

November 15, 2020 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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, November 14

8 a.m. James Cruz
12:05 p.m. Franky Greger
5 p.m. Salvatore Pelletiere

Sunday, November 15

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland
8 a.m. Lluís Roque Bozzo
12:05 p.m. Anton Feretic

Tuesday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
8 a.m. Mark Rafferty
12:05 p.m. Deanna Condino [living]

Wednesday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
8 a.m. John Dar Conte [anniversary]
12:05 p.m. Anthony Feretic [anniversary]

Thursday, November 19

8 a.m. Domingo Diaz
12:05 p.m. Margaret and Lawrence Bonamo

Friday, November 20

8 a.m. Alfonso Ortiz, Sr.
12:05 p.m. Norina Garofalo

Saturday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 a.m. Peggy MacBride
12:05 p.m. Maria Oliva
5 p.m. Annide Telemaque

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 15

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

all Masses, church: Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive
(Please leave items at the St. Joseph Altar)

9 a.m. to noon, *front of church:*

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
(Bring items directly to the truck parked on Ascan Ave.)

10 a.m., *Zoom: Bible Study online meeting*
(see p. 6 for information)

Monday, November 16

7:30 p.m., *Zoom: Bereavement Support Group meeting*
(see p. 4 for information)

Tuesday, November 17

11:30 a.m., *rectory vestibule: Confessions*
(Please wear a face mask when visiting the rectory)

6:30 p.m., *Zoom: 'Through the Word' faith-sharing group*
(see p. 6 for information)

Wednesday, November 18

Religious Education on Zoom

Thursday, November 19

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

Until Further Notice

WEEKDAY MASSES: Use the church ramp entrance/exit at Queens Boulevard for the 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Mass (Mon-Sat). Following each Mass the church will be closed.

PRIVATE PRAYER: For private prayer time or to light a candle, the church vestibule is open weekdays and Sunday; vestibule entrance is at Ascan Avenue.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, 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, Sandy Imperante, Victor Kun, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Nancy Martin, Liz Maryon, Marina Mavasheva, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, John Nikol, Connie Panella, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Dennis Roberts, Gloria Rodriguez, 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

Because of space constraints we must periodically update our sick list. Names will be removed after three (3) months, unless our office is notified. Thank you for understanding.

Remember Our Deceased

Rev. Patrick J. Diffley
Frank Gomez



Bill Michael
Nellie Vega

Deacon Edward Smolinski

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 Moïse, 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 **Pope Benedict on Responsible Stewardship over Nature**

*The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with goodness.
(Psalm 33:5)*

REFLECT: “Human beings legitimately exercise a responsible stewardship over nature, in order to protect it, to enjoy its fruits and to cultivate it in new ways, with the assistance of advanced technologies, so that it can worthily accommodate and feed the world’s population. On this earth there is room for everyone: here the entire human family must find the resources to live with dignity, through the help of nature itself—God’s gift to his children—and through hard work and creativity. At the same time, we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it. This means being committed to making joint decisions after pondering responsibly the road to be taken, decisions aimed at strengthening that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying...

“It is likewise incumbent upon the competent authorities to make every effort to ensure that the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources are recognized with transparency and fully borne by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations: the protection of the environment, of resources and of the climate obliges all international leaders to act jointly and to show a readiness to work in good faith, respecting the law and promoting solidarity with the weakest regions of the planet. One of the greatest challenges facing the economy is to achieve the most efficient use—not abuse—of natural resources, based on a realization that the notion of “efficiency” is not value-free.” (Caritas in Veritate)

ACT: Commit to changing our lifestyle and consumption patterns as befits our common home. For suggestions, see <https://bit.ly/33YHFdI>.

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict’s encyclical on charity in truth, Caritas in Veritate (<https://bit.ly/3hVDzrI>).

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.

Early bulletin deadline for Thanksgiving. If you have a news item for the November 29th Sunday bulletin, the deadline is Monday, November 16th. Email olqmcomm@aol.com. All submissions are subject to approval.

