

January 5, 2025 - Epiphany of the Lord

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
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Veronica McCarthy
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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 10 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

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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 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Toribio Aviles

5 p.m. Robert Sorsaia

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

Saint André Bessette

8:05 a.m. Renelyn Joy Carino

12:05 p.m. Baltazar Perez

Tuesday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Peñafort

8:05 a.m. Arsen Grgas

12:05 p.m. John Viviano

Wednesday, January 8

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Umberto Castaldo

Thursday, January 9

8:05 a.m. Cecile Michon

12:05 p.m. Clarence Irving Hyer

Friday, January 10

8:05 a.m. Federico Carrido

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Coughlin

Saturday, January 11

No 8:05 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Patricia Almonte

5 p.m. Brian Francis Spaulding

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Connie Brown, 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, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, 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, Erny Ordóñez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Patewonsky, 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

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, January 5



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

**10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door by the Mary statue):
Sunday Morning Bible Study**

11:15 a.m. Choir Mass: Three Kings Presentation

2:30 a.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, January 6

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

**7 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study
(last meeting—see p. 6)**

Tuesday, January 7

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

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 11

After 12:05 p.m. Mass church:

Padre Pio Novena Begins

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Epiphany: The Twelfth Day of Christmas

Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi (the Three Kings) to the place where the baby Jesus dwelled. A tradition is "chalking the doors" with the Magi's initials—Caspar, Malchior, Balthasar:

20 + C + M + B + 25

In this inscription, written on or above a door, the crosses represent Christ; the numbers (2025) mark the year of the blessing. We ask Christ to bless this house and all who enter in the new year.

Remember Our Deceased

Luisa Bertoli
Salvatore J. Della Croce
Gloria Raymundo



Elsa Seda
Joseph Thomas

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.

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #113—“As with Gladness Men of Old”

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”—*Choir*
(see column at left for lyrics to sing along)

MASS PARTS

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

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 #111—“We Three Kings”

“Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”
(African-American spiritual)—Choir

COMMUNION

“What Child Is This” (*English folksong*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #92—“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #112—“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

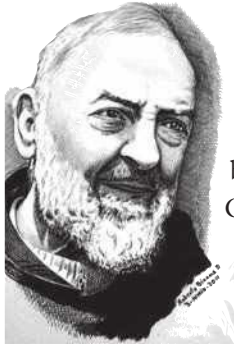
Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.
- » January 12, the second collection is for winter fuel.
- » 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



St. “Padre Pio” Novena: January 11–19

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 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.”

Our novena to honor Padre Pio begins on Saturday, January 11, and will be prayed daily (Mon-Sat) at the 12:05 p.m. Masses and on Sundays, January 12 and January 19, after the 11:15 a.m. Masses. We encourage you to take a copy of the daily novena prayers (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.

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 or call 718-268-6251, ext. 27, and leave a message (including a call-back number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Bereavement Support Group at OLQM

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. They meet next on **Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. For questions, contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

—Weekly Collections—

	Week of Dec 22
Candle Offerings	\$1,607.00
1st Collection	7,218.00
2nd Collection (<i>fuel</i>)	2,333.00
Christmas Gift to Church envelope	6,360.00
Christmas Offering (12/25)	15,375.00
2nd Collection (12/25, <i>Christmas Liturgy & Music</i>)	3,540.00
Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities**	3,765.00
Christmas Gift to Church envelope (12/25)	4,025.00
<u>Subtotal - In church</u>	<u>44,223.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	6,146.20
Mail In	2,212.00
Mail in for 12/15	2,250.00
TOTAL	\$54,831.20
Weekly Income Needed *	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	30,331.20

* 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.

**Special collection that benefits the designated cause; does not accrue to our parish.

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.

Contact Us

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LIVESTREAM MASS

Sundays @ 11:15AM. The Mass is available in its entirety on demand using the “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

OLQM CHURCH FINANCIALS FY 2023–2024

Statement of Operation: Profit & Loss

September 2023 through August 2024 (with comparison to previous financial year)



	Fiscal Years Ended	
	8/31/2024	8/31/2023
Ordinary Income		
Collections/Donation	1,051,807	1,052,296
Votive Shrines	89,301	78,667
Rental Income	112,603	204,873
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	87,010	82,286
Other Auxiliary Receipts	4,520	2,000
Poor Box	6,954	7,333
Fund Raising	48,272	46,927
Parish Programs	59,799	60,940
Diocese Grants	21,530	15,000
St Eliz Seton Revenue	1,465	1,400
Annual Catholic Appeal	74,936	42,002
Total Ordinary Income	1,558,197	1,593,724
Ordinary Expenses		
Salaries	557,024	589,328
Benefits	126,574	121,087
Office Expense	83,607	78,735
Parish Programs	17,016	13,781
Votive Candles/Altar Supplies	22,833	18,853
Utilities	55,133	68,996
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	61,081	49,448
Fund Raising Expenses	25,624	35,259
Donations	18,500	14,560
Insurance	129,823	118,146
Miscellaneous Expense	6,276	1,022
Diocesan Assessment	80,800	80,800
St Eliz Seton Expense	12,500	10,000
Total Ordinary Expenses	1,196,791	1,200,015
Net Ordinary Income	361,406	393,709
Extraordinary Activity		
Extraordinary Income:		
Bequests	0	1,500
Investment Gains (Losses)	554,116	291,967
Insurance Proceeds	38,100	0
Extraordinary Expenses:		
Extraordinary Repairs & Equipment	(517,317)	(354,265)
Total Net Extraordinary Activity	74,899	(60,798)
TOTAL NET INCOME (A)	436,305	332,911

Note:

(A) Excludes Deferred Maintenance for the years ended 8/31/24 and 8/31/23, \$66,310 and \$63,100, respectively. A non-cash accrual for future extraordinary repairs implemented by the Diocese.

Pictured—Detail of the central panel of the choir loft window. The inscription on the globe at the foot of the Blessed Mother reads “Regina Martyrum,” Latin for Queen of Martyrs. The central panel is surrounded by smaller windows representing different episodes in the Blessed Mother’s life.

A Christmas Festival 2024

The choir of the Sacred Music Society captivated the crowd on December 15 with Christmas melodies and joyful sing-alongs! Photos by Adriana Lopetrone. For more pictures of Christmas 2024, visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery.



Left to right—Featured artist John Easterlin; soprano Paula Jean Rocheleau; conductor David Close; narrator Regina Faighes; tenor Evan Katsefes; host Fr. Passenant.



Faith Sharing at OLMQ



Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a parish group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly meeting 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).

Deanery Corner

A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.

Blood Drive, Sunday, Jan. 12 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St Margaret’s Parish Hall (66-05 79th Pl., Middle Village). Every presenting donor will receive a \$10 e-card. Sign up at nybc.org.

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.

For Your On-Demand Viewing: Archived “Through the Word” Bible Studies

The Monday evening Through the Word program on Zoom will take an indefinite break following the **final session on Jan. 6**. Although the live Zoom sessions will pause, the collection of recordings remain available for on-demand viewing at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian), offering an opportunity to revisit past studies or explore them for the first time. Our thanks to study leader Dr. Joseph Terry and everyone who participated and contributed to these meaningful Monday evening gatherings the past few years.

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 Heart Seminary in Huntington. Take the first step—visit HelpOurMarriage.org to register or call 800-470-2230 for more information.

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 **Jan. 11, Mar. 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.