

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



*Today's 1 p.m. Mass
is a Memorial Mass for
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

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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
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 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.



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11:15 a.m.
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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 7

Saint Raymond of Peñafort

8 a.m. Braden Meeker

12:05 p.m. John Viviano

5 p.m. Lillian Clarke

Epiphany Sunday, January 8

9 a.m. **Family Mass**

celebrated for the parishioners of

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 a.m. **Presentation of the Magi**

1 p.m. **Memorial Mass for
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

Monday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8 a.m. Cecile Michon

12:05 p.m. Mariana Samaniego

Tuesday, January 10

8 a.m. Razelo De Asis

12:05 p.m. Efigenia de Mendez

Wednesday, January 11

8 a.m. Jorge Bonilla

12:05 p.m. Father Philip Leone

Thursday, January 12

8 a.m. Marlon Buendia

12:05 p.m. Guillermo Mendez

Friday, January 13

Saint Hilary

8 a.m. Steve Giakoumis [living]

12:05 p.m. Gerry Bonneau

Saturday, January 14

8 a.m. Velson Darrow Johnson

12:05 p.m. Susan Passenant

5 p.m. Kathleen M. Whelan

Remember Our Sick

Gustavo Aguilar, Lenah Arip, Kim Bach, Michael Bekman, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Donald Bergola, Taylor A. Calder, Wilfredo Caban, Gustavo Cáceres, Lois Caicedo, Jeffrey Carrasquillo, Christopher Cunningham, Tracy Cuva, Tomas Czustkiewicz, Deacon John DeBiase, Fr. Peter A. DeSantis, Frank Dioguardi, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Kenny and Lori Gray, Kathy Halston, Joann Henry, Reszo Hrosz, Gary Hoskie, Giles Houghton, Mary Hughes, John Imperante, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Amanda Marie and Jadon Kalp, Katherine Klaum, James Leung, Loretta Martinez, Johnny Metters, Richard Perl, Mary Petrocelli, Bonnie Post, Peter Purpura Sr., Matthew Rendell, Annabelle Resitano, Anna Robberio, John Rodriguez, Dennis Roberts, Alicia Revutin, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Lily Shan, Robert Sorsaia, Ana Spafford, Sam Stafford, John Tantillo, Antonio Torres, Antoinette Torres, Ruthelia Torres, Karl Wick, Teresa Wong, James Yhap, Brittany Zaita—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, please 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



Sunday, January 8

10 a.m. **Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study**

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

Monday, January 9

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

7 p.m. **Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study**

Tuesday, January 10

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

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

Wednesday, January 11

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 12

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

After 12:05 p.m. **Mass Exposition and Benediction**

Evening Benediction returns February 23, 2023

Saturday, January 14

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

Visit ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/photo-gallery

for some of the many photos of our church at Christmas that we received from parishioners.

Remember Our Deceased

Eva Arico
John L. Beglan Jr.
Lt. Dwight Bell
Pope Benedict XVI
Esperanza Castillo Garay
Clara Ceparano
Carmen Maria Colon
Maria Correal
John Curtis



Mary Encarnacion
Jerold Jerozal
Edith Lorick
Odile Moncher
Marie Passenant
Celia Rodriguez
Robert Trovato
Rosalind Warmuth
Sik Chow Wong

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 Social Teaching Walking with Moms in Need

*Today's Intention: May mothers in need experience
Christ's loving care as we seek to live out His Gospel of life.*

REFLECT: “Over twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus’ saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, ‘the Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel’ (EV 2).

Let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? If a friend became pregnant in challenging circumstances, would she know she could come to me for loving support for her and her baby? Do I know of the places in my community where she could receive material help if she needed it?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

PRAY: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be.*

ACT: Choose one action this week:

- Seek Our Lady’s intercession by praying a Rosary for today’s intention.
- Give up coffee, sweets, or snacks for a week.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for today’s intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER: Read the summary of Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life) at <https://bit.ly/3HXekWv>.

DID YOU KNOW? Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and offers new resources and reflections on embracing the Gospel of life. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3Vdr3HO>.



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.

Order of Mass Epiphany Sunday

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #107—“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, 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 #105—“We Three Kings”

COMMUNION

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

Organ Meditation

Missal #86—“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #108—“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for fuel. There is also an envelope for the Diocesan Mission.

» January 15, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.

» 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. Traveling? Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, or use online Parish Giving or the Catch-Up envelope.

Walking with Moms in Need Novena

January 19 to January 27

At the invitation of the U.S. Bishops, beginning at Masses on Thursday, January 19, we will pray for nine days for the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our parish and community. Please note that this novena replaces the previously scheduled Padre Pio novena this year.

Rest in Peace, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

by Bishop Paul Sanchez

We mourn with people worldwide the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who died on December 31, 2022. The Pope Emeritus was a renowned figure in our Roman Catholic community of faith. He was gifted with a sharp mind, which served him well during his many years in the academic world. But he was also called to serve the Church as Holy Father from 2005 until 2013.

He left us his extensive writings. In his apostolic exhortation “The Sacrament of Charity,” he reminds us, appropriately in a Eucharistic Year of Revival, that “the sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing God’s infinite love for every man and woman.”

Pope Francis, recalling the life of the Pope Emeritus, said: “And we feel so much gratitude in our hearts: Gratitude to God for having given him to the Church and the world, and gratitude to him, for all the good he has done.”

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



After Christmas Thank-Yous



Photos from the Mass at Night on Christmas Eve—(1) We were blessed to have so many altar servers at our Christmas celebrations. (2) Parish members of the Order of Malta: Valerie Vilsaint, Robert Sorsaia, Karen Mongiello, Lucia Chan. (3) The altar was adorned with an abundance of Christmas flowers and trees for the concelebrated Mass; photo by Leon Volskis. Not pictured—It takes many hands to get ready for Christmas. Thank you to our lectors, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, choir members, and all of you, our parishioners, who joined us.

“We Cherish Their Memory”

On December 18, 2022, almost 50 years to the day that U.S. Air Force Capt. Francis Xavier (Frank) Egan was killed in Vietnam, our church celebrated a memorial Mass for him. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs was Capt. Egan’s beloved childhood parish. He and his siblings—Maureen, Annette, and Bill—attended our parish school, and Frank was an altar server here when Monsignor McLaughlin was pastor.



Bill Egan with Bishop Sanchez

His siblings and their families chose to pay tribute to their late brother and share their memories with our parish on this special anniversary. Bill Egan, who now lives in Ireland, brought his brother’s rosary beads to church for the memorial Mass. Capt. Egan carried the rosary with him wherever he went, said Bill, and they were recovered after his plane was shot down in Vietnam.



Capt. Egan (fourth from left) with his pilot training buddies from USAF UPT Class 70-08

Capt. Egan taught in a Catholic school before enlisting in the Air Force in 1969 and beginning a tour of duty in Vietnam. His desire to serve our country was strong, and perhaps it is no coincidence that his birthday, November 11, 1946, is Veteran’s Day.

Bishop Sanchez commented in *The Tablet* that there is special reason for wanting to remember those who served in Vietnam: “Those young men and women were my contemporaries. They responded to a call and gave their lives selflessly. We cherish their memory and continue to hold their families in our prayers.” A link to *The Tablet* story can be found in the News section of our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/category/parish-and-diocesan-news.

Bereavement Support Group Meets Jan 23 at 7 p.m. in the rectory (basement meeting room). The group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. An RSVP is required. If you wish to attend, please email the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Weekly Collections

	Dec 25	Jan 1
Candle Offerings	1,476.00	1,540.00
1st Collection	8,059.00	8,332.01
2nd Collection	7,637.00	3,257.00
	<i>Christmas offering</i>	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>
In-Church Subtotal	17,172.00	13,129.01
Online Parish Giving	4,848.39	5,102.80
Mail In	1,354.00	1,045.00
Add’l Christmas Gift to Parish	8,870.00	8,770.00
TOTAL	32,244.39	28,046.81
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	9,094.39	4,896.81

*Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Totals do 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

Catholic Charities Christmas Day	\$3,038.00
Additional Catholic Charities (Jan 1)	1,285.00

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 with Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant at 718-268-6251. There is additional information on leaving a legacy gift at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving.

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www.youtube.com/olqmstewardship

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www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS Sundays at 11:15AM for the homebound and the sick. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand using the “past livestreams” link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast.

MLK Prayer Service with Bishop Brennan

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Prayer Service, Bishop Robert Brennan presiding. Monday, **Jan 16** at St. Kevin Church (194-0, 194-98 45th Ave, Flushing). 10 a.m. breakfast and community dialogue; 12 p.m. prayer service. For more information, please contact 718-524-2549.

Weekend for Single Women (18–35)

Sacredness of Life Weekend, Jan 13–15. The Sisters of the Poor and their guest speakers invite college students on break and other young women to a Fri–Sun weekend retreat at their St. Ann's Novitiate (110-39 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village). The theme is the sanctity of the lives of the unborn and the elderly. If interested in attending for the weekend or for a day, please RSVP by phone or email to Mother Michele at 718-464-1800 or vocationsbrooklyn@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Fraternitas for Middle School Boys

Fraternitas means brotherhood. This group will meet at Cathedral Prep School & Seminary (56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst) on **Saturdays Jan 21, Feb 11, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 17.** Join for prayer, catechesis, sports, and sacraments. To register, contact the diocese vocation office at 718-827-245 or visit brooklynpriests.org.

Student Honors

The following students from our parish have attained Honor Roll status at **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY**. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

Principal's List: **Annabelle Ali, Amrit Chopra, Miriya Healing, Cybella Kosinov, Chloe Riche, Claudia Wysocky**

First Honors: **Maribel Martinez, Angelina Perez, Jade Rubbo**

Second Honors: **Emilia Aguinaldo**

RCIA at OLQM
Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults



If you are 18 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. To find out more, please 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. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

Winter Calendar

January 19 to January 27

Walking with Moms in Need Novena. *Daily (Mon-Sat) at 12:05 p.m. Mass; Sunday 1/22 at 11:15 a.m. Mass.*

January 22

Prayerful observance of the National March for Life (being held January 20 in Washington, DC). *All Sunday Masses.*

February 2

Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of the Candles. *8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses*

February 3

Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats. *8 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Masses.*

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes. Anointing of the Sick. *12:05 p.m. Mass.*

February 20

Alleluia Sunday. *All Masses. Last Sunday before Lent for singing hymns with lots of Alleluias! (Lent begins February 22.)*

Faith Sharing on Zoom



Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Current topic is St. Luke's Gospel. To join the group, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. The group is engaged in a *year-long study* on Sunday Reading Reflections. All are welcome! To join in the study on Zoom, contact Joe: josepherry@gmail.com.

Wednesday Catholic Charismatic Prayer: 7:45–9 p.m. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings with bible study the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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).

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL RESULTS: We fulfilled our parish goal of raising \$114,568 to support diocese-wide programs and ministries. Indeed, as of Jan 2, 2023, **we received a total of \$150,010 in paid pledges from 350 donors.** The average of \$35,442 returns to our parish for our own projects. God bless you all for your generosity.