

November 22, 2020 - Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

IN ALL
THINGS
give thanks
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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 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m. Peggy MacBride

12:05 p.m. Maria Oliva

5 p.m. Annide Telemaque

Sunday, November 22

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, November 23

Saint Clement I

Saint Columban

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

8 a.m. Edward Jacobsen

12:05 p.m. Paul Furro

Tuesday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac

8 a.m. Agustin Cruz

12:05 p.m. Consuelo Cruz [anniversary]

Wednesday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8 a.m. Charles R. Basedow

12:05 p.m. Karen Collo [living]

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10 a.m.

This will be the ONLY Mass celebrated this day

Bring Canned Foods for Deanery Pantries

Friday, November 27

8 a.m. Giuseppe Fonti

12:05 p.m. Emilia Soriano

Saturday, November 28

8 a.m. Roberto Londono

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Richard Mohr

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

Jose Asca
Rev. Patrick J. Diffley
Frank Gomez



George Kuzma
Nellie Vega

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.**

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 22

10 a.m., Zoom: Bible Study online meeting

4 p.m., Zoom: Forest Hills Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

(see p. 3 for information)

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

Religious Education Thanksgiving Break

Zoom instruction resumes next week

Thursday, November 26

10 a.m., church: **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Only Mass of the day.

Church closes after Mass. No Confessions.

Canned good donations can be left at the St. Joseph Altar.



Saturday, November 28

1 p.m., Zoom: Single Adults Group meeting

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.

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 Francis on Care for Our Common Home

*From your dwelling you water the hills; earth drinks its fill of your gift.
(Psalm 104)*

REFLECT: “The Lord was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things: ‘Lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest’ (Jn 4:35). ‘The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but once it has grown, it is the greatest of plants’ (Mt 13:31-32). . . .

“When we speak of the ‘environment,’ what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, its economy, its behavior patterns, and the ways it grasps reality. Given the scale of change, it is no longer possible to find a specific, discrete answer for each part of the problem. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” (Laudato Si)

ACT: Support, along with Pope Francis, ecological initiatives such as “Laudato Tree” (<https://bit.ly/3levIYI>) and the Great Green Wall of Africa movement (<https://bit.ly/3cZBRVB>).

LEARN: Read Pope Francis’s encyclical on care for our common home, Laudato Si (full text available at <https://bit.ly/3iciMQO>). Watch him praise the Laudato Tree Initiative in his May 10, 2020 Regina Caeli as “these young people” work towards the Great Green Wall project for Africa (<https://bit.ly/3ipDTiM>).

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.

Order of Mass

Solemnity of Christ the King

ENTRANCE

Missal #311—“Table of Plenty”

FIRST READING—*Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING—*1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

GOSPEL—*Matthew 25:31-46*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Missal #373—“Here I Am Lord”

COMMUNION

Missal #335—“Eat This Bread”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #723—“To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King”

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 St. Vincent de Paul. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- » Sunday, November 29, there are second collections for the parish Pastoral Care program and Christmas flowers.
- » 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.

Annual Forest Hills Interfaith Thanksgiving

**TODAY November 22
4PM on Zoom**

Link to connect to Zoom at:
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/interfaith-thanksgiving-2020-on-zoom

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Make plans to bring **CHRISTMAS JOY** to someone this season!

TAKE A TAG from the Christmas basket in church: **Nov. 28/29**

SHOP for a brand-new, age-appropriate gift for a boy or girl.*

RETURN AN UNWRAPPED GIFT: **Dec. 5/6 & Dec. 12/13**

* For teens ages 13-18, consider gift cards to allow them to purchase what they need. (Gift cards must be new. Do not give partially used cards.)

Instructions: Leave your 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. Gift cards can be put in an envelope clearly marked "Giving Tree Gift" and left in the rectory mailbox. (We ask everyone not to leave gifts in the church vestibule because we are afraid they'll get stolen.) When returning gifts, remember to attach the original gift tag.

If you are unable to come to church to take a tag, that's OK—you can still participate! We encourage you to buy a gift for a child or youth and bring it, unwrapped, to the rectory by the deadline and following the instructions above. **Our goal is to collect as many gifts as possible for boys and girls before Dec. 14**, which is when Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas. **THANK YOU!**

ADVENT SEASON OF HOPE

Join our Prayer Services at
3:15 PM in the Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
MR. JOSEPH TERRY

Lecturer at Kingsborough College who completed
his Sacraments of Initiation in our parish this year

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
DEACON GREG KANDRA

Blogger, Author, OLQM Deacon

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



Join us for
Thanksgiving Day Mass

Bring a bag of canned goods for donating to the local food pantries

Mass will be posted on our website for those unable to attend

**One Mass Only at
Special Time of
10 a.m.
November 26**

Bereavement Support Can Help During the Holidays

With the holidays approaching, if you are grieving the recent death of a loved one and feeling isolated, our parish support group can help. We HELP, CARE, and LISTEN to one another and work together through the hurt and grief. The support group is currently meeting on Zoom twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Meetings are scheduled for **Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Contact the group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle for more information. He can be reached by email at ymizelle@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCED MASSES AVAILABLE

If you would like to schedule additional Mass intentions, we have openings in the 2021 Mass Book. To make arrangements and reserve an announced Mass, please call 718-268-6251 or stop by the rectory during office hours. Many dates are available for January and February 2021 and beyond. If a requested date is not available, a Mass at the closest date possible will be scheduled. Under the circumstances, we ask you to please wear your masks if visiting the rectory in person to make your request. Thank you.

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon, or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

Weekly Collections	November 15
1st Collection	\$4,040.00
2nd Collection (<i>Christmas Music & Liturgy</i>)	1,041.00
Collection for Pastoral Care	1,001.00
Candles	553.00
<i>In Church Subtotal (467 attending)</i>	<u>6,635.00</u>
Mail In/Lobby Box	1,751.00
Catch Up Envelopes	1,580.00
Online Parish Giving	4,210.96
TOTAL	<u>14,176.96</u>
Weekly Income Need*	21,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(7,073.04)

*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.

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.

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[@OLQMChurch](https://www.facebook.com/OLQMChurch)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

Single Adults Group News

Post-Thanksgiving Zoom Meeting: Saturday, November 28 at 1 p.m. We will talk about gratitude and share some good fellowship. If you are interested in joining the meeting, call the Single Adults Group phone hotline at 718-361-3201 or email dmtdemaria@hotmail.com.

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

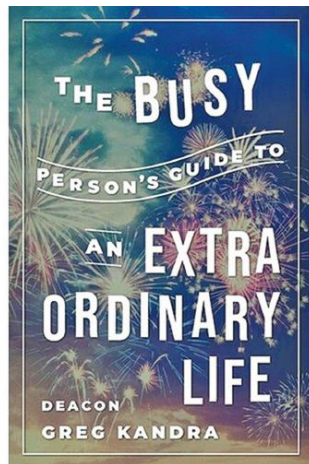
Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

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.

A Book Gift for Your Shopping List

Joy and purpose are the secrets to living an extraordinary life—and they are within our grasp if we pay closer attention to loving God and our neighbor. Using those two great commandments as a guide, Deacon Greg Kandra offers ideas on how we can transcend the ordinary in our daily lives. This book would make a thoughtful gift for a friend this Christmas. **The Busy Person’s Guide to an Extraordinary Life** is available on Amazon and The Word Among Us Press (bookstore.wau.org). Paperback, 144 pages.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN/QUEENS

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER

APPEAL UPDATE (as of 11/17/20)

Parish Goal: \$109,112

Pledged to Date: \$116,156

Donors to Date: 302

Paid to Date: \$106,170

We have less than \$3K 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