

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Detail of the fifth northside window

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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)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
baptismprep@olqmchurch.org



JOIN THE PARISH
Scan for parish registration
information and form

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE
11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

GIVE NOW
Scan for online
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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 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

Sunday, November 26

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 27

8:05 a.m. Kevin Del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Francesca and Liborio Orlando

Tuesday, November 28

8:05 a.m. Maria Elena Bedoga-Diaz

12:05 p.m. Ildefonso Castillo, Jr.

Wednesday, November 29

8:05 a.m. Catherine DeSteno

12:05 p.m. Theresa McGrath

Thursday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8:05 a.m. Carlos Wilfredo

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonio Sciacca

Friday, December 1

8:05 a.m. Gemma Hwaja Kim

12:05 p.m. Leonard J. Cunningham

Saturday, December 2

8:05 a.m. Martin M. Quimson

12:05 p.m. John Joseph Scudellari

5 p.m. Rose Annese

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 26

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE & TOY DRIVE BEGINS

(see p. 4 for details)

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room*: **Sunday Morning Bible Study**
(enter at glass door near the Mary statue)

After 1 p.m. *Mass church vestibule*:

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Drawing

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

Monday, November 27

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 28

11:30 a.m. *church*: **Confessions**

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

Wednesday, November 29

Religious Education

3:45–5 p.m. levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class

7–8:15 p.m. levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFO

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

Thursday, November 30

11:30 a.m. *church*: **Confessions**

After 12:05 p.m. **Mass**

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction returns February 15, 2024)

Saturday, December 2

10 a.m. *rectory basement meeting room*:

Estate & Legacy Planning Seminar (RSVP req'd; see p. 5)

12:45 p.m. *church*: **Confessions**

1–3 p.m. *rectory basement meeting room*:

Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer Party *(see p. 6)*

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, Sister Ann Barbara De Siano IHM, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alvara Fuentes Leal, Jacqeline 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 Nicolais, 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

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.

The Wine and Hosts
are offered in loving memory of
Julia and Frederick Schmidt
—requested by *Elizabeth Schmidt*

Remember Our Deceased

Patrick Carroll
Catalina Del Campo
Reilan Mendoza

**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 from Catholic Teaching

Knowing God by Natural Reason

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me. (Jeremiah 29: 13-14)

REFLECT: The church declares, as a dogma of faith, that we can know God with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason. We come to this certainty by reasoning from the external evidence given by creation (covered below) and from the internal evidence given by examining the human heart (covered next week).

This desire to know God, the catechism states, “is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself.” As St. Augustine wrote, God made us for himself, and “our hearts are restless until it rests in you.”

God reveals Himself in the specific way he created the universe. Paul notes this in Romans 1:20, stating that “ever since the creation of the world, [God’s] invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made”; only the impious “suppress this truth by their wickedness.”

By reason, we can come to proofs for the existence of God by recognizing order, beauty, movement, and existence itself. Well before Paul, philosophers such as Aristotle reasoned that there must be a perfect and external first cause. Aquinas offered his five arguments for the existence of God. Modern philosophy and science continue to offer further proofs and evidence for the existence of God (see Fr. Spitzer, 2017). These proofs, the catechism notes, are not the rigorous proofs of natural science but “converging and convincing arguments, which allow us to attain certainty about the truth.”

This certainty does not bring man the personal knowledge of God he truly desire, but it does, as Pope Benedict XVI notes, “wound him and in this way gives him wings, lifting him upwards towards the transcendent.”

LEARN: Read Father Robert Spitzer’s 2017 “Evidence of the Existence and Nature of God” (at <https://tinyurl.com/3w9xn2sy>) or watch his 2022 presentation on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvghlgtwnE>). Read Pope Benedict XVI’s paper on the Contemplation of Beauty (at <https://tinyurl.com/jn976wad>).

Be an Informed Citizen. To learn more about legislative issues that affect 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 NY State Catholic Conference. www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Order of Mass Christ the King

Cycle A—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

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

“The Heavens Are Declaring” (L. van Beethoven)—Choir

Missal #733—“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

COMMUNION

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (J. H. Rogers)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #340—“Behold the Lamb”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #736—“To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King”

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

» Today’s second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Christmas flowers.

» On December 3, the second collection is for Christmas Music & Liturgy. 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). 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.

