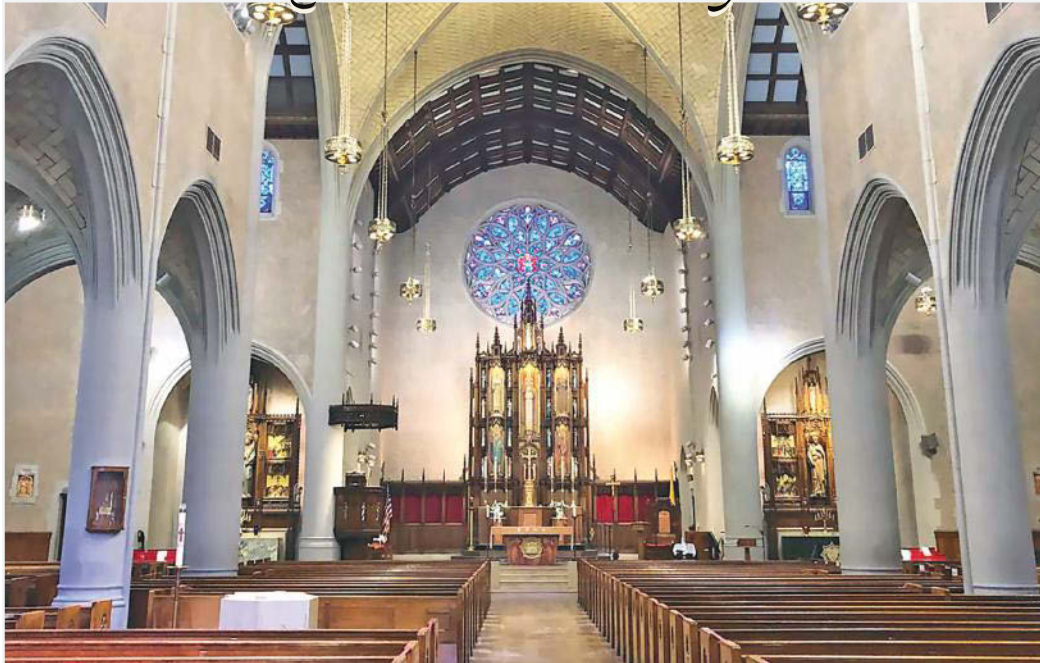


January 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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



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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 27

Saint Angela Merici

8:05 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Angelica Kare

5 p.m. Henry Hahn

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

8:05 a.m. Edward and Marion Lesniewicz

12:05 p.m. Gladys Decourrau

Tuesday, January 30

8:05 a.m. Martina Sanchez

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Wednesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco

8:05 a.m. Stanley and MaryLou Parrish

12:05 p.m. Asuncion Lopez

Thursday, February 1

8:05 a.m. Ricardo Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Hernando Muñoz

Friday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8:05 a.m. James Micillo

12:05 p.m. Ignazia and Matteo Orlando

Saturday, February 3

Saint Blaise

Saint Ansgar

8:05 a.m. Anna Kocurek [1st anniversary]

12:05 p.m. Emy Sequeira

5 p.m. Leonilda Lourenco de Oliveira

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, John Easterlin, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Theresa A. Houseman, 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

10 a.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

(enter at glass door behind the Mary statue)

2:30 p.m. rectory: Baptism Instruction

Monday, January 29

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, January 30

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, January 31

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, February 1

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, February 2

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

Blessing of Candles

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: MAYO Meeting

(Martyrs Active Youth Organization)

Saturday, February 3

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

Blessing of Throats

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1 p.m. rectory basement meeting room:

Single Adults Group Game Day Meeting

Remember Our Deceased

Aidan Akpinar

Patricia Brennan

George E. Divine

Daniel J. Murphy

Mary Elizabeth Phillips



Rosa Restrepo

Fr. James Reynolds

Blyth Peter Shaver

Efrain Vaz

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

See, Call, Save: Identifying and Stopping Human Trafficking

"Open your mouth on behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute; open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor!" (Proverbs 31: 8-9)

REFLECT: January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. February 8th is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking.

