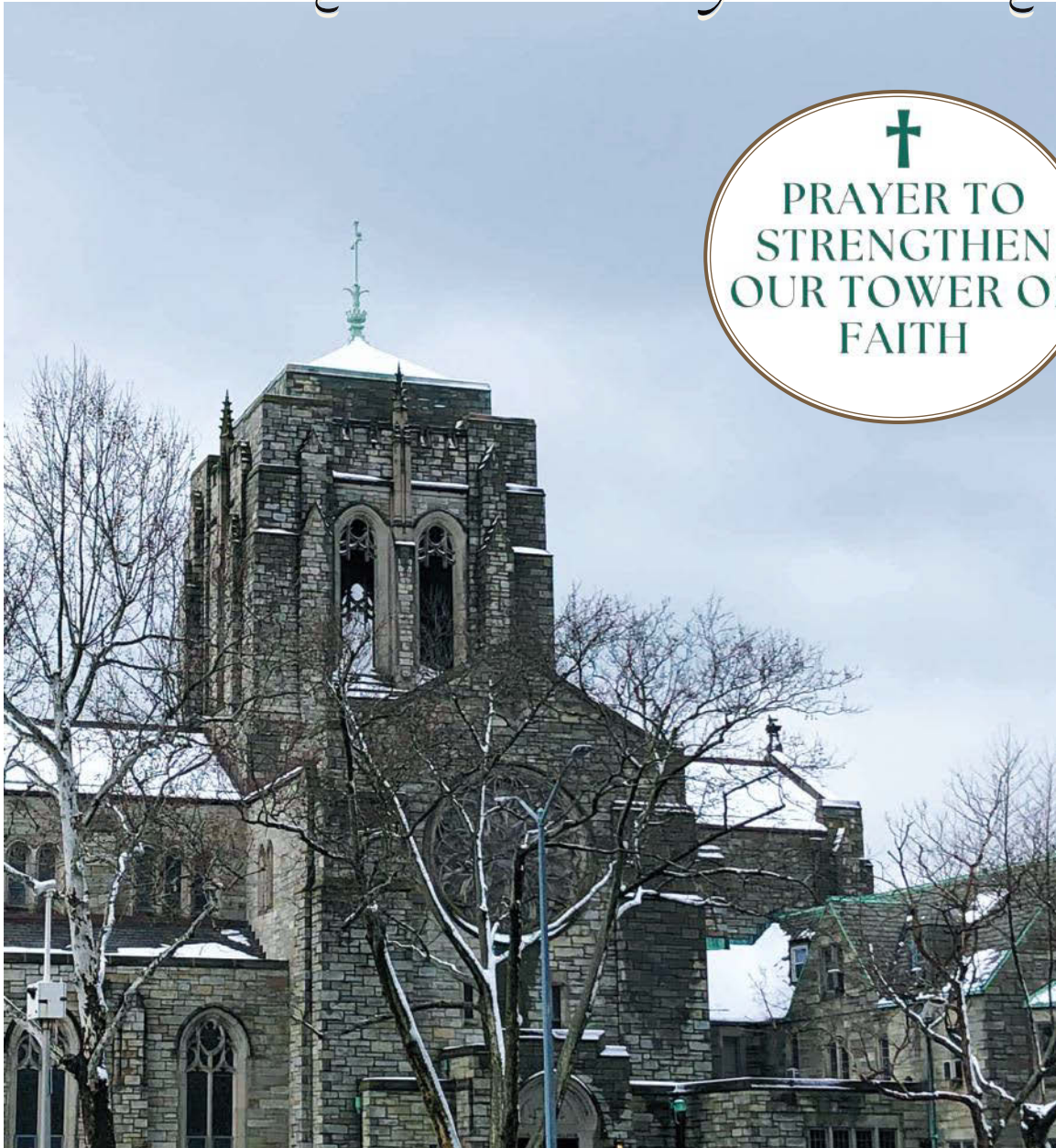


January 25, 2026 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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#### WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

11:15 a.m.

