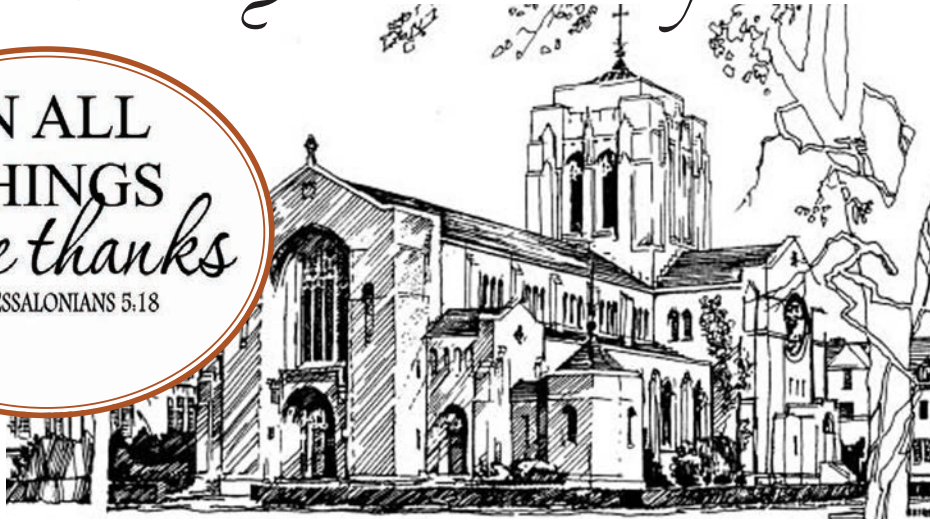


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

IN ALL THINGS
give thanks
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Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D. D. — PASTOR

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

DEACON

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deacon Thomas Jorge

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Dennis Francis Portelli

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Mel Gagliano

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA

First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance, **prior** to the proposed wedding date.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is a vibrant Catholic Faith Community in Forest Hills, New York.

We are one parish family seeking to be the welcoming and warm presence of Jesus Christ to the diverse peoples of the area.

Our parish life is centered on celebrating the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming and teaching God's Word, faith formation through our school and religious education programs, and ministering to and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful. In thanksgiving to God for all that has been, for all that we are, and for all that we will be, we support vocations and lay leadership development, strengthening stewardship, and fulfilling the mission of the New Evangelization to bring Christ into the world.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 23

Saint Clement I
Saint Columban

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

8 a.m. Mark Gega

12:05 p.m. Albino and Florence Condino

5 p.m. Richard Mohr [anniversary]

Sunday, November 24

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8 a.m. Zygmunt Wolk

12:05 p.m. Giuliana Cavalli

Tuesday, November 26

8 a.m. Deceased members of the Kelly family

12:05 p.m. Augusto Rivera, Sr.

Wednesday, November 27

8 a.m. Karen Ann Collo

12:05 p.m. Rev. Daniel Weiscopf

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Note special Mass time

10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

Food Collection for Deanery Pantries

Friday, November 29

8 a.m. Marie England

12:05 p.m. Norina M. Garofalo

Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

5 p.m. Rev. Daniel Weiscopf

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 24

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AND
GIVING TREE**

Leave food bags in church vestibule or in front of the St. Joseph altar.

*Take a colorful gift tag from the Christmas tree today. Return your
unwrapped gift next week or no later than December 8.*

10 a.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):

Bible Study Group

2:30 p.m., rectory: Baptism Instruction

4 p.m., Our Lady of the Angelus, Rego Park:

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

3 p.m., Queens Community House (108-25 62nd Drive):

Setup for Evening Food Pantry

Religious Education Thanksgiving Recess

Classes resume December 4

Thursday, November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

10 a.m. Mass. Bring canned food items to church with you!

