

November 28, 2021- **First Sunday of Advent**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m. (use Queens Blvd church entrance)

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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

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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 27

8 a.m. Kevin del Rosario

12:05 p.m. Tom Adamo

5 p.m. Felice and Francesca Pacchiao and Grace Plank

Sunday, November 28

Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Monday, November 29

8 a.m. Roberto Londono

12:05 p.m. Emilia Soriano

Tuesday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8 a.m. Julio Anthony Delgado

12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca

Wednesday, December 1

8 a.m. John Hatch, Margaret Hatch and Frank Hatch

12:05 p.m. Mary Kozlowski

Thursday, December 2

8 a.m. Martin Maximilian Quimson

12:05 p.m. Mateo Morales [living]

Friday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

8 a.m. Peg and Ed McDonald

12:05 p.m. Eugene J. Kelly, Jr.

Saturday, December 4

Saint John Damascene

8 a.m. Sheri Pellettiere

12:05 p.m. Luz Arteché

5 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

Remember Our Sick

Svetlana Abramova, Man-Wing Au-Yeung, Marylou Bagasan, Sonia Baxter, Donald Begola, Vivian Camporeale, Marc Calef, Susan Campbell, Mary Rose Crow, Tracy Cuva, Maria Daulo, John DiBiasi, Melinda DiMurro, Brian Donohue, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Elena Giordano, Marie Giorgi, Pat Gmerek, Alex Guttierrez, Graciela Guzman, Elizabeth Hansen, Betty Hill, Mary Hughes, Tommy Jorge, Cipriana Jorge, Bob Keegan, Julie Lee, Wing Wan Lee, Ann Longobardi, Jason M., Artur Mavashev, Marina Mavasheva, Louis Mavashev, Joan Michelli, Sylvianne Mullholand, Matilde Munoz, Maureen Piatt, Bonnie Post, Victoria Rodriguez, Sally Roth, Beatriz Sainz, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Mary Sarro, Scaturro family, Lily Shan, Robert Shan, James F. Smith, Robert Sorsaia, Remington Stafford, Lacey Straeghtly, Robert D. Scudellari Sr., Sen Trinh, Jorge Vasilescu, Lyle Vestermark, Wai-Suet Wong, 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 six (6) months, unless our office is notified.

Main Events of the Week

November 28

OLQM Christmas Giving Tree Weekend

all Sunday Masses - see p. 4 for details



Sunday, November 28

10 a.m. Zoom: Sunday Morning Bible Study

2:30 p.m. rectory: Baptism Instruction

Monday, November 29

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

7 p.m. Zoom: Monday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, November 30

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

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

Wednesday, December 1

Religious Education

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

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

Thursday, December 2

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 4

10 a.m. rectory: Faith-Based Estate Planning (see p. 6 to RSVP)

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

1:30 p.m. WEDDING

Christina Curatola/Gavin Ray

Sunday, December 5

1 P.M. - MASS OF THANKSGIVING

In celebration of Bishop Sanchez's

50th Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest

Brief reception to follow.

Remember Our Deceased

Marianna Doyle



Robbie Eschenbrenner

**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 Social Teaching

The Spirit Who Gives Life

The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

REFLECT: “[Christmas] has a directly Christological aspect: for it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. At the same time, it has a pneumatological aspect, since the mystery of the Incarnation was accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit.... By the power of the Holy Spirit the mystery of the hypostatic union is brought about—that is, the union of the divine nature and the human nature, of the divinity and the humanity in the one Person of the Word-Son.... The conception and birth of Jesus Christ are in fact the greatest work accomplished by the Holy Spirit in the history of creation and salvation.... The Holy Spirit, who with his power overshadowed the virginal body of Mary, bringing about in her the beginning of her divine Motherhood, at the same time made her heart perfectly obedient to that self-communication of God which surpassed every human idea and faculty....

“And at the same time, with the mystery of the Incarnation there opens in a new way the source of this divine life in the history of mankind: the Holy Spirit. The Word, the first-born of all creation, becomes the first-born of many brethren.... The filiation of divine adoption is born in man on the basis of the mystery of the Incarnation, therefore through Christ the eternal Son. But the birth, or rebirth, happens when God the Father sends the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. Then we receive a spirit of adopted sons by which we cry ‘Abba, Father.’... It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.... And in the superabundance of the uncreated gift there begins in the heart of all human beings that particular created gift whereby they become partakers of the divine nature.” (Dominum et Vivificante)

ACT: Ask the Holy Spirit to form Jesus in the womb of your heart this Advent.

LEARN: Read Pope St John Paul II’s encyclical, *Dominum et Vivificante* (On the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church and the World), at <https://bit.ly/2Yf1xf5>.

To learn more about 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 NY State Catholic Conference: www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Order of Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Cycle B—Choir at 11:15 a.m. Mass

ENTRANCE

Missal #43—“O Come, Divine Messiah”
“Enter His Sanctuary Singing—Choir

MASS PARTS: Proulx: A Community Mass

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:12

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Let All Mortal Flesh” (G. Holst)—Choir
Missal #39—“Come, Lord Jesus”

COMMUNION

“Zion Hears the Watchmen’s Voices” (J. S. Bach)—Choir

Organ Meditation

Missal #598—“Christ, Be Our Light”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #68—“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates”

Missal #43—“O Come, Divine Messiah” (Choir)

Sunday Mass Online

9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Livestream

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Daily Mass Online

8 a.m. & 12 p.m. Livestream Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph

netny.tv/masses

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for major repairs. There is also an envelope for Christmas flowers.
- » Sunday, December 5, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » Use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund (ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope) or at our 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.



