

November 19, 2023 - The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 23 at 10 a.m.

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

TRUSTEE
Veronica McCarthy
Roy Joseph

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Lorna Stark

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorje

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR
Dennis Francis Portelli

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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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 18

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

8:05 a.m. Annabella and Louis Sorsaia

12:05 p.m. Margaret MacBride

5 p.m. Matthew Patsos

Sunday, November 19

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Religious Ed Family Mass

Monday, November 20

8:05 a.m. John Gallagher

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Tuesday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 a.m. Ann McManus

12:05 p.m. James Patrick Flannery

Wednesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia

8:05 a.m. Dolores Tricolla

12:05 p.m. Mirleine Joseph

Thursday, November 23

Saint Clement I, Saint Columban

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 a.m.

This is the ONLY Mass celebrated. Church closes after Mass.

Friday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

8:05 a.m. Marie Velez [living]

12:05 p.m. Patricia Sinatra

Saturday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:05 a.m. Dolores Rea

12:05 p.m. Cookie and Artie Pollack [living]

5 p.m. Richard A. Mohr

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 19

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

Tickets on sale after Masses in the church vestibule

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study

(enter at glass door near the Mary statue)

4 p.m. Forest Hills Jewish Center: Interfaith Prayer Service

Monday, November 20

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, November 21

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, November 22

Religious Education Thanksgiving Break

Classes resume November 29

7:45-9 p.m. Zoom: Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday, November 23

10 a.m. church: Thanksgiving Day Mass

Bring a bag of canned food items to church with you.

Rectory closed. No confessions or devotions.



Friday, November 24

Rectory closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 25

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

The Wine and Hosts
are offered in loving memory of
Austine E. Olson
—requested by William Soderberg

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarías, Robert Battista, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvara Fuentes Leal, Jacqueline Gagliano, Domingo Galicia, Stephen Gavosto, Lucille Giannone, Jorge Guzman, Anne Hansen, Miriya Healing, Jo-Ann Henry, Ruth Henry, Anita Hsu, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Elizabeth Ann Jiyun Kim, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Elyse Locurto, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicololo, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Dennis Portelli, Jovanka Radeka, Maria Rodin, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Lineth Vaz, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, Julio Enrico Yanez, Deacon Elias Yepes —and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Patrick Carroll
Catalina Del Campo
Mary Ann Lyons



Reilan Mendoza
Phuong Nha Pham

**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.**

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.

This Week's Reflection

from Catholic Teaching

Spiritual Testament of Benedict XVI: A Thanksgiving Reflection

*Give thanks to the LORD for he is good,
his mercy endures forever! (Psalm 107: 1)*

REFLECT: “If in this late hour of my life I look back at the decades I have been through, first I see how many reasons I have to give thanks. First and foremost, I thank God himself, the giver of every good gift, who gave me life and guided me through various confusing times; always picking me up whenever I began to slip and always giving me again the light of his face. In retrospect I see and understand that even the dark and tiring stretches of this journey were for my salvation and that it was in them that He guided me well.

“I thank my parents, who gave me life in a difficult time and who, at the cost of great sacrifice, with their love prepared for me a magnificent abode that, like clear light, illuminates all my days to this day... From my heart I thank God for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the collaborators in all the stages of my journey; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness.

“I thank the people of my homeland because in them I have been able again and again to experience the beauty of faith. I pray that our land remains a land of faith, and I beg you, dear countrymen: Do not let yourselves be turned away from the faith...

“What I said before to my countrymen, I now say to all those in the Church who have been entrusted to my service: Stand firm in the faith! Do not let yourselves be confused... Jesus Christ is truly the way, the truth and the life -- and the Church, with all its insufficiencies, is truly His body.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 29 August 2006)

ACT: Thank God for all he has given us. Consider praying the USCCB's Thanksgiving Day Prayer (at <https://tinyurl.com/ytjc4hkz> and printed on page 4).

LEARN: Read Pope Benedict XVI's Spiritual Testament at <https://tinyurl.com/4fdw4s32>.

Thursday Devotions

On Thanksgiving Day, there are no devotions. Starting from November 30 to February 8, Thursday Adoration and Benediction will be held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes on Thursday, February 15, 2024 (the day after Ash Wednesday).

Order of Mass

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #47—“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Jubilate Deo Mass/Mass of Creation

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

“The Glory of the Lord” (B. Marcello)—Choir

Missal #469—“The Lord Is My Hope

COMMUNION

“Ave Verum” (A. Guilmant)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #439—“You Are Near”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #582—“Soon and Very Soon”

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 Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- » November 26, 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 Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

TODAY! November 19 at 4 p.m. at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. Embrace community and faith at this annual gathering of neighbors and friends. Light refreshments to follow the service. All are welcome. (The FHJC is located at 106-06 Queens Blvd; use the 69th Rd entrance.)