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://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 24*

**Saint Francis de Sales**

12:05 p.m. Ricardo and Lolita Lopez

5 p.m. Stephen Meighan

*Sunday, January 25*

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

*Monday, January 26*

**Saint Timothy and Saint Titus**

8:05 a.m. Gilma Martinez

12:05 p.m. Margaret Sartoris

*Tuesday, January 27*

**Saint Angela Merici**

8:05 a.m. Rafael Arias

12:05 p.m. Angelica Kare

*Wednesday, January 28*

**Saint Thomas Aquinas**

8:05 a.m. Mike Ryan

12:05 p.m. Aurora Castro

*Thursday, January 29*

8:05 a.m. Ronnie McCarthy

12:05 p.m. Aurora Castro

*Friday, January 30*

8:05 a.m. Michael Flannery

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

*Saturday, January 31*

**Saint John Bosco**

12:05 p.m. Carmen A. del Rosario

5 p.m. Josefa Solano

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, January 25*

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**At All Masses: Strengthening Our Tower of Faith Video Presentation**

2:30 p.m. *rectory meeting room*: **Baptism Instruction**

*Monday, January 26*

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

7 p.m. *Zoom*: "Through the Word" Bible Study  
(Every 1st and 4th Monday. Meeting ID: 88429100717)

*Tuesday, January 27*

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

5–6:30 p.m. **OLQM Catholic Academy Open House** (*see p. 5*)

7–8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship**  
(Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location)

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

*Wednesday, January 28*

**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*: **Charismatic Prayer Group**  
(Meeting ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

*Thursday, January 29*

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

**After 12:05 p.m. Mass**

**Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**  
(*Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes Feb. 19*)

*Saturday, January 31*

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

## Remember Our Sick

Angelo Bagasan, Molly Catherine Banderberg, Jose V. Batista, Margaret Bastone, Bennett Brevetti, Carmela Brevetti, Luca Brevetti, Olivia Brevetti, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Jayden Cabrera, Rob Champion, Carlo Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Gutierrez, John Imperante Senior, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Joann Sicoli, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Jihan Villa, 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.

**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).

The **Sanctuary Lamp**  
for January 25, 2026  
is offered in loving memory of  
**Aurora Castro**  
—requested by *Eufrocina Perez*

The **Sanctuary Lamp**  
for January 18, 2026  
was offered in loving memory of  
**Evelyn Davila Mora** (anniversary)  
—requested by *the Mora family*



## Remember Our Deceased

Jose Blanco, Sr.  
Mary Molloy

Daniel Perrault  
Dr. Glenn Harrison Schultz

## This Week's Reflection

### Call to Unity

*from the OLMQ bulletin archives*

This Sunday we witness the start of something big: the true beginnings of Jesus' ministry.

He starts by preaching the same message as John the Baptist—"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"—but He soon begins to find followers of His own.

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"Come after me, and I will make you  
fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

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The bulk of this Gospel passage from Matthew is about Jesus calling, and the apostles answering. He invites them to join Him, and they do—and the first flock is born.

So it is at once inspiring and sobering to hear this Gospel contrasted with Paul's letter to the Corinthians. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is bringing together a band of people. But by the time Paul is writing, there are divisions and rivalries.

When Paul writes "Is Christ divided?," we can only wonder what Paul would think of the Christian Church today, splintered as it is into so many parts. Christian unity is a prayer the scriptures underscore in a way both timely and timeless.

And it is a prayer we should offer every week.



*The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew by Duccio di Buoninsegna  
Painter, c. 1250-1318, National Gallery of Art*

## Order of Mass

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #578—"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

*Missal #838—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir*

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"Let Our Songs" (T. Kirk)—*Choir*

*Missal #467—"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

#### COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (*W. A. Mozart*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

*Missal #501—"You Are the Healing"*

#### CLOSING

*Missal #548—"Christ Before Us"*

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for our CCD and Religious Education programs. There is also an envelope for a collection to aid the Church in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa.
- » February 1, the second collection will help with fuel costs.
- » 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.

January 25 to January 31  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026**

## Masses and Sacraments

### Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

### Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

### Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.; Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation

Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Rosary and 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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after 12:05 p.m. Mass

Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

### Celebration of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

[baptismprep@olqmchurch.org](mailto: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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YouTube:

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



## Faith Sharing at OLQM

Are you looking to explore your faith with others? Join one of our regularly meeting parish groups.

**Sunday YCP Coffee Hour: Every 3rd Sunday after the 11:15 a.m. Mass.** Join fellow Young Catholic Professionals in their 20s, 30s, and early 40s for community and spiritual growth. In the rectory basement meeting room (enter through the glass door by the Mary statue).

**Monday “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Every 1st and 4th Monday** on Zoom. Use the Meeting ID: 88429100717. Sessions are recorded and archived for later viewing on demand at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian).

**Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m.** Faith reflections and conversation hosted by fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location and more information.

**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).

### KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

## Weekly Collections

	Jan 18
Candle Offerings	\$1,479.00
1st Collection	6,788.18
2nd Collection ( <i>Pastoral Care</i> )	2,013.18
Academy Building Support	939.18
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>\$11,219.54</u>
Online Giving	5,438.73
Mail In	7,000.00
TOTAL	\$23,658.27
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(841.73)

\*\* 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).

## Registration Open for Adult Confirmation Classes

If you have been baptized and received First Holy Communion but have not been confirmed, you can complete the Sacraments of Initiation by attending classes for adult (age 18 and older) confirmation preparation. Registration is now open for classes schedule to begin the **second week of February in our rectory meeting room**. Conferral of Confirmation is on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026.

To request dates and times for classes, email [ocia@olqmchurch.org](mailto:ocia@olqmchurch.org) or call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave a message (including a callback number). All emails and call will receive a response. Find more information at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/OCIA/](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/OCIA/)

## OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Today's special collection will be taken to aid the church in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa. Please give generously to the extent possible.



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**OPEN HOUSE**

- January 24th 9:30am-11:00am
- January 27th 5:00pm-6:30pm

**REGISTER NOW FOR A TOUR**

WEBSITE: [WWW.OLQMCA.ORG/HOW-TO-APPLY](http://WWW.OLQMCA.ORG/HOW-TO-APPLY)

EMAIL US: [ADMISSIONS@OLQMCA.ORG](mailto:ADMISSIONS@OLQMCA.ORG)

CONTACT US: 718.263.2622

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 Instagram: @OLQMCA

**LET US SHOW YOU WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER**

**Considering Catholic education? We invite you to our Academy's Open House for Prospective Parents on Tuesday Evening, January 27 (registration req'd). Use the QR Code to register for a tour time.**

## FEBRUARY FEASTS *at* OLQM

**BLESSING OF CANDLES Monday, February 2** at the daily Masses

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)**

Bring your candles from home to church to be blessed! Candlemas marks Jesus' presentation in the temple 40 days after His birth. We will bless the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year and hear in the Gospel about the light that is Christ himself.

**BLESSING OF THROATS Tuesday, February 3** at the daily Masses

On the feast day of St. Blaise, who is invoked on behalf of the sick as the patron saint of throat ailments, we will offer a blessing for healing and protection against throat diseases and other maladies.

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Wednesday, February 11** at 12:05 p.m.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the observance of World Day of the Sick, anointing with blessed oil will be offered to anyone who wishes to receive it, especially the elderly, those facing surgery, and the chronically ill. Please join us to be anointed and to pray for those who are sick and their caregivers.

## CYO Tri-M Boys Swim Team Wins Division Championship



We are super proud to announce that on January 10, our CYO Tri-M Boys Swim Team won the 2025–2026 CYO Division Championship! Previously they had won in 2023–2024. The team is comprised of boys from **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Margaret’s, Our Lady of Hope, and Holy Child Jesus.** Congratulations boys! Well done! For more information, please contact us at [TriMSwimTeam@gmail.com](mailto:TriMSwimTeam@gmail.com).

### Bereavement Support Is Available

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. Their next meetings are scheduled for **Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 18, and Jun 22.** All meetings begin at **6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Questions? Contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

### Deanery Corner

*A place to share news at nearby parishes.*

**Radio Bingo @ Sacred Heart Church | Saturday, Jan 31 beginning at 7 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Academy Gym (84-05 78th Ave, Glendale). All are welcomed to an exciting night of music, dancing, beer, wine, snacks, and much more. Bring your favorite table food and fun spirit. Tickets are \$40 per adult. Call 718-821-6434.



### Diocesan “Black History Month” Mass

**Sunday, Feb 1 at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (111-50 115th St., South Ozone Park). The Diocese of Brooklyn and its Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns invite all church members, along with their family and friends, to this 2026 liturgical celebration. The Mass honors the rich heritage and contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church and our shared faith. All are welcome!

### [DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Pray-for-Me](https://DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Pray-for-Me)

#### 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.

**FREE Bibles and Missalettes.** **Xavier Society for the Blind** has free materials in large print for people living with vision loss from macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, and other conditions. Call 212-473-7800 or toll-free 800-637-9193.

## Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith”

Gracious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care all those who will work on this project. Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness, the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

