

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



## Thanksgiving Day Mass November 28 at 9 a.m.

Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
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**DAILY MASSES**  
Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.  
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. & 5 p.m. (Vigil)

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**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 after 12:05 p.m. Mass  
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

**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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**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 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

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

8:05 a.m. Heinz Patzak

12:05 p.m. Patricia Sinatra

Tuesday, November 26

8:05 a.m. Frank P. Esposito

12:05 p.m. Adoracion and Jose Millares

Wednesday, November 27

8:05 a.m. Kevin Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. John, Alma, and Illawan family [living]

Thursday, November 28

9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

*Only Mass of the day; church closes after Mass*

Friday, November 29

8:05 a.m. Kevin Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8:05 a.m. Corrine Russo

12:05 p.m. Mercedes Gutierrez-Santiago

5 p.m. Luis and Gloria Lasprilla

[living, 50th wedding anniversary]

**REMINDER:** We are discontinuing the Saturday morning Mass at 8:05 a.m. The final Saturday morning Mass is on November 30.

## Remember Our Sick

Guilberto Aguirre, Dennis Ascienzo, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, David Batista, Michael Bekman, Marco Benitez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, 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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com), to make your special needs known.

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 24

**GIVING TREE TOY DRIVE - WEEK 2**

*(see p. 4 for how to participate)*

10 a.m. rectory meeting room (use glass door near the statue of Mary):

Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. rectory meeting room: Baptism Instruction

4 p.m. Church in the Gardens (50 Ascan Avenue):

Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Monday, November 25

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

Tuesday, November 26

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, November 27

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 28



9 a.m. Mass: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

*Church closes after Mass (see p. 3 for more information).*

*Bring canned food items to church with you and leave at the Mary altar.*

*No confessions. No devotions. Rectory closed.*

Friday, November 29

Rectory closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Saturday, November 30

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

5 p.m. Mass: Welcoming of Our OCIA

Catechumens and Candidates

## Remember Our Deceased

Gwendoline Dos Santos

Helen D. Hwang

MaryAnn Jordan

Marcos Martinez Sr.



Lucila Melendez

Thin Pham

Eleanor Sommero

Stanley Szurlej

**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 Passenant*

### A View from the Pew: Saying Grace

*by Deacon Greg Kandra*

In Norman Rockwell's famous painting [Thanksgiving edition of *The Saturday Evening Post*, November 24, 1951], a woman and a little boy are shown in a roadside diner, heads bowed, saying grace while those around them watch. Seen anything like that lately?

Just how rare is grace? (The table kind, not the actual or sanctifying kind.) You almost never see anyone at a public table bowing a head to thank God for what they are about to receive, Amen.

This week, we are preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving—one of the few national civil holidays with an implicitly religious message. (If you doubt it, just ask yourself: *Who* do you think is being thanked?) But that acknowledgment of God, in whatever manner one believes in Him, will go largely unmentioned in the public square.

My modest proposal: Don't let that happen. If you find yourself in a restaurant this Thanksgiving, take a moment to let the turkey cool and the stuffing settle and bow your head and give thanks. Acknowledge The One who has given this bounty. Mention those who prepared it, and those who are going without, and ask God to watch over the world as the skies darken and more people brace themselves for a winter without shelter or warmth. Say "Amen" and look at those around you, and at what is before you, and feel that flush of gratitude that can only be summed up with one word: Grace.

There. You will have said it. And you will have received it. And that gesture of giving thanks will remind you, and those around you, of what Thanksgiving truly means.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### 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 immediately following 12:05 p.m. Mass. **Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes on Thursday, March 6, 2025** (the day after Ash Wednesday).

## Order of Mass

### Christ the King Sunday

*Cycle B—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #729—"At the Name of Jesus"*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of St. Peter and St. Paul

**FIRST READING:** Daniel 7:13-14

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 1:5-8

**GOSPEL:** John 18:33b-37

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

"The Glory of the Lord" (*B. Marcello*)—Choir  
*Missal #733—"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

#### COMMUNION

"The Heavens Are Declaring" (*L. van Beethoven*)—Choir  
Organ Meditation  
*Missal #341—"Behold the Lamb"*

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #736—"To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"*

**11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM**

[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Christmas flowers.
- » December 1, the second collection is for maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy school building. There is also an envelope for the Religious Retirement Fund.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://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.

## Attention, Parents: Religious Education Enrollment Ends November 26

Don't miss the opportunity to enroll your children in Religious Education classes for this school year! Enrollment closes at the end of the business day on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Enroll online at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/re). Thank you.—Yours in Christ, Deacon Thomas Jorge

## Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

It is the only Mass of the day. Bring a bag of canned goods to church, which we will give to the nearby food pantries. The church proper will close after Mass, but the vestibule will be open until evening for private prayers of Thanksgiving and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Bereavement Support at 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 on **December 16 at 6:45 p.m.** For questions, contact group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:josephterry@gmail.com)) to request the Zoom link. Archived recordings can be viewed on demand at [www.YouTube.com/@bktheologian](http://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).