Church closes after Mass. Rectory closed. No Devotions

Friday, November 29

Rectory closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

Please see the Deacon Greg's message about
"A View from the Pew" on page 6.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Svetlana Abramova, Augusto F. Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Aldo Arcomano, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Michael Bekman, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Elba Camacho, Shana Clemente, Maria Comacho, Mary Ann Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Joan Donnelly, Norman Doucette, Mary Evanisko, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, René Hojilla, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Anncarol Macho, Carmen Leon Marin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, Marina Mavashev, Anthony Mendola, Mariana Menoscal, Mark Myers, Veronica Nissan, Maria Ojeda, Richard O'Keefe, Barbara Pacheco, Connie Panaralla, Clara Patoff, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Nancy Piotrowski, Bonnie Post, Veronica Pulanski, Nicole Rappa, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Soriente, Steven Strumpf, Wong Wai Suet, John Taddeo, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Andres Acevedo

Lucilia Melendez

**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 Moise, 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! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Please visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

November 24, 2019 - Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Cunningham

Lectors: John Doyle, Sandy Singh

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Heather Munholland, Yorke Mizelle, Joseph Pollini

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Confirmation Presentation Mass

Lectors: Regina Faighes, Lenny Rodin

Leader of Song: Cheryl Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Theresa Bryant

EMHCs: Gerald Abes, Frank Schaefer, Gina Warshaw

11:15 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Anita Das

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Jonathan Rodriguez, Joe Cardenas, Alicia Cardenas

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: Al Smith, Noila Johnson

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Beth Barretto, Eddy Eng, Ed Buhay

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers

Order of Mass

Christ the King Sunday

Cycle C—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #725—"At the Name of Jesus"

MASS PARTS: Mass of St. Peter & St. Paul (*Schiavone*)

FIRST READING: *Missal pg. 235*—2 Samuel 5:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pg. 235*

SECOND READING: *Missal pg. 236*—Colossians 1:12-20

GOSPEL

Missal pgs. 236-237—Luke 23:35-43

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"The Heavens Are Declaring" (*L. van Beethoven*)—Choir

Missal #732—"Crown Him with Many Thorns"

COMMUNION

"Psalm 150" (*C. Franck*)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #338—"Behold the Lamb"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #733—"To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"

SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING IS TODAY

Sweepstakes tickets \$50/each; winner receives \$1,000.

Choir members are in the vestibule selling tickets.

Drawing is after 1 p.m. Mass. Also ask about tickets to the

Annual Christmas Concert, Sunday December 15 at 4 p.m.

Second Collections

» Today's second collection is for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. There is also an envelope for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to combat poverty and injustice.

» Sunday, December 1, the second collection will be for the Christmas Flowers. There is also an envelope for winter fuel.

» Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund or, at our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. Read more at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

Join us for
Thanksgiving Day Mass
Note: one Mass time on Thanksgiving;
canned food donations will be accepted. **10 AM**
November 28

Interfaith Prayer Service

TODAY November 24 at 4 p.m.
at Our Lady of the Angelus Church

(63-63 98th St., Rego Park) Parking will be available in Our Lady of the Angelus Church parking lot and next to the school building. Reception will follow the service. Join us and your Forest Hills neighbors of all faiths as we come together in peace and community at Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING Canned Food Drive

Today's Masses and again at the Thanksgiving Day Mass

You CAN help! Thank you for your donations of canned and nonperishable food items. You can also bring items to church on **November 28 for the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass.**

All food items donated will be sent to the food pantries at our neighboring parishes.



Christmas Giving Tree

November 23/24 to December 7/8

Put the Giving Tree on your list of small acts of kindness this Advent and Christmas season. The tree is set up at the St. Joseph Altar now and through December 7/8. Participating is easy!

- (1) Take a colorful gift tag from the tree that indicates boy or girl and their age.
- (2) Purchase a thoughtful, brand-new and age-appropriate gift.
- (3) Return gifts, UNWRAPPED, to the tree with the original tag attached on the first or second Sundays of Advent—November 30/December 1 or December 7/8.

What if there are no tags left on the tree? That's OK. You can still bring an unwrapped gift. Extra gifts are greatly appreciated for school-age children, preteens, or teens.

Can I drop off my gift at the rectory? It is easiest to leave all unwrapped gifts under the tree in church by the 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8th. You may drop off unwrapped gifts at the rectory no later than Monday, December 9th so that Catholic Charities can collect them, wrap them, and distribute them in time for Christmas.

Are gift cards appropriate? Yes. Teenagers 13-18 may like a gift card that allows them to purchase what they need. (Please do not give any partially used gift cards.)

Thank you to the Single Adults Group for helping organize this year's appeal!



Bereavement Support during the Holidays

For many, the holidays are a season of fun and good cheer, but it can be a difficult time full of sadness for those experiencing the hurt of losing a loved one. Our bereavement support group offers help and healing. We will meet Mondays **December 2 & December 16** from 7–9 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. (Previously announced December 9 meeting is canceled.) If joining for the first time, please RSVP. Call the rectory (718-268-6251) or email group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

The church will close at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 5th for cleaning to prepare for Christmas.

Make your arrangements for Christmas Memorial Wreaths.
Deadline is December 9th.
Use the order form in today's bulletin.

NOTE: Sometimes late changes to schedules happen after our bulletin is printed on Tuesday. Thank you for understanding.

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KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

| Weekly Collections | November 17 |
|---|------------------|
| Candle Offerings | 1,744.00 |
| 1st Collection | 10,474.00 |
| 2nd Collection (<i>Pastoral Care</i>) | 2,049.50 |
| Christmas Music & Liturgy | 2,208.50 |
| Online Parish Giving | 1,395.00 |
| Mail In | 350.00 |
| TOTAL | 18,221.00 |
| Weekly Income Needs* | 21,250.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (3,029.00) |

**Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses. Figures unaudited. 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

Mother Cabrini Statue (Catholic Foundation) 4,000.00
Note: Special collections taken throughout the year do not accrue to our parish and are not included in the weekly collection total.

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.

Message from Bishop Sanchez

On the Ad Limina Visit

On November 7, I had the privilege of joining the Roman Catholic Bishops of New York State in their traditional “ad limina apostolorum” (to the threshold of the apostles) visit to Rome. The visit had two purposes: (1) to venerate the tombs of the Holy Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, and (2) to meet with the Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

During the week, we had meetings with almost all the Vatican offices. Among them were meetings with members of the Congregations for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Clergy, for Bishops, for Divine Worship, and for the Protection of Minors. We also met with the Cardinal Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin. Each meeting was an opportunity to share ideas and concerns from our American perspective and learn from their worldwide view.

On November 15, I gathered with the other NY State Bishops in the Papal library to have an audience with Pope Francis. The Holy Father greeted each one of us and dialogued with us for over one hour. He was engaging, informative, and humble. His stamina never ceases to amaze me. Following our audience, Pope Francis was to meet with a Grand Imam and



Above—Pope Francis greeting Bishop Sanchez.
Below—The bishops preparing for their meetings and discussions with the Vatican congregations; Bishops Octavio Cisneros, Guy Sansaricq, and Paul Sanchez of our diocese and Bishop Emeritus Robert Cunningham of the Diocese of Syracuse.



then with a group of lawyers. Later that same day, he went to visit the poor in the piazza outside St. Peter's. Among the topics that the Bishops discussed with Pope Francis were immigration, Catholic education, and care for the victims of abuse. Pope Francis stressed the need for us to be close to the Lord in prayer and close to one another in mutual support.

Our ad limina visit concluded with a concelebrated Mass in the Basilica of St. John Lateran on November 15.

Between meetings I also had the opportunity to revisit the excavations under St. Peter's Basilica, which sits on Vatican Hill. Christian belief was always that Peter was crucified and buried on that spot. Recent archaeological testing has since concluded that the bones discovered there are indeed those of St. Peter. (I recommend you read *The Tomb of St. Peter*, written by Italian archaeologist Margherita Guarducci.)

Be assured that I offered your prayers and intentions at all the Masses and celebrations of the Eucharist during those special days in Rome. I continue to be grateful for your prayers for me and for my fellow priests and for all who minister here at OLQM. God bless you all!
— Bishop Paul Sanchez

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. That's staggering. Today our special collection will support CCHD programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes in our communities. To the extent possible, please be generous. Learn more about this campaign and its work, inspired by the Gospel, at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Reflections for World Day of the Poor

As we contemplate the needs of the poor this November, we are reprinting the words of Pope Francis this month— taken from his message for the third World Day of the Poor, which was observed earlier last Sunday.