Order of Mass **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

ENTRANCE

Missal #199—“Praise to the Lord”

FIRST READING—*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING—*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #432—“Amazing Grace”

COMMUNION

Missal #338—“One Bread, One Body”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #197—“Holy God We Praise Thy Name”

Communion is distributed during exit

Watch Sunday Mass Online

Video recording of the Sunday Mass at OLQM is viewable 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 Christmas Liturgy and Music. There is also an envelope for Pastoral Care.
- » Sunday, November 22, the second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. To contribute through our Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu: ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Season of Giving

Many thanks to everyone dropping off clothing this morning at the St. Vincent de Paul truck. The 2021 schedule is posted on our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule

Thank you, too, for leaving your bags of canned goods and nonperishable food items at the St. Joseph altar. We will collect canned goods again on **Thanksgiving Day at the 10 a.m. Mass. (cont’d on p. 5)**

Special Acknowledgments

Last Saturday, November 7, Fox Funeral Home held its annual Memorial Mass in our church. The Mass was by invitation only to the immediate families who used Fox Funeral services this past year. This decision was necessary in order to limit the number of visitors in church, out of concerns about the uptick in coronavirus disease in Queens this fall. Hopefully we can return to a larger memorial service and gathering in 2021.

We also wish to express gratitude to Fox Funeral Home for its financial support for our Fall Fling raffle fundraiser. The Fall Fling was supposed to be an occasion to gather and pay tribute to our volunteers. As it happened, we were under more severe Orange zone restrictions on the weekend of October 25, and so we had to postpone the annual volunteer appreciation event.

We thank all our volunteers for their continued commitment and service to our parish. Your support and friendship lift our spirits in these difficult times.

— Fr. Francis Passenant



Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

“Well done, good and faithful servant....”

How are you called to use your talents? World Day of Cloistered Life is observed on November 21. If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AT OLQM

The parish bereavement support group is currently meeting on Zoom. Our support group assists those mourning the recent loss of a loved one. We HELP, CARE, and LISTEN to one another and work together through grief. Join to share memories with others who have experienced, or are now experiencing, the same difficulties. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. We have meetings scheduled for **Nov. 16, Dec. 7, and Dec. 21**. Contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.



On the Road to Sainthood: Leaders of African Descent

“Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses: Race, Resilience, and Renewal” is an online lecture series commemorating the rich cultural tradition of the Black Catholic community. You’ll learn the stories of six men and women who are on the road to sainthood and who overcame racism and discrimination while living their Catholic faith: Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Venerable Henriette Delille, Fr. Augustus Tolton, Julia Greeley, and Sr. Thea Bowman. When: Saturday, **November 21 @ 2:30–4:30PM**. Live-streamed Mass @ 5PM with Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Where: Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/122107178859 to request free tickets and Zoom link.

Cremation and Catholic Burial Traditions

November is customarily a time to visit the graves of loved ones and pray for them. The Church stresses the importance of burying the remains of the dead, either the body or the cremated remains (ashes), in a final and permanent resting place. Burial of the full body is still preferred by the Church as more representative of our Christian faith. Ideally, the body would be present at the Funeral Mass of Christian Burial, after which cremation (if chosen) would take place, then burial of the remains. However, it is permitted to have a funeral Mass with the cremated remains.

Cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. Cremains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. Scattering the deceased’s ashes on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping them in an urn in the home, is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

The Catholic Cemeteries office can assist in choosing a gravesite or crypt for burial for yourself and your loved ones. Contact them at **718-894-4888** or www.ccbklyn.org. For answers to other questions about Catholic burials, visit www.catholicburialtraditions.org.

Advent Service of Hope

Please join us during Advent for prayer services:

Sunday December 6

Presenter: Mr. Joseph Terry, who completed his Sacraments of Initiation this year in our parish; Lecturer Kingsborough Community College

Sunday, December 13

Presenter: Deacon Greg Kandra, Blogger, Author, OLQM Deacon

Services will be posted on our website for those unable to attend.

Time: 3:15 pm
In the Church



Turkey Giveaway! Friday, November 20, starts at 10 a.m. at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Convent (159-23 89th Ave., Jamaica). One turkey per household on a first come, first serve basis. Be prepared to wait outside and socially distance. Wear a mask (required). Bring a shopping cart. You must be age 18 or older and have photo ID for yourself. You **CANNOT** pick up for friends or other family members. Made possible by generous donations received by Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens.

