

January 7, 2024 -The Epiphany of the Lord

# 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



**JOIN THE PARISH**

Scan for parish registration  
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 6

**Saint André Bessette**

**8:05 a.m.** Thomas MacBride

**12:05 p.m.** Maria Dolores Martinez

**5 p.m.** Antonia Pollini

Sunday, January 7

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

Monday, January 8

**Baptism of the Lord**

**8:05 a.m.** Jorge Manuel Santiago

**12:05 p.m.** Elizabeth Aquino [living]

Tuesday, January 9

**8:05 a.m.** Ed King

**12:05 p.m.** Cecile Michon

Wednesday, January 10

**8:05 a.m.** Jack Amatore

**12:05 p.m.** Robert Butler

Thursday, January 11

**8:05 a.m.** Jorge Bonilla

**12:05 p.m.** Maryellen Beauregard

Friday, January 12

**8:05 a.m.** Gillermo Mendez

**12:05 p.m.** Liza Pollini [living]

Saturday, January 13

**Saint Hilary**

**8:05 a.m.** Jose Del Rosario

**12:05 p.m.** Alvaro Velázquez

**5 p.m.** Maria Beatriz Rios

## Main Events of the Week

Epiphany Sunday, January 7

**Three Kings Day Pageant at 11:15 a.m. Mass**

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

**2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms**

Monday, January 8

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

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

Tuesday, January 9

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 10

**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, January 11

**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.)*

**After 12:05 p.m. Mass and Exposition**  
*rectory basement meeting room: Free Movie Screening of*  
**"Sound of Freedom"**

Saturday, January 13

**After 12:05 p.m. Mass church: Start of St. Padre Pio Novena**

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

**2:30 p.m. WEDDING**

**Lisa Orbegoso/Jason Cosme**

## Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarias, Grace Banks, Robert Battista, Donald Begota, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Viola Binua, Gustavo Cáceres, Taylor Calder, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvaro Fuentes Leal, Domingo Galicia, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Jeannine Jodhan, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Marites Macapagal, Daniel McCarthy, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolois, Maria Nguyen, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Jovanka Radeka, 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, Deacon Elias Yepes, Sandra Zalbe—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

The **Wine and Hosts**  
are offered in loving memory of  
**Mary T. Cully**  
—requested by *Veronica Cordes*

## Remember Our Deceased

Rae T. DeFalco

John Doyle

Stephen Gavosto



Giles Houghton

Lillian MacColl

Richie Singh

**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

### Human Trafficking and the Catholic Church

*"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ.... It is a crime against humanity."*  
(Pope Francis)

**REFLECT:** January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and January 11th is Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

"The essence of human trafficking is the denial of personal freedoms.... People may be considered trafficking victims regardless of whether they were born into a state of servitude, were transported to the exploitative situation, previously consented to work for a trafficker, or participated in a crime as a direct result of being trafficked. The common denominator is the goal of exploitation through coercion and or force...."

"The Catholic Church has long spoken out against the depravity of human trafficking and slavery. During Vatican II, the Catholic Church reaffirmed its historic concern about forced labor, stating that 'slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons' are 'infamies' and 'an affront to fundamental values ... values rooted in the very nature of the human person.'"

"Pope John Paul II...stated that human trafficking 'constitutes a shocking offense against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights. In particular, the sexual exploitation of women and children is a particularly repugnant aspect of this trade, and must be recognized as an intrinsic violation of human dignity and human rights.'"

"Lastly, Pope Francis has extensively spoken about the need to end modern day slavery. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, he states: 'I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: Where is your brother? (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way.'" (USCCB)

**ACT:** Pray the Novena for Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking, available in the church. Join us for a screening of *Sound of Freedom* on January 11, after Thursday's 12:05 Mass, or after next Sunday's 1 p.m. Mass. (See p. 4 for more information.)

**LEARN:** Read the USCCB's statement on Human Trafficking (<https://tinyurl.com/4upb8yan>) and watch their video, *Stop Slavery* (<https://tinyurl.com/39rnbe5>).

**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](http://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center)

## Order of Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

### ENTRANCE

Missal #109—"As with Gladness Men of Old"

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"—Choir

**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

"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" (*African American spiritual*)—Choir

Missal #107—"We Three Kings"

### COMMUNION

"What Child Is This" (*English folksong*)—Choir  
Organ Meditation

Missal #89—"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

### CLOSING HYMN

Missal #110—"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » January 14, the second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission..
- » 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## New Year's Blessings

We wish to express our thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Memorials that added to the magnificence of the Christmas feast day. We thank everyone for your Christmas gifts to the parish and Christmas offerings. Gifts of \$150 and above are being acknowledged in a separate letter. Be assured of our continued prayers and best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year. God bless!

—Fr. Passenant, Bishop Sanchez & Fr. Antonin

### Additional Christmas Memorial

In memory of

**Angotti, Kelly, Mauro family members**

—requested by Vincenza Kelly



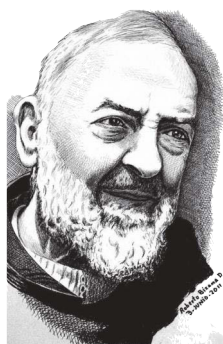


## Chalking the Church Door and the Epiphany Blessing

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the numbers and letters 20+C+M+B+24 will be written above the door today. The numbers represent the new year—the year of the blessing 2024. The plus signs (+) represent the cross. The letters C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Three Kings—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. A second meaning for C, M, and B is *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” As the door is marked, the priest will offer a prayer that invokes the journey of the Magi, who followed the star to find the newborn King. May today’s chalking of our church door be a reminder of the Epiphany’s message and inspire us to seek God’s guidance and blessings on this church, and those who dwell within, in the year ahead.

