

November 17, 2024 - **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.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

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WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 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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Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
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, November 16

**Saint Margaret of Scotland
Saint Gertrude**

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Annabelle Resitano

5 p.m. Margaret Philomena O'Brien

Sunday, November 17

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

Monday, November 18

**Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**

8:05 a.m. Felix V. Farres

12:05 p.m. Margaret and Lawrence Bonamo

Tuesday, November 19

8:05 a.m. Lillian Sacks Marmion

12:05 p.m. Steve Routt

Wednesday, November 20

8:05 a.m. Most Rev. Emila W. Cela, D.D.

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Thursday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 a.m. Rose Harach and Daniel Brogno

12:05 p.m. Helen Sweeney

Friday, November 22

Saint Cecilia

8:05 a.m. Mirleine Joseph

12:05 p.m. Bonnie Post

Saturday, November 23

Saint Clement I

Saint Columban

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

8:05 a.m. Margaret MacBride

12:05 p.m. Librada R. De Gutierrez

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabe, 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, Domingo Galicia, Marie Gavosto, Lionel Genello, Elizabeth Hansen, Jennifer Holden, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Ginger Inabinet, Jeannine Jodhan, Noila Johnson, Migdalia Leon, Bendita Mandala, Fred Marks, Matilde Munoz, Aileen Nunag, Erny Ordonez, Jaime Andres Ortiz, Paul Christian Paiewonsky, Grace Perl, Maria Rodin, Msgr. Philip Reilly, Jason Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Valerie Rizzo, Enrique Roque, Patricia Tormey, Luigi Totumaccio, Jamie Vayone, Karimita Villegas, 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, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 17

THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE

10 a.m. rectory meeting room:

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Monday, November 18

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

6:45 p.m. rectory meeting room: Bereavement Support Group

7–8 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study

Tuesday, November 19

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, November 20

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, November 21

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

(see p. 3 for winter schedule change)

Friday, November 22

6–8 p.m. McLaughlin Hall: Martyrs Active Youth Organization (MAYO) Meeting & Smash Brothers Tournament

Saturday, November 23

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

Sunday, November 24

4 p.m. Church in the Gardens (50 Ascan Avenue):
Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

REMINDER

The final Saturday morning Mass at 8:05 a.m. will be celebrated on November 30 (see page 4).

Remember Our Deceased

Joseph Cardenas
Gwendoline Dos Santos
Helen D. Hwang



MaryAnn Jordan
Thin Pham
Eleanor Sommero

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

We are revisiting and sharing, in condensed form, some relevant and timeless pieces from the View from the Pew archives.—Father Passenaut

A View from the Pew: The Presence

by Deacon Greg Kandra

The Practice of the Presence of God is a slender volume of letters and meditations by an esteemed Carmelite known only as Brother Lawrence. It was written hundreds of years ago by a humble friar whose most exalted work was toiling in the monastery kitchen. He didn't preach or write scholarly books of theology or climb the ladder of the hierarchy to become a bishop.

He simply did the dishes.

"In the noise and clatter of my kitchen," he wrote, "while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament."

Is it possible to "possess God in great tranquility" while going about the business of everyday life? Brother Lawrence thought so. He understood the importance of practice. We only realize God is with us when we work at it—when we are open to Him or when we actively seek Him. God doesn't announce His arrival with a fanfare of trumpet blasts; He whispers and is with us.

To draw near to God, we need to do more than to let *Him* be present to *us*. We also need to make *ourselves* present to Him. Love, at least in relationship with another, is a two-way street.

And that sort of presence takes practice. It takes commitment. It takes a continuing awareness of God's work in the world and in our lives—and a heartfelt appreciation for every blessing and every burden that signifies, somehow, *Emmanuel: God with us*.

Five centuries ago, Brother Lawrence tried to share his mastery of this mystery. His little book is his legacy, a classic of its kind, and one well worth reading today. His secret? "I apply myself diligently to do nothing and think nothing which will displease Him," he wrote. "I hope when I have done what I can, He will do with me what he pleases."

It sounds so simple. But the challenge is huge. It is the work of a lifetime.

THURSDAY DEVOTIONS

Winter Schedule in Effect after Thanksgiving

There are no devotions on November 28, Thanksgiving Day. From December 5 to February 27, Thursday Benediction and Adoration will be held right after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes on Thursday, March 6, 2025 (the day after Ash Wednesday).

Order Your Christmas Memorials
(limited selections; use form on p. 6)

Order of Mass

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #47—"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation

Missal #859—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (*M. Ippolitof-Ivanof*)—Choir
Missal #580—"Soon and Very Soon"

COMMUNION

"Seek Ye the Lord" (*J. V. Roberts*)—Choir
Organ Meditation

Missal #597—"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #445—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is Christmas Music and Liturgy. There is also an envelope for the Campaign for Human Development.
- » November 24, the second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Christmas flowers.
- » 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.

SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 24

Forest Hills Interfaith Prayer Service

4 p.m. at Church in the Gardens

THANKSGIVING AT OLQM

Thursday, November 28

Mass at the special time of 9 a.m.

(Note: this is the only Mass of the day.)

Bring canned goods to church with you for the local food pantries.

Attention, Parents: Final Days to Enroll in Religious Education

Religious Education enrollment closes at the end of business day on Tuesday, November 26. You may enroll online at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re. Thank you.— Yours in Christ, Deacon Thomas Jorge

Bereavement Support During the Holidays

The parish support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet monthly (third or fourth Monday) in the rectory basement meeting room. With the holidays approaching, this time of year can be challenging. The support group will be here for you, meeting this Monday, **November 18** and then on **December 16**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** For questions, contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Final 8:05 a.m. Saturday Mass on November 30 as Schedule Adjusts

In response to Bishop Brennan's call for parishes to reconfigure for the future, we are adjusting our Saturday schedule. The last 8:05 a.m. Saturday Mass will be on November 30. **All other weekday and Sunday Mass times remain unchanged.** Saturday Masses will continue at 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil). For those desiring a Saturday morning Mass, please consider the 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy (70-01 Kessel St).