Season of Giving *(cont'd from p. 3)*

Thanksgiving Day Mass & Canned Food Drive



Food collected today and at the **10 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day (November 26)**

will be given to the food pantries at Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of the Angelus and will end up on the table

of someone in need. If you are able to give, please choose nutritious items that contribute to the good health of people struggling with hunger. Suggestions: canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon); canned vegetables; canned fruits; canned and boxed meals (soup, mac and cheese); nut butters; canned or dried beans; pasta, rice, and cereal; 100% fruit juice; shelf-stable milk; low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar products. Be sure items are not past expiration!

Giving Tree Toy Drive

Make plans to bring **CHRISTMAS JOY** to someone else!



Take a tag from the Christmas basket in church:
November 28/29

Shop for a new gift for a Boy or Girl by Age. For teens ages 13-18, consider gift cards to allow them to purchase what they need.

Return an unwrapped gift with tag attached:
December 5/6 & December 12/13

We'll ask you to leave unwrapped gifts in church at the St. Joseph altar. If you need to drop off gifts during hours the church is closed, you may bring them to the rectory.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections	November 8
1st Collection	\$4,288.50
2nd Collection (<i>church holiday cleaning</i>)	1,255.00
Candles	761.00
<u>In Church Subtotal (575 attending)</u>	<u>6,304.00</u>
Mail In/Lobby Box	2,701.00
Catch Up Envelopes	2,675.00
Memorial Candles	750.00
Online Parish Giving	5,418.21
TOTAL	<u>17,848.21</u>
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,401.79)
*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 to ensure a fiscally sound position, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.	
Special Collection (does not accrue to parish)	
Missionary Appeal #2 (Propagation of the Faith)	\$625.00

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.

Contact Us

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

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Website:
www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org

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@OLQMChurch

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others?

You may be interested in one of our faith-sharing groups: **Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets 10–11AM and is discussing St. John’s Gospel. Contact Noila Johnson: noilas@hotmail.com. **Tuesday Evening ‘Through the Word’** meets 6:30–8PM. To join this program, contact Joseph Terry: josephterry@gmail.com.

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

Attention: Parents & Students

Molloy College Virtual Open House
November 15 @ 1 PM

Register at www.molloy.edu/openhouse.
Once you register you will receive a Zoom link.

Car Donations for Charity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) will give back **\$50/\$100** to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for each donated car, truck, or van (any condition, running or not). If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor have an old or neglected vehicle to dispose of, call SVP at **718-491-2525**. Free towing available. Tax-deductible. Thank you for your participation.

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN/QUEENS

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

APPEAL UPDATE (as of 11/9/20)

Parish Goal: \$109,112

Pledged to Date: \$115,111

Donors to Date: 296

Paid to Date: \$104,633

We have less than \$5K to go! Make a gift of any amount to the ACA before December 31st.

Remember—Annual Catholic Appeal Giving Is Different from Parish Giving

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is a pledged campaign that raises money for the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens as a whole to help tens of thousands of people in our city. The ACA raises \$8 million annually. Every parish in the Diocese is assigned an ACA financial goal toward that total. This year’s parish goal for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is \$109,112.

Online giving to the ACA is managed by the Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn Queens via the Give Central payment processing platform. Donate to ACA at:

catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal

When you donate to the ACA via Give Central, please be sure to select Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (#4172) from the Parish drop-down menu.

ACA giving is entirely independent of giving to the parish. To give to our parish directly with a weekly offering online, use only the Parish Giving option on our website.

What Programs Does the ACA Support?

The ACA supports dozens of programs that are beyond the abilities of any one parish and that benefit the faithful throughout Brooklyn and Queens. In these times of uncertainty, Annual Catholic Appeal funding is needed more than ever as our neighbors citywide need spiritual, physical, emotional, and economic support during this public health crisis. An ACA gift does good works in these very specific ways:

- Connecting our young people to the Church
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting the sick and imprisoned
- Giving shelter to the homeless
- Welcoming the stranger
- Caring for the elderly
- Sustaining the seminarians
- Forming deacons and priests
- Providing for elderly priests and religious
- Supporting Catholic Charities and Catholic Migration Services

If you are watching Mass at home...

Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Text ACA to 917-336-1255. Or use the purple DONATE VIA GIVE CENTRAL button on our website. Or go direct to: catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal