

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

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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 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8 a.m. Luz Moran

12:05 p.m. Lolita Torres

5 p.m. Elzbieta Woronowicz and Stanley Wojas

Sunday, January 3

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8 a.m. James McBreen

12:05 p.m. Clarence Nassauer

Tuesday, January 5

St. John Neumann

8 a.m. Ranelyn Joy Carino

12:05 p.m. Ranelyn Joy Carino

Wednesday, January 6

St. André Bessette

8 a.m. Louis Torres

12:05 p.m. Stuart Haver

Thursday, January 7

St. Raymond of Peñafort

8 a.m. Patrick Mauro

12:05 p.m. Charles Cavagnetto

Friday, January 8

8 a.m. Julito Jumalon

12:05 p.m. Lisa Desiderio

Saturday, January 9

8 a.m. Domingo Suero

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

5 p.m. Lillian Clark and William Wilfinger

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aeppli, George Ang, Melanie Ang, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, James Cardone, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Lily Pe Chua, Shaina Brennan Clemente, Tracy Cuva, Norman Doucette, Carol Drew-Dwyer, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Estrela Feliciano, Pat Gmerek, Concepcion Kane, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, 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, Fr. Radu Titonea, 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 3

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study

(An additional Monday evening bible study program starts January 11; see page 5 for information)

2:30 p.m., church: Baptisms

Monday, January 4

7:30 p.m., Zoom: Bereavement Support Group

Tuesday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 6

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, January 7

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

SUNDAY MASS LIVE STREAM

A livestream of the 9 a.m. Mass will be available every Sunday from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. If you remain homebound, you can join in prayer and spiritual communion by watching Mass on our home page at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org or our [@OLQMChurch Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch). If you cannot join us at the 9 a.m. hour for live Mass, the Mass will be archived to view on demand later in the day.

Note: The Sunday morning live streamed Mass replaces the prerecorded 5 p.m. Mass that was previously being posted to our YouTube channel.

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

Sandy Imperante George Kebalo 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 Moise, 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

Theotokos: Mary, the Mother of God

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

REFLECT: “Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time.... Filled with the Holy Spirit she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh.

“Mary’s role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. “This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ’s virginal conception up to his death”; it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion.... There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother’s heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her....

“By her complete adherence to the Father’s will, to his Son’s redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church’s model of faith and charity.... It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known.... And the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples....

“Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her: she prays for us as she prayed for herself.... By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

ACT: Pray the rosary. Celebrate the Epiphany by blessing your home and household using the USCCB Epiphany Blessing (<https://bit.ly/3mhtRIW>).

LEARN: Read the USCCB reflections on the Epiphany (<https://bit.ly/3mkdFR6>) and how it can be part of a family’s journey of love (<https://bit.ly/3ouuEn7>).

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 Epiphany of the Lord

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

Missal #92—“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

FIRST READING—Isaiah 60:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING—Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL—Matthew 2:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #105—“We Three Kings”

COMMUNION

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”—Solo

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #97—“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Livestream of the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