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in becoming Catholic, or if you 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](mailto: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.



## St. “Padre Pio” Novena January 13–20

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 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.”

Padre Pio recited the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus daily as his go-to prayer for all those who asked for his prayers. Our novena to honor Padre Pio will be prayed from January 13th through the 20th, weekdays (Mon-Sat) at the 12:05 p.m. Mass and Sundays after the 11:15 a.m. Mass. We encourage you to recite the novena (copies in the church) and ask 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.*

\* If you have no personal intention, consider making the end of human trafficking and the divine protection of all who are exploited and enslaved an intention to pray for.



## FREE MOVIE SCREENING

Rectory basement meeting room  
(use the glass door behind the Mary statue)

Thu, Jan 11 after 12:05 pm Mass  
Sun, Jan 14 after 1 pm Mass

This film is rated PG-13; it may not be suitable for young children.

## Together Against Human Trafficking

During January, we want to raise awareness about the scourge of human trafficking. The Church stands firmly against this horrific crime. We each have a responsibility to stand against the violation and degradation of other human beings.

We urge everyone to participate in a private prayer effort by reciting a novena for victims of slavery and human trafficking. Let us lift our voices and hearts and invoke the intercession of St. Bakhita for all persecuted and enslaved brothers and sisters. In addition, our Catholic Teaching committee has arranged free screenings of the film “Sound of Freedom.” Discussions

following the film will allow reflection and meaningful exchange on this unsettling issue. Wallet-sized information cards and keychains will be handed out that you can carry with you as a reminder to be vigilant and prepared to report suspected trafficking situations.

Sadly, slavery still exists. Together, let us shine a light on the darkness of this insidious crime and fight for the freedom and dignity of every human being.

Copies of the novena to St. Bakhita and various educational resources are in church and posted on our church website at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/stopslavery](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/stopslavery).



THE CHRISTMAS STORY CAME TO LIFE through the efforts of our teachers, parents, and most importantly, our young parishioners and Religious Education students. We had the pleasure of experiencing not just one but three beautiful Nativity pageants. One heartwarming pageant was with the afternoon Religious Ed students (levels 1-4), then the level 5 and older students from Religious Ed participated in another joyful Christmas play. Pictured here is the Children's Nativity Pageant at the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, which was open to the entire congregation; three-month-old Liliana played the role of baby Jesus. The joy and spirit that all the children brought to these celebrations truly added to the festive atmosphere this Christmas.



### —Weekly Collections—

	Dec 17	Dec 24
Candle Offerings	\$1,667.00	\$1,681.00
1st Collection	7,238.17	6,491.00
2nd Collection	11,776.23	3,448.00
	<i>Christmas gift to church</i>	<i>Liturgy &amp; music</i>
Christmas Day Offering (12/25)	-	16,756.00
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>20,681.40</u>	<u>28,376.00</u>
Online Giving	4,023.52	4,653.21
Mail In	1,830.00	6,950.00
Christmas Gift-Main Savings (12/25)	-	5,000.00
TOTAL	26,534.92	44,479.21
Weekly Income Needed*	3,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,384.92	21,829.21

\* 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.

**Christmas Day Collection for Catholic Charities \$3,515.00**  
Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to the 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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

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[www.olqmca.org](http://www.olqmca.org)

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



## Student Honors

The following students from our parish are recognized for their academic achievements. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

### THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S LIST: **Amber Ali, Karina Bianchini, Leia Cassie, Amrit Chopra, Emilia Ho, Alyssa Iadicicco, Cybella Kosinov, Maribel Martinez, Claudia Wysocky**

SECOND HONORS: **Emilia Aguinaldo, Angelina Perez**

### ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL: **Natalia Borges, Maya Delgado, Gabriella Edwards, Joshua Jazmin, Isabella Jimmo, Dominic John, Valentina Lorenzo, Angela Morales, Safiya Richens, Alexander Setari, Isaiah Sharpe, Asha Mariana Tetangco, Maria Vulaj, Brooke Welz**

### Attention Parents!

#### **OLQM Catholic Academy**

Kindergarten application open NOW

Grades 1–8 application opens January 10

Kindergarten Open House January 11, 6pm–7:30pm

Open House January 27, 9:30–11am

[olqmca.org/how-to-apply](http://olqmca.org/how-to-apply)

### 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 for online applications is February 5, 2024. To obtain a paper application, write to MGNY Consulting Corp., 109 E. 9th St., New York, NY 10003.

## Rectory Roof Repair Completed

The scaffolding around the rectory has been (mostly) dismantled, revealing the copper sheeting used in the roof and gutter repairs undertaken over the fall and early winter. This timely completion allows us to start the new year with a renewed and strengthened structure. Your generous contributions and unwavering support for our major repairs fund make significant maintenance projects like this one possible, ensuring our church buildings stand strong for years to come.



### Deanery Corner

*A place to share news and events at nearby parishes*

**BLOOD DRIVE** ♦ **St. Margaret's Parish** (166-05 79 Place, Middle Village). **Sunday, January 14 @ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The New York Blood Center needs donors of all blood types to address an ongoing shortage. You can schedule an appointment time by calling 800-933-2566. Appointments recommended; however, walk-ins will be welcomed. Donate blood, save a life.



## **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](mailto:noilas@hotmail.com).

**Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m.** Study draws from the canon of Scripture and the teachings of the fathers and doctors of the Church. To join on Zoom, contact [josephterry@gmail.com](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com). Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://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).