ADVENT BEGINS ON DECEMBER 3

Thanks for Giving

We are an incredibly fortunate parish, and it is heartening to witness the immense generosity of our parish members. On November 13, Catholic Charities Brooklyn/Queens (CCBQ) picked up an abundance of donated food from our Thanksgiving canned food drive. Parishioners from the 12:05 p.m. Mass helped load two vans. The food was swiftly transported to St. Pius V Church in Jamaica and will make a meaningful impact by helping to feed migrants. But wait, there's more! We amassed even more donated food at the Thanksgiving Day Mass, which was given to the food pantries of our sister parishes that regularly provide food assistance to those in need. Big shout-out to CCBQ Community Outreach Services and to all of you for this wave of giving. God bless each and every one of you!



OLQM Giving Tree & Toy Drive

Nov 25/26 to Dec 9/10

- * Gift tags are ready at today's Masses (November 25/26). Take a tag and purchase a brand-new gift suitable for the child or teen's age (written on the tag).
- * Gift cards that are brand-new are welcome for teens so that they can pick out something they truly need or want.
- * Return all gifts UNWRAPPED, with the tag attached, to church on December 2/3 or no later than Sunday Masses on December 9/10.

If you aren't able to take a tag, that's OK — you can still participate. Just buy a brand-new gift for a child or teenager and bring it, unwrapped, to church by the deadline. Please avoid leaving gifts unattended in the church vestibule. Leave all gifts at the designated drop-off point in the church or bring them to the rectory during business hours. Gift cards can be dropped in the rectory mailbox (write "Giving Tree" on the gift card envelope).

Catholic Charities will then collect all unwrapped gifts in time to distribute at their Santa Workshops in Queens.

Thank you for participating in the 2023 Christmas Giving Tree program!

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Drawing Today

Choir members are selling tickets while they last in the church vestibule. Only **100 tickets at \$50 each** are being sold (offering a high chance of winning). The drawing is after today's 1 p.m. Mass for a **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. Good luck, and thank you for supporting the Sacred Music Society of OLQM!

Get your tickets for **A Christmas Festival**. Our concert of Advent & Christmas music is December 10 at 4 p.m. Tickets \$30 in the rectory; children 12 & under free.



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Sacred Music Society
A Christmas Festival
Sunday December 10, 2023 at 4 pm

Come celebrate the Christmas season with **A Christmas Festival** presented by the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs with Maestro David Close and John Easterlin, tenor, Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano, and Barbara Podgurski, piano, with the chorus of the Sacred Music Society.
Sing along and share in the joy of Christmas carols and holiday favorites!

John Easterlin, featured artist
Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano
Barbara Podgurski, piano
Regina J. Faighes, narrator
David Close, conductor

Tickets: \$30

Children 12 and under, free.
Tickets will be available at the Rectory during office hours.
For more information, call 718.268.6251

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Weekly Collections

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday and the early close of this bulletin issue, the collection figures for Sunday, November 19 will appear in next week's bulletin.

Early Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

If your church group has a news announcement heading into Christmas and New Year, please submit your material early. Email olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.

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

Our presenter is Donna Furey, Esq., an elder law, trusts, and estates attorney. As the past cochair of the Queens Bar Association Elder Law Committee, she brings unparalleled expertise to address your questions. Don't miss this opportunity. Secure your spot at this FREE seminar by promptly calling the rectory this week to RSVP.

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

Puttin' On the Ritz: An Afternoon of Musical History

Events on the Boulevard presents **Irving Berlin: An American Icon**, a fascinating illustrated lecture by historian Martin Schneit on the renowned songwriter of "White Christmas," "Easter Parade," and other beloved songs. **Tuesday, November 28 at 3 p.m. at Schwartz Brothers-Jeffery Memorial Chapels** (114-03 Queens Blvd). Free admission, complimentary parking, and light refreshments. RSVP to jennifer.martin@dignitymemorial.com or call 718-263-7600.

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). The next meeting is **December 18 at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door behind the Mary statue). For more information, contact the bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.

Community Health Service

FREE Hearing Screenings. 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 hearing aid help is also available through November 30.

Mental Health Services 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.



Single Adults Group Christmas Cheer Party

Saturday, December 2, from 1-3 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. Feel free to bring food and beverages to share, and be sure to

dress in holiday attire. Newcomers are welcome. For questions about this event or the group in general, email dmtdemaria@hotmail.com or call the group hotline at 718-361-3201 and leave a message.



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).

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 olqmrkia@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!