Watch Daily Mass Online

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

Second Collections

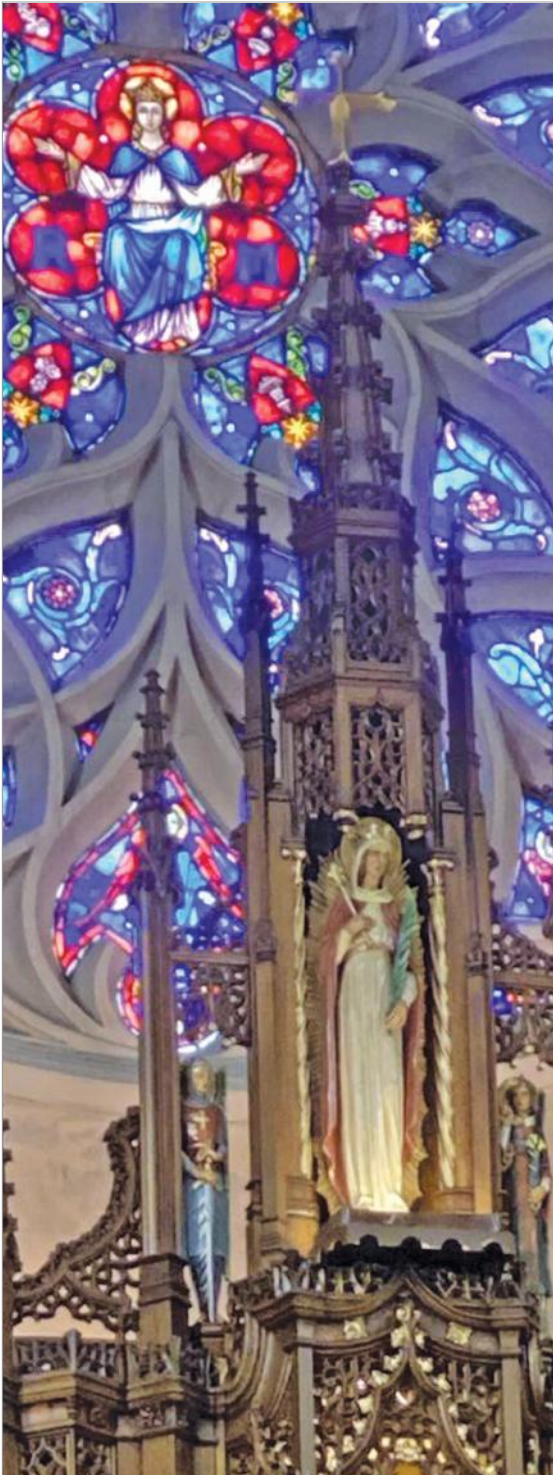
- » Today’s second collection is for Parish Youth programs. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.
- » January 10 the second collection will be for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for maintenance of the building housing OLQM Catholic Academy.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time 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.



OLQM CHURCH FINANCIALS

FY 2019–2020

Statement of Operation (Profit & Loss) September 2019 through August 2020



	Sep '19-Aug 20	Sep '18 - Aug 19
Income		
Collections/Donations (1)	1,009,712.00	1,100,971.00
Votive Shrines	46,868.00	83,921.00
Investment Income	230,188.00	36,249.00
Rental Income	93,104.00	96,007.00
Baptisms/funerals/weddings	50,256.00	82,427.00
Other Auxillary Receipts (3)	6,000.00	5,443.00
Poor Box	7,602.00	11,026.00
Fund Raising	64,571.00	70,070.00
Parish Programs	47,661.00	81,942.00
Bequest	54,479.00	41,000.00
Campaign Income GOF (2)	116,038.00	154,188.00
Diocese Grants	36,944.00	32,000.00
Insurance	18,486.00	50,078.00
St Eliz Seton Revenue	2,501.00	878.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	54,231.00	34,051.00
Total Income	1,838,641.00	1,880,251.00
Expense		
Salaries	518,021.00	551,016.00
Benefits	92,993.00	77,994.00
Office Expense	79,486.00	76,018.00
Parish Programs	6,994.00	21,587.00
Votive Candles\Altar Expenses	15,238.00	25,767.00
Tablet	0.00	8,194.00
Utittles	39,470.00	41,528.00
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	53,209.00	45,075.00
Fund Raising Expenses	44,644.00	44,962.00
Donations	18,121.00	13,266.00
Insurance	83,625.00	71,572.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,891.00	150.00
Diocesan Assessment	80,500.00	66,000.00
St Eliz Seton Expense	13,356.00	13,203.00
Extraordinary Repairs & Equipment (4)	668,636.00	470,998.00
Increased Giving Campaign Expenses	6,803.00	0.00
Total Expense	1,722,987.00	1,527,330.00
Net Income	115,654.00	352,921.00

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Collections/Donations are down by about 8%.
- (2) Generations of Faith distributions received this year.
- (3) Rebate from bulletin advertisements this year.
- (4) The extraordinary expenses included the power washing of the outside of the church, the cleaning of the inside walls of the church, the refurbishing of the church floor, and the installation of new interior church lighting.

Detail of the rose window and the statue of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, patroness of our parish. The statue sits in the upper central niche of the reredos.

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

** Did you know 2021 is the Year of St. Joseph?*

Read more on page 6.

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, Mondays from 7–8PM beginning January 11. 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.

Bereavement Support Is Available. The parish support group has Monday evening meetings on Zoom scheduled for **January 4 and February 1.** All meetings begin at **7:30 p.m.** Contact group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Weekly Collections

	December 20
Candle Offerings	402.00
1st Collection	3,773.10
2nd Collection (<i>Major Repairs</i>)	1,517.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (539 attending)</u>	<u>5,692.10</u>
Christmas Gift to Church - Mail In	3,080.20
Lobby Box & Mail In	1,416.13
Catch-up Envelope	6,163.00
Parish Giving Online	6,213.97
TOTAL	<u>22,565.40</u>
Weekly Income Needs*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,315.40

*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.

New Year Introduction: Meet Ellen Rhatigan

If you have called the office in the last few months, you might have heard a friendly but unfamiliar voice. Ellen Rhatigan joined the OLQM family back in October as church secretary. Originally from Brooklyn (fifth generation!), Ellen has lived in Oakland Gardens, Queens, for the last 15 years. If her voice sounds vaguely familiar, Ellen spent the better part of the last two decades working for the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens assisting parishes in a number of different ministries, from Youth Ministry to Pastoral Planning to serving in the deaneries. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs was always one of her favorite parishes, and she feels so blessed to now be in one parish and getting to know all the wonderful people here. She looks forward to meeting you!



A warm welcome to Ellen!

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

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
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Religious Education Office:
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RCIA Office:
718-268-6251, ext. 27
OLQM Charity Outreach:
718-268-6251, ext. 43

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU!

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Most of us know the music and lyrics of the well-known Christmas carol. The twelve days refer to the days from the celebration of Christ's birth (December 25) to Twelfth Night (January 5), which is the eve of the visit of the Three Wise Men (January 6). During these twelve days, the Catholic Church observes several important feast days honoring different saints.

Day 2 (December 26): St. Stephen's Day. The first Christian martyr was known for his service to the poor. It is customary to distribute gifts to the poor on the Feast of Stephen.

Day 3 (December 27): Feast of St. John the Apostle, who wrote the Fourth Gospel. With December 27 falling on the Sunday after Christmas this year, the day is observed for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Day 4 (December 28): Feast of the Holy Innocents remembers the male infants killed when King Herod was looking for Jesus.

Day 5 (December 29): St. Thomas Becket, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, who was killed for challenging King Henry II's authority over the church.

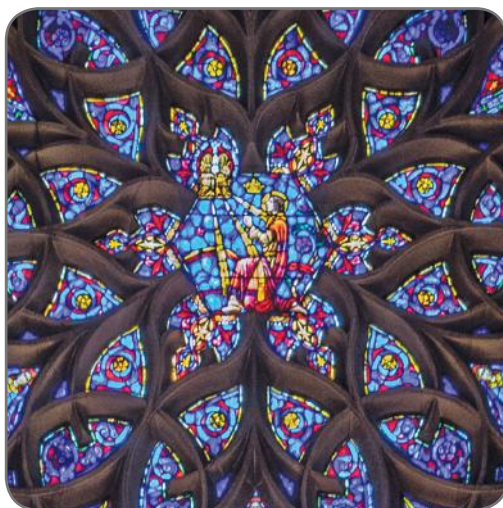
Day 7 (December 31): New Year's Eve honors St. Sylvester I, the pope believed to have converted the Roman emperor Constantine to Christianity.

Day 8 (January 1): This feast day that celebrates Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Day 9 (January 2): St. Gregory and St. Basil were two important church leaders during the fourth century.

Day 12 (January 5): The eve of the Epiphany. Traditionally, Epiphany falls on January 6 but may be observed on the Sunday before (January 3 this year). Christmas season ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism (the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday).

—Adapted from U.S. Catholic magazine



In our church, the rose window facing north depicts St. Stephen (feast day December 26) seeing a vision of heaven.

Pope Francis Proclaims 2021 the Year of St. Joseph

St. Joseph was a working man. Despite his humble work as a carpenter, he was descended from the royal house of David (the Old Testament prophets foretold that Jesus will be born of the House of David and He will be the last King of Israel). Joseph was a good and caring man. When the angel told him that Mary conceived a child by the Holy Spirit, Joseph did everything God asked of him to protect and love his family. By dedicating 2021 to St. Joseph, Pope Francis is honoring the saint who is the patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis encourages us to pray together this simple prayer to St. Joseph, who is also the patron saint of families.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

January Is 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.

Deanery Corner

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.