RECENTLY AT OLQM—On Sunday, November 5, the parish welcomed eight new students into the Altar Server Society. Bishop Sanchez presided over the installation ceremony. After multiple weeks of training under the direction of Father Passenant, these young servers will assist our priests at Mass, assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and take an active part in other church functions throughout the year. We thank the young altar servers and their families for their willingness to serve God and our parish.

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Underway

This biannual fundraiser supports the liturgies and concerts presented by the Sacred Music Society. You should plan to act fast because **only 100 tickets at \$50 each** will be sold (offering a high chance of winning). Choir members are selling tickets in the church vestibule *today* and again next weekend. The drawing will be after 1 p.m. Mass on November 26 for one **cash prize of \$1,000**. You don't need to be present at the drawing to win; we will announce the winner in the bulletin. Say hello to a choir member, and please purchase a sweepstakes ticket in support of the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Concert of Advent & Christmas Music
Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m.

Tickets \$30 available in the rectory
Children 12 & under free

OLQM Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Nov 25/26
to Dec 9/10

- *Gift tags will be available on Nov 25/26 weekend.
- *Take a tag & purchase a brand-new gift suitable for the child or teenager's age on the tag.
- *Gift cards (brand new) are welcome for teens so they can pick out something they truly need or want.
- *Return gifts **UNWRAPPED*** with the tag attached to the church tree on the weekends of Dec 2/3 or 9/10.

*You can also bring gifts to the rectory during business hours. Gift cards can be dropped in the rectory mailbox (write "Giving Tree" on the gift card envelope).



ABOUT TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. Grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please be generous.

ADVENT BEGINS ON DECEMBER 3

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us for Mass on **Thursday, November 23**
at the special time of 10 am

Share Your Thanksgiving Blessings

Bring canned & nonperishable food items to Mass

Food will be given to our sister parishes in Queens that help those in need of food assistance. **Suggested donations:**

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.

Canned goods with pull-tops are thoughtful!
Be sure items are not past expiration!

Thank you for your generosity.



Prayer Focus

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: USCCB

Christmas Memorial Wreaths & Flower Collection

The 12:05 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intentions of those memorialized with wreaths, trees, or poinsettias and the donors to the Christmas flower collection.

Order forms and envelopes are in the church.

Help Us Keep the Church Clean and Tidy. Please do not leave cards or prayer books or other religious material that you receive at home in the church or the pamphlet stands. If these items are unwanted, you can dispose of them with your other unwanted mail. Thank you for helping to keep the church presentable for everyone who attends services.

—Weekly Collections—

	Nov 12
Candle Offerings	\$1,281.00
1st Collection	9,469.00
2nd Collection (<i>winter fuel</i>)	2,375.00
St Vincent de Paul /Charity Outreach	1,380.00
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>14,505.00</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,003.00
Mail In	1,567.00
TOTAL	20,075.00
Weekly Income Needed*	23,150.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,075.00)

* 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.

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 Passenat 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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www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

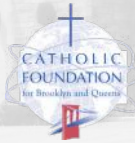
FAITH-BASED ESTATE AND LEGACY PLANNING

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 10 AM
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Rectory Basement

Join us for this *free* seminar to learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs, and promote the legacy of your Catholic faith for future generations.

- Wills & Trusts
- Power of Attorney
- Vehicles for Charitable Planning & Giving
 - Stocks & Real Estate
 - How NOT to leave your IRA to the IRS
 - Cash and Non-Cash Gifts

**No solicitations will be made at this presentation.*



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Please call the rectory at (718) 268-6251 to RSVP



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.

Monday "Through the Word" Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. Current study topic is the Eucharist. To join on Zoom, contact josephterry@gmail.com. Archived recordings of the weekly bible studies 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: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

Bereavement Support at the Holidays

The holiday seasons can very difficult for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. Memories serve as constant reminders of loss. Watching others celebrate can be overwhelming. The parish bereavement support group is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet once a month (third or fourth Monday). Their next meeting is on **December 18** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** For more information, contact bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqchurch.org.

Community Health Service

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? Call St. John's University Speech & Hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing) at 718-990-6480 to arrange a screening with a hearing specialist. Free service through November 30. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Mental Health Services available at St. John's University Center for Psychological Services (152-11 Union Turnpike). Testing and therapy available for children, adolescents, and adults. To make an appointment, call 718-990-1900.

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 olqmrchia@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.

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Are Due by December 31

Parish Goal: \$114,568 (Achieved!)

Donors: 313

Pledged: \$151,509

Paid Pledges: \$140,908

Your response to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has been phenomenal. We have successfully met our Appeal goal for this year. In fact, we are more than \$26,000 over goal in paid pledges! Another \$10,600 in pledges is outstanding. Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by December 31. Amounts paid over goal are refunded to our parish. God bless you for your generosity!