

January 4, 2026 - Epiphany of the Lord

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Id-e-o, gl'oria in excelsis Deo!



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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 3

Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 p.m. Luciano Abes

5 p.m. Rosaleen Chao

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

Saint John Neuman

8:05 a.m. Mary E. Kemp

12:05 p.m. Renelyn Joy Carino

Tuesday, January 6

Saint André Bessette

8:05 a.m. Edward James Lehman

12:05 p.m. Phyllis Repchick

Wednesday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penyafort

8:05 a.m. Joseph K. Collins

12:05 p.m. John Viviano

Thursday, January 8

8:05 a.m. Jerzy Wolfam

12:05 p.m. Joseph Fiorentino

Friday, January 9

8:05 a.m. Cecile Michor

12:05 p.m. Dominic Cardong

Saturday, January 10

12:05 p.m. Tadeusz Stachnik

5 p.m. Dr. Oscar Emiro Fernandez

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, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), John Imperante Senior, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Domenica O'Connell, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Joann Sicoli. Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 4



9 a.m. Mass: Chalking of the Church Door

11:15 a.m. Mass: Three Kings Procession

Monday, January 5

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

church: Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, January 6

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

7–8:30 p.m. Faith-Sharing and Fellowship

(Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location)

No Choir Rehearsal

(Rehearsals resume at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2026)

Wednesday, January 7

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 8

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 10

12:05 p.m. Mass church: Padre Pio Novena Begins

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Sanctuary Lamp

is offered in loving memory of

Peter Colic

—requested by the family

Remember Our Deceased

Azucena Bagasan-Daquiz

Inocencio De Leon Jr.

Sylvia Farres



Vinnie Marino

Adam Parkin

Amor Tiamzon

EPIPHANY: THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi (the Three Kings)—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—to the Christ child. Today's Epiphany blessing includes writing an inscription in chalk on the door frame of the church: 20 + C + M + B + 26.

The crosses symbolize Christ; the numbers, the year. The letters C, M, and B are the Magi, but they also abbreviate the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house) and all who enter this new year.

Christmas Song “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

*During today’s 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass,
follow along with the stirring entrance hymn.*

Refrain

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Therefore Glory to God in the highest!)

Verses

1. On this day earth shall ring
With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King,
Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us.
Refrain
2. His the doom, ours the mirth;
When he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him
From the cold would hide him.
Refrain
3. God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts before him,
Praise him and adore him.
Refrain



Order of Mass Epiphany of the Lord

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”—*Choir*
Missal #113—“As with Gladness Men of Old”

MASS PARTS

Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, ev’ry nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” (*African American*
Spiritual)—*Choir*
Missal #117—“We Three Kings”

COMMUNION

“Blessed Be That Maid Marie” (*Ballet’s Lute Book*)—*Choir*
Organ Meditation
Missal #92—“If the Father’s Love Begotten”

CLOSING

Missal #112—“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for giving to the Diocesan Mission.
- » January 11, the second collection will be taken to help with fuel costs.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We thank you all for your many gifts, cards,
and good wishes for Christmas. You made
our Christmas very merry.

GOD BLESS!

—*The priests of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs*

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

Celebration of Marriage

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

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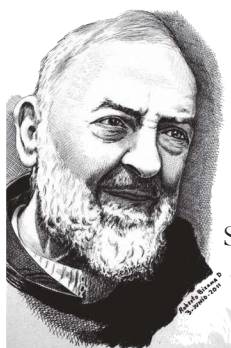
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St. “Padre Pio” Novena: January 10–18

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 considered

the unofficial patron saint of the January blues owing to his famous words, “Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” Our novena to honor Padre Pio begins on Saturday, January 10, and will be prayed daily (Mon-Sat) at the 12:05 p.m. Masses and on Sundays, January 11 and 18, after the 11:15 a.m. Masses. Take a copy of the novena prayers (available in the church) and ask for his intercession. Each prayer ends with a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which Padre Pio recited daily 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.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections

	Dec 21
Candle Offerings	\$1,536.00
1st Collection	7,960.00
2nd Collection (<i>Christmas Gift to Church</i>)	12,697.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>12,193.00</u>
Online Giving	5,797.63
TOTAL	27,990.63
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,490.63

*** 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.



A Christmas Festival

On Sunday, December 14, 2025, snow fell in Forest Hills and the sanctuary of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs was filled with the soaring notes of sacred music and Christmas carols. We are grateful to everyone who joined us at our Sacred Music Society concert.

(Left to right): Pianist Barbara Podgurski; tenor John Easterlin; conductor David Close; narrator Christian De Los Santos; our pastor and host, Father Passenant. Easterlin and soprano Paula Jean Rocheleau (pictured below) performed stunning solos.

Courtesy of Chris Mare Photography.



A Brief Note of Welcome to Our New Trustee

Please join us in welcoming Karen Flynn as our newest trustee. A lifelong resident of Forest Hills, she attended Hunter College and, now retired, is happily able to devote more time to volunteering in our parish. We are thankful for her commitment to the mission of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish and her willingness to help steward our church's resources and facilities in this new year.

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.



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 meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Jan. 26 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Questions? Contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is a program for adults 18 and older who wish to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. Through discernment, prayer, and education, OCIA guides participants on their journey of faith. To learn more or enroll, please contact ocia@olqmchurch.org or call 718-268-6251, ext. *827, and leave your name and callback number; all messages and emails will receive a response.

Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats

Hosted by the Sisters of Life Hope and Healing Mission for women who are suffering after the experience of abortion. A meeting in the NYC area is planned for **Saturday, Jan. 10**. For retreat location and confidential registration, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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 at 800-637-9193, or visit xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

For Parents and Students

OLQMCA Now Enrolling for 2026–2027

Families are invited to apply now for admission to **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy** for the 2026–2027 school year. Applications for **grades K–7** are officially open. Parents can find all the necessary details at olqmca.org/how-to-apply.

Faith Sharing at OLQM

Monday “Through the Word” Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Every 1st and 4th Monday on Zoom. 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.

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).

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes

♦ **Blood Drive at St. Margaret’s Parish** (66-05 79th Place, Middle Village) | **Sunday, Jan. 11 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** . You can reserve an appointment time in advance online at donate/nybc.org.

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!