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Nov 10
Candle Offerings	\$2,130.00
1st Collection	8,094.10
2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>)	2,580.00
<i>Subtotal - In Church</i>	<u>12,804.10</u>
Online Parish Giving	5,130.54
Mail In	4,300.00
TOTAL	\$22,234.64
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,265.36)

* 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: St. Vincent de Paul Society \$1,724.10
Does 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.

Faith Sharing Groups at OLQM



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

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. Weekly in the rectory basement meeting room (use glass door behind the Mary statue). Current study: St. Luke's Gospel.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. Current study: the Acts of the Apostles. Contact Dr. Joseph Terry (josephterry@gmail.com) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at 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: 82120186604 (PW: 765136).

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is a program for adults age 18 or older who want to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. OCIA 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 callback number). All emails and calls will receive a response.

Contact Us

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OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

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

November 16th through December 1st

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Twice a year, the Sacred Music Society of OLQM raises funds so they can continue to bring beautiful music to the liturgies at our parish. Today and these next two weekends (Nov. 23/24 and Nov. 30/Dec. 1), choir members will be selling sweepstakes tickets in the vestibule after Masses. Only 100 tickets are available at \$50 each—offering great odds to win the \$1,000 prize! The drawing will be held after the 1 p.m. Mass on Dec. 1.

Say hello to a choir member today and grab a sweepstakes ticket while they last—and don't forget to ask about Christmas concert tickets, too!

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

A Concert of Advent & Christmas Music

Sunday, December 15 at 4 p.m.

Tickets \$30 available in the rectory

Children 12 & under free

Save the Dates

Experience the Hope of Advent: Teaching Workshop

This December, engage deeply with the season of Advent through our two-week workshop, "Remember & Hope: A Theology of Advent," led by Dr. Joseph Terry. Sessions are on **December 11th and 18th**, from 7–8 p.m., in the rectory meeting room. As we reflect on Christ's first coming and anticipate His return, take this opportunity to renew your hope in God's promises and prepare for Christmas by deepening your understanding of this sacred season.

November Remembrances

All this month, we are remembering the souls of our faithful departed brothers and sisters who we buried here during the last five years through a reading of their names, in alphabetical order, at the Masses. If you wish to remember a loved one in an individual way with a gift of a memorial candle at the Sacred Heart of Jesus altar, contact Dennis Portelli, Pastoral Care Administrator, 718-268-6251, and he will be pleased to assist you.

Please Continue to Fulfill Your Pledges

We have successfully raised \$114,568 for the diocesan annual Appeal, fulfilling our parish's 2024 obligation. So far, \$157,256 has been paid of a total of \$168,412 pledged by 324 donors.

The surplus amount paid, which now stands at about \$42,600, will come back to our parish. So please continue to make all outstanding pledges by Dec 31.



God Loves a Cheerful Giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect nonperishable items for the food pantries of our sister parishes in Queens.



Suggested items:

- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon * Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits * Shelf-stable milk * Canned & boxed meals (soup, mac & cheese) * Canned or dried beans
- * Pasta, sauce, rice, cereal * Nut butters * 100% fruit juice
- Low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar foods & snacks

Be sure items are not past expiration!



WHERE & WHEN TO GIVE:

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

At today's Sunday Masses
and at the 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Day

OLQM CHRISTMAS Giving Tree & TOY DRIVE



NOV 16/17 TO
DEC 7/8 2024

We are helping Catholic Charities collect gifts for children & teens in need. Here's how to participate:



1

Choose a gift tag from the church tree designating a boy or girl & their age. Tags will be available for 2 weekends starting **November 16th & 17th**. Then shop for a brand-new, age-appropriate gift.

2

Return your gift **UNWRAPPED**, and with the original tag attached, and place it under the tree. Gifts must be returned by **December 8th**.



IDEA: For teens, brand-new gift cards are a flexible option so they can pick out something they truly need or want.



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Blessings for a Happy Advent & Christmas to All!



CHRISTMAS Memorial Wreaths/Trees

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating our church for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one or family member, please contact the rectory and return this form.

Deadline: Our Christmas memorials go quickly, so place your order early. If you would like to be recognized in the Christmas bulletin on December 22, submit your request no later than December 10.

The 12:05 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be celebrated for the intention of those individuals being memorialized and the donors to the Christmas flower fund.

Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
2	Large Christmas Wreaths in Sanctuary of Church (Right side OR Left side)	\$600.00/each
4	60-inch Christmas wreath (over center doors)	\$500.00
4	Large Christmas wreath indoors (over balcony)	\$450.00
4	48-inch Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around Church)	\$300.00/each
2	Large Christmas Trees in Sanctuary	\$250.00/each
6 5	Christmas Trees (around the outdoor manger)	\$175.00/each
6	Christmas Trees (around the indoor manger)	\$175.00/each
10 6	Swags (on interior church columns)	\$125.00/each
10 8	Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
	Poinsettia Plants Large	\$ 75.00/each

ITEMS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Celebrate the CHRISTMAS season with us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs!

Thank you for your generosity to our parish. Please make your request on the form below and return (with payment) to the rectory.

GIFT IN MEMORY OF: *please print name(s)* _____

Requested by: _____

Requester's Phone: _____ Email: _____

OFFERING (select from items and prices above): _____