THE HOPE OF THE POOR WILL NOT PERISH FOREVER (Ps 9:19)

“I ask the many volunteers, who merit recognition for being the first to see the importance of such concern for the poor, to persevere in their dedicated service. Dear brothers and sisters, I encourage you to seek, in every poor person whom you encounter, his or her true needs; not to stop at their most obvious material needs, but to discover their inner goodness, paying heed to their background and their way of expressing themselves, and in this way to initiate a true fraternal dialogue. Let us set aside the divisions born of ideological and political positions and instead fix our gaze on what is essential, on what does not call for a flood of words but a gaze of love and an outstretched hand. Never forget that ‘the worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care’ (Evangelii Gaudium, 200).

“Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by ‘the saints next door,’ people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people’s hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel anew the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love.

“At times, very little is needed to restore hope. It is enough to stop for a moment, smile and listen. For once, let us set statistics aside: the poor are not statistics to cite when boasting of our works and projects. The poor are persons to be encountered; they are lonely,

young and old, to be invited to our homes to share a meal; men women and children who look for a friendly word. The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.

“In the eyes of the world, it seems illogical to think that poverty and need can possess saving power. Yet that is the teaching of the Apostle, who tells us: ‘Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God’ (1 Cor 1:26-29). Looking at things from a human standpoint, we fail to see this saving power, but with the eyes of faith, we see it at work and experience it personally. In the heart of the pilgrim People of God there beats that saving power which excludes no one and involves everyone in a real journey pilgrimage of conversion, to recognize the poor and to love them.

“The Lord does not abandon those who seek him and call upon his name: ‘He does not forget the cry of the poor’ (Ps 9:12), for his ears are attentive to their voice. The hope of the poor defies deadly situations, for the poor know that they are especially loved by God, and this is stronger than any suffering or exclusion. Poverty does not deprive them of their God-given dignity; they live in the certainty that it will be fully restored to them by God himself, who is not indifferent to the lot of his lowliest sons and daughters. On the contrary, he sees their struggles and sorrows, he takes them by the hand, and he gives them strength and courage (cf. Ps 10:14). The hope of the poor is confirmed in the certainty that their voice is heard by the Lord, that in him they will find true justice, that their hearts will be strengthened and continue to love (cf. Ps 10:17).

If the disciples of the Lord Jesus wish to be genuine evangelizers, they must sow tangible seeds of hope. I ask all Christian communities, and all those who feel impelled to offer hope and consolation to the poor, to help ensure that this World Day of the Poor will encourage more and more people to cooperate effectively so that no one will feel deprived of closeness and solidarity. May you always treasure the words of the prophet who proclaims a different future: ‘For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings’ (Mal 3:20 [4:2]).”

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them care of rectoryolqm@aol.com. Also join us in the rectory when we have our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit. To learn more about legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinion to our elected officials, sign up for “action alerts” from the New York State Catholic Conference.

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

A Message from Deacon Greg

All good things must come to an end. After more than 15 years, I’ve decided to retire “A View from the Pew.” I haven’t had time to write fresh columns for a while, and between job commitments, travels for work, plus preaching missions and retreats—along with the rest of my parish ministry—it’s just become impossible to keep up. It has been a joy to share some of my random thoughts, and I have to say, the warm reception from readers to my reflections has been heartening and humbling. Thank you!

Retiring the column doesn’t mean I’ll be idle. I’ll be writing more books in the months to come, and there are two in print right now: *The Busy Person’s Guide to Prayer* (Word Among Us Press) and *The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2020* (Ave Maria Press). Both are available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle.

Every ending signals a beginning. As another liturgical year draws to a close and we turn our gaze to the empty manger in Bethlehem and await the bright promise of Christmas, let us hold one another in prayer and look forward to a new season and a new year, with more stories to tell, prayers to offer, and hopes to share. God bless you!

ED. NOTE: “The Deacon’s Bench” blog by Deacon Greg Kandra is also recommended online at Patheos.com.