Thursday Devotions - Schedule Change From December 2 to February 24. Benediction and Adoration will be held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening Benediction at 7:30 p.m. resumes on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Bring *CHRISTMAS JOY* to Someone

Giving Tree Weekends - November 27/28 to December 11/12

The Christmas Giving Tree is set up at the St. Joseph Altar. Participating is easy!

- (1) **TAKE A TAG** from the tree at any Mass on **Nov. 27/28**.
- (2) **SHOP** for a brand-new, age-appropriate gift for a boy or girl. *
- (3) **RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS** (with tag attached) to the tree on **Dec. 4/5 & no later than Dec. 11/12**.

** Suggestions: 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.) If you shop on AmazonSmile, please select Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Forest Hills as your charity.*

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. 15, which is when Catholic Charities will pick them up to deliver in time for Christmas. **THANK YOU!**



Congratulations to Parishioner Robert Sorsaia, New Knight of Malta

An Investiture Mass held on November 5, 2021, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral welcomed the Classes of 2020 and 2021 into the Order of Malta, American Association. Team OLQM and many others attended to offer prayerful best wishes and congratulations to our parishioner Robert Sorsaia, who was one of the inductees. Pictured (left to right)—Deacon Thomas Jorge, OLQM religious education director; Dame of Malta Ruby Aguinaldo; Bishop Paul Sanchez; Father Vincentius Do, pastor of St. Michael’s Parish in Flushing; OLQM trustee and Knight of Malta Roger Aguinaldo; Knight of Malta Robert Sorsaia; Deacon Greg Kandra; Father Francis Passenant. (Photo courtesy Deacon Greg on Facebook)



Advent and Christmas Music Event!

“A Christmas Festival” is presented by the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

FEATURING...

John Easterlin, *tenor, guest artist*

Barbara Podgurski, *piano*

Maestro David Close, *conductor*

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir

Oratorio Society of Queens

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4 pm

Tickets: \$20/each

NOTE: Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination for COVID-19 with a matching ID at the door. Anyone not vaccinated, including children, will not be admitted. Tickets are on sale in the rectory during office hours. Call 718-268-6251.

Celebrating
50
Years



MOST REV. PAUL R. SANCHEZ



Join us in celebrating Bishop Sanchez's 50 years of service as a Roman Catholic priest. Bishop Sanchez will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited!

**Sunday, December 5, 2021
1 pm - Mass of Thanksgiving
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church**

A small reception will follow.

Livestream Schedule: When circumstances prevent you from being present in church for Mass, please connect with us online. Every Sunday we livestream the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses. If you miss a livestream broadcast, the entirety of the Sunday Mass is available on demand at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast using the “past livestreams” link.

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**Christmas
Memorial
Wreaths & Trees**

Take home an order form (available in church) and make your arrangement early.

Weekly Collections

Because of an early close for Thanksgiving, the collection figures for Sunday, November 21 were not available in time for our deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

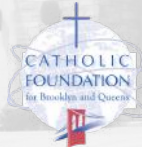
FAITH-BASED ESTATE AND LEGACY PLANNING

Saturday, December 4, 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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or email rectoryolqm@aol.com

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. To find out more, please contact olqmrca@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. An inquiry form is available at our website at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/rcia.

Single Adults Group News

The group has resumed monthly Zoom meetings again. Since they are sometimes scheduled too late to be included in the bulletin, please call the group hotline at **718-361-3201** for the latest news and information. New members are welcome.

End-of-Year Reminder

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Due December 31.

Our prayers for the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal were answered! We met our parish goal of raising \$114,568. In fact, through the generous support of 385 donors, we have surpassed our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal goal. As of November 15, 2021, we have received paid pledges of \$131,919. All funds received above goal are returned to our parish. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge by December 31st. We are very grateful. God bless everyone for your generosity!



Faith Sharing on Zoom

Are you looking to explore the Bible with others? Join a faith-sharing group.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m. The group is currently discussing the Gospel of St. Mark. If you'd like to join them, contact Noila Johnson by email: noilas@hotmail.com.

Monday Evening Bible Study: 7–8 p.m. *Through the Word* bible study group is currently engaging scripture through "The Nicene Creed: Beholding the Fullness of Our Faith." All are welcome and can join in the study at any time! For Zoom details, email Joe: josephterry@gmail.com.

OLQM Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: 7:45–9 p.m. Fridays. Weekly Zoom prayer meetings, with Bible Study the 3rd Friday of the month. Pray together and for one another. Learn how God's word is alive and relevant in our daily lives. Meeting ID: 2917352357 (PW: 031011).

How Well Do You Know Luke?

A new liturgical year begins this Sunday. This year, the readings are from the Gospel according to Luke. Luke was highly educated—a physician—and he wrote his gospel in scholarly Greek. He was a companion of Paul and is known as the "beloved physician." He wrote the two longest sections in the New Testament: his Gospel and Acts. Luke has a deep historical perspective. His gospel tells the story of the historical ministry of Jesus, and in the Acts of the Apostles, he tells of church history and how the closest followers of Jesus brought his teachings to the rest of the world.

Luke includes many miracles, teachings, and sayings of Jesus. Some stories are found only in Luke: the parables of the Good Samaritan, the prodigal son, and the rich man and Lazarus. The Gospel of Luke also has more details on the infancy and upbringing of Jesus, beginning with the Visitation, than any of the other Gospels. The familiar story of Jesus's birth that is often read at Christmas Eve is from the Gospel according to Luke.