Human trafficking happens everywhere, including here in NYC. There is no typical profile. Victims may be any age, race, gender, US citizens or undocumented immigrants. Fear, trauma, and language barriers often keep victims from asking for help, even in highly public settings, keeping human trafficking a hidden crime. But there are "red flags," and recognizing these indicators is the first step in identifying and saving trafficking victims. (Keep in mind that all indicators may not be present, and an indicator may not be proof of human trafficking.)

"Signs of being controlled: (a) has no formal identification, such as a passport, license, state ID; (b) unable to leave job or residence; (c) has limited contact with family and friends; (d) not in control of their own finances; (e) is under 18 and provides commercial sex acts; (f) at any age unwillingly provides commercial sex acts; (g) is afraid of law enforcement or receiving help; (h) in a relationship with someone who is dominating; (i) never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf.

"Signs of trauma: (a) inconsistent details when telling their story; (b) seems anxious, fearful, or paranoid; avoids eye contact; (c) tearfulness or signs of depression; (d) unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse; (e) is evasive or unable to answer questions about where they live." (Dept of Homeland Security)

If you suspect trafficking: *Do not at any time attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to your suspicions.* Instead, please contact local law enforcement directly or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888

LEARN: Learn about human trafficking in the United States and the Dept. of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign to stop human trafficking at <http://tinyurl.com/3vzu3urx>. Watch their video, What is Human Trafficking, at <http://tinyurl.com/y57hc4v2>.



BECOME a SHEPHERD

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

Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #321—"Gather Us In"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Lead Me, Lord" (*S. Wesley*)—Choir
Missal #740—"O How Blessed (The Beatitudes)"

COMMUNION

"Ave Verum" (*A. Guilmant*)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #364—"Take and Eat"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #739—"Lead Me, Lord"

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

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for churches in need in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa. There is also an envelope for CCD and Religious Ed Programs
- » February 4, the second collection is fuel. There is also an envelope for snow removal.
- » 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.

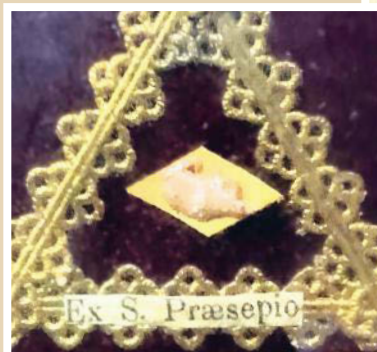
BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN: To learn more about legislative issues that affect us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, we encourage you to sign up for "Action Alerts" from the NY State Catholic Conference. www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Belated Acknowledgment of a Remarkable Gift

It is never too late to express our appreciation for the goodness within our parish community. During this past Christmas season, we received a most unique and precious gift of a relic of the True Manger (*Praesepio* in Italian).

It was given to the parish by Tomasz Kowacz and Kealdra Cobb Kowacz.

We extend our gratitude to them, and continue to wish you all continued joy and blessings in the spirit of Christmas.



Detail of relic Ex S. Praesepio, containing a piece of the Holy Crib of Jesus Christ

Catholic Schools Week at OLQMCA

This week, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy will welcome a visit by Rev. Msgr. David Cassato, vicar for Catholic Schools. Then, get ready—OLQMCA will hold another **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday evening, February 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open now for grades K–8 for the 2024–2025 school year! To learn more about what sets Catholic education apart, visit our Catholic academy online at olqmca.org/how-to-apply or call 718-263-2622 for information.



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. A new study topic begins on February 5 on the Holy Spirit (*see p. 5 for more information*). 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).

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are 18 years of age 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.

Game Day with the Single Adults Group

Come in out of the cold and join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, February 3 at 1 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. This month, we are having a Game Day, so feel free to bring a board game or just come to participate in trivia games conducted by our usual guest master of ceremonies. You can also bring some snacks and beverages if you like. Newcomers are always welcome. If you have any questions about this event or the group in general, please call the group's hotline at **718-361-3201** and leave a message.