## About Our Final 8:05 a.m. Saturday Mass

In response to Bishop Brennan's call for the parishes of Brooklyn and Queens to reconfigure for the future (originally reported in the June 23, 2024, bulletin), we have adjusted our Saturday schedule and are eliminating the 8:05 a.m. Saturday Mass after November 30. **All other weekday and Sunday Mass times remain unchanged.** Saturday Masses will continue at 12:05 p.m. and at 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass to fulfill the Sunday obligation). For those desiring a Saturday morning Mass, please consider the 9 a.m. Mass at nearby Our Lady of Mercy here in Forest Hills (70-01 Kessel St).

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

—Weekly Collections—

	Nov 17
Candle Offerings	\$1,603.00
1st Collection	8,046.16
2nd Collection ( <i>Christmas Music &amp; Liturgy</i> )	2,501.16
<u>Subtotal - In Church</u>	<u>12,150.32</u>
Online Parish Giving	4,598.00
Mail In	2,777.00
TOTAL	\$19,525.32
Weekly Income Needed*	\$24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,974.68)

\*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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$1,105.10  
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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Contact Us

### MAIN PHONE AND EMAILS

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OLQM Catholic Academy:  
[www.olqmca.org](http://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](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast)



**OLQM CHRISTMAS Giving Tree & Toy Drive**

**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.**

**Blessings for a Happy Advent & Christmas to All!**

NOV 16/17 to DEC 7/8 2024

## Tips for Participating in the Christmas Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Your opportunity to participate in our annual Giving Tree program continues through December 7/8 weekend.

Take a gift tag from the tree in front of the St. Joseph Altar. When returning gifts, leave them **UNWRAPPED** and place them under the tree. Please don't leave them unattended in the church vestibule. Attach the original tag to the gift.

If you missed a chance to take a gift tag and none are left, don't worry—you can still participate. Simply bring a brand-new and **UNWRAPPED** gift for a child or teen to the tree or the rectory no later than Sunday, December 8.

Gift cards for teens (ages 13-16) can be placed in an envelope marked "GIVING TREE" and left in the mailbox outside the rectory door.

All gifts donated by OLQM parishioners will be delivered to Catholic Charities Santa's Toy Shop at St. Gabriel's parish in Elmhurst. There, parents and guardians who present a birth certificate for each child can select presents for their children. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### Advent Begins December 1

## Experience the Hope of Advent: Teaching Workshop

Today's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, marks the end of the liturgical year. Now we head into Advent and prepare for the day in December when we once again rejoice at the King's birth. This December, engage deeply with the season of Advent through our two-week workshop, "**Remember & Hope: A Theology of Advent**," presented by Dr. Joseph Terry. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings, **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.

## Support the Sacred Music Society: Buy a Sweepstakes Ticket

Choir members are selling sweepstakes tickets in the vestibule after Masses this weekend and next. Only 100 sweepstakes 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 next Sunday, 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!

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**A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
*Concert of Advent & Christmas Music*  
**Sunday, December 15 at 4 p.m.**  
Tickets \$30 available in the rectory  
Children 12 & under free



## Prayer Focus

*A Thanksgiving Prayer*

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WREATHS & FLOWER COLLECTION

Requests for Christmas memorial wreaths, trees, and poinsettias must be received by December 10 to be listed in the Christmas bulletin of December 22. Order forms are in the church for your use, but please be aware that limited selections of wreaths, swags, and poinsettias are available.

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

## Help Us Keep the Church Clean and Tidy

The holidays bring out friends and family—and, unfortunately, more unsolicited mail. Please do not leave in the church or in the pamphlet stands any cards or prayer books or other religious material that you receive at home. 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.

## 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, \$159,221 has been paid of a total of \$169,612 pledged by 330 donors.

The surplus amount paid now stands at about \$44,600 and will come back to our parish. So please continue to make all outstanding pledges by Dec 31.



## Assisted Living and Respite Care

Dominican Village, an **independent living retirement community** founded by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York, has availability. To schedule a tour, call 631-842-6091 or email [jford@dominicanvillage.org](mailto:jford@dominicanvillage.org).

## Mental Wellness Services @ St. John's University

Do you have a teen, age 14-17, who is socially anxious? Join the **Teen Social Anxiety Group** meetings. Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning February 27 through May 1 at St. John's University Center for Psychological Services. Fee: \$20 per session. For more information, call 718-990-1900 or email [psychcenter@stjohns.edu](mailto:psychcenter@stjohns.edu).

"MY KINGDOM DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD." (JOHN 18:36)

# Advent Activities at OLQM

Monday, December 9: **Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)** *There is no Vigil Mass, but three Masses on the holy day: 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 11: **Church closes at 1:30 p.m.** *for concert preparations.*

Wednesdays, December 11 & 18: **Theology of Advent** *7–8 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. See p. 5 for details.*

Thursday, December 12: **Our Lady of Guadalupe** *At the 12:05 p.m. Mass, the congregation is invited to bring roses to arrange in vases at the base of the picture of Our Lady.*

Weekend, December 14/15, **Bambinelli Sunday** *Bring the baby Jesus statue from your home Nativity set to any Mass for a blessing.*

Sunday, December 15: **A Christmas Festival** *At 4 p.m. in the church. Concert admission is by ticket only.*

Monday, December 16: **Reconciliation Monday** *Extended hours for confessions: 11:15 a.m., 4 pm. & 7 p.m.*

Our Christmas and New Year schedule will appear in next week's bulletin.