Blessing of Candles

Friday, February 2 | 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

The feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** marks 40 days after the birth of Jesus and celebrates the occasion when Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple and presented him to the people. There, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ: "He is a light to reveal God to the nations." Hence, the day is also known as Candlemas (the Feast of Light), and it is common practice to bless candles. The faithful are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed in recognition of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. This day concludes the celebration of the Nativity, and the church calendar now points toward Easter.

Blessing of Throats

Saturday, February 3 | 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

On the **Feast of Saint Blaise**, patron of sore throats, and through his intercession, we pray for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses—especially relevant during this winter as we are all on guard against highly contagious respiratory infections (flu, Covid, and RSV) caused by viruses.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Monday, February 12 | 12:05 p.m.

Coinciding with World Day of the Sick and the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, who gives healing and hope, we will offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The anointing is for all who wish to receive it, especially those facing surgery, the frail and elderly, and anyone who is feeling pain or suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Jan 21
Candle Offerings	\$1,433.00
1st Collection	7,362.21
2nd Collection (pastoral care)	2,212.21
Academy Building Support	1,024.21
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,031.63</u>
Online Giving	3,744.05
Mail In	2,795.00
TOTAL	18,570.68
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,579.32)

* 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.

Through the Word Bible Study

Fresh Power: Reflections on the Holy Spirit

Starting February 5, the "Through the Word" Bible Study group, which meets Monday evenings on Zoom, begins a new study topic. Drawing from a rich tapestry of scripture and theology, this study offers a fresh understanding of how the Holy Spirit shapes faith, fosters community, and empowers believers in their spiritual journey.

Each Monday meeting begins at 7 p.m. If you sign into Zoom a bit early, instructor Joe Terry will lead those in attendance in praying and meditating on two decades of the rosary. On Tuesday mornings following the study, participants receive the Zoom recording of the study by email. A brief "midweek reflection" is emailed sometime on Wednesdays.

To request to join a Zoom meeting, please email josephterry@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend weekly on Mondays, recordings of the bible studies are available to view on demand at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). There, select the Through the Word playlist.

Lent Begins

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Full Lenten Calendar will be available on February 11

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www.olqmca.org

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

Winter Calendar at OLQM

Watch for more details or potential updates in future bulletins.

February 2

Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles.

Friday 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

February 3

Feast of Saint Blaise. Blessing of Throats.

Saturday 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses

February 11

Alleluia Sunday. On the last Sunday before Lent, we will sing hymns with lots of Alleluias! *All Sunday Masses*

February 12

Observing World Day of the Sick/Our Lady of Lourdes. Anointing of the Sick Mass. *Monday 12:05 p.m.*

February 14

Ash Wednesday. Lent begins. Ashes will be distributed at these designated times only: *8:05 a.m. Mass, 12:05 p.m. Mass, 4 p.m. Prayer Service & 7:30 p.m. Mass*

February 15

Thursday Evening Devotions resume. *Adoration and Exposition after 12:05 p.m. Mass and all afternoon, with Benediction at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday*

March 3

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donations. The SVP truck visits to accept gently used and new clothing. *Sunday only, from 9 a.m. to noon.*

March 11 to March 19

St. Joseph Novena. *12:05 p.m. daily Masses (Mon-Sat) and after 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3/17*

March 17

Little Sisters of the Poor Presentation and Almsgiving Appeal. *All Sunday Masses, including the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on 3/16*

Bereavement Support at OLQM

The parish bereavement 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. Upcoming meeting dates are **February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17.** All meetings start at 6:45 p.m. For more information about the group or for questions and updates (meetings may be subject to late changes), contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

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/>. Deadline is February 5. To obtain a paper application, write to MGN Consulting Corp., 109 E. 9th St., New York, NY 10003.

Social Adult Day Services

Queens Community House (108-25 62nd Dr.) offers this service 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.



5-Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis, July 17–21. Led by Bishop Robert Brennan. Full package including airfare: \$1,780. For information on availability and an itinerary, contact Peter's Way Tours: www.PetersWay.com/1048.html. Payment deadline: May 1.