

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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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 29

12:05 p.m. William P. Stewart, Jr.

5 p.m. Julius Arthur Cole

Sunday, November 30

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 1

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Frank Schaefer

Tuesday, December 2

8:05 a.m. Martin Quimson

12:05 p.m. Susan Villani

Wednesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

8:05 a.m. Carol Ann Ragione

12:05 p.m. Lucy Passaro

Thursday, December 4

Saint John Demascene

8:05 a.m. Elizabeth Sanchez

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Friday, December 5

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Zenaida Roque [living]

Saturday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

12:05 p.m. Yik Lan Chan

5 p.m. Salvatore J. DellaCroce

Remember Our Sick

Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Bennett Brevetti, Carmela Brevetti, Luca Brevetti, Olivia Brevetti, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Jayden Cabrera, Rob Champion, Carlo Christian, Emily Cirillo, Dennis Clare, Myrna Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Alexander Guttierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Daniel Kenierey, Jean Leonard, Gloria Marsala, Joe Militia, Laura Morales, Rafael Pak, Patricia Patane, Angelo Pestuggia, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Leonardo Rodriguez, Glen Schultze, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Marion Steinberg, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Carlos Velazquez, Jihan Villa, 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, to make your special needs known. Contact: disabilities.olqm@gmail.com.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 30

Christmas Giving Tree - Weekend 2

Leave unwrapped gifts under the tree



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

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes Drawing

Monday, December 1

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

7 p.m. **Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study**
(Every 1st and 4th Monday. Meeting ID: 88429100717)

Tuesday, December 2

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

7-8:30 p.m. **Faith-Sharing and Fellowship** (see p. 6)

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

Wednesday, December 3

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: Charismatic Prayer Group**
(Meeting ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, December 4

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

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

(Evening Benediction at 7:20 p.m. resumes February 19, 2026)

6:30 p.m. *Ascan Ave. (between Austin St. & Queens Blvd)*

OLQM Catholic Academy

Christmas Tree Lighting



Saturday, December 6

ST. NICHOLAS DAY

10 a.m. *rectory meeting room:*

Wills & Estate Planning Seminar

(RSVP required, see inside)

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

Christmas Memorials can be requested using the form on page 6.

Remember Our Deceased

Witold Bialokur

Bonita B. Bursky

Julio Cantillo



Baby Olivia Katayanagi

Manuel Santos

This Week's Reflection

The Season of Adventure

from the OLQM Church Bulletin Archives

Today begins the liturgical season of Advent, marking the final four weeks before Christmas. It is a period of expectation and hope, of watching and waiting.

The word “advent” comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning arrival. The arrival we await is that of the Messiah. Significantly, the same Latin root gives us the word “adventure.” Which, as Webster’s defines it, means “an undertaking involving danger and unknown risks.”

Isn’t that the nature of Christianity and those who seek to live the Gospel? It was certainly true of One who came to proclaim it. For Jesus, Christmas Day was more than the culmination of the first Advent. It was the start of the most dangerous and risky undertaking in human history. The question to ponder is: How can we best honor that undertaking?

For Advent, it is customary for Catholics to light candles, say prayers, or open the windows of the Advent calendar. Wreaths go on the door, packages go in the back of the closet, and a star is placed atop a tree. Excitement and wonder fill the air. The heart fills with hope. Something is about to happen. Someone is about to arrive. God will be with us.

Seen that way, Advent is very much the season of adventure. Let’s take part in the glorious “undertaking involving danger and risk,” the undertaking of loving unconditionally, sacrificing greatly, and praying deeply. Let’s appreciate the importance and true meaning of this beautiful season and make ourselves ready for the arrival of our savior.



New Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation

Effective this new liturgical year, our parish will adjust its holy day Mass schedule. We will no longer offer a vigil Mass on the evening before the holy day. Instead, an evening Mass will now be offered on the holy day itself.

On Monday, **December 8, the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Masses will be celebrated at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

Thank you for understanding as we make this change to better serve all parishioners.

NEW EMAIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Effective immediately, please send all questions and correspondence for the Religious Education department to their new email: olqmreled@olqmchurch.org. Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish program. The Religious Ed phone number remains the same: 718-263-0907.

Order of Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #44—“O Come, Divine Messiah”

“Enter His Sanctuary Singing”—Choir

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

“Let all Mortal Flesh” (*G. Holst*)—Choir

Missal #40—“Come Lord Jesus”

COMMUNION

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

Organ Meditation

Missal #464—“Christ, Be Our Light”

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #57—“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Missal #44—“O Come, Divine Messiah”—Choir

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for the maintenance of the church grounds. There is also an envelope for the Christmas flowers.
- » December 7, the second collection is to help with the cost of fuel. There is also an envelope for the maintenance of the OLQM Catholic Academy building.
- » 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 online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Masses and Sacraments

Daily Masses

Monday–Friday: 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.
Saturday: 12:05 p.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.; Saturday: 12:45 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

No Vigil Mass. Note new schedule:
Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday–Saturday after 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
Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

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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Free Seminar on Wills & Estate Planning

Saturday, December 6 (RSVP required)

10 a.m., rectory meeting room

Learn how to safeguard your assets, help your heirs, and leave a lasting legacy that reflects your Catholic faith. Our presenter will be **Donna Furey, Esq.**, an elder law, trusts, and estates attorney. The topics to be discussed include wills and trusts; power of attorney; and charitable giving strategies. This seminar is **FREE**, informative, and popular, so **RSVP by calling the rectory at 718-268-6251** to reserve your spot. Registered attendees will receive a complimentary estate planning guide. No solicitations will be made during the presentation.



Message from Bishop Brennan

My dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your prayers and sacrifices have strengthened the mission of the Church here in Brooklyn and Queens. This year's theme—Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity—has come alive through your generosity. Because of you, ministries are flourishing, families are cared for, youth and young adults are formed in faith, newcomers are welcomed, Catholic education is strengthened, and vocations are being nurtured for the future of our Church.

With gratitude, I thank you for making this possible.

May God bless you and your families always.

—Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

TODAY! Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes and Concert Tickets On Sale

Choir members are in the church vestibule selling **Sweepstakes tickets** for a \$1,000 cash prize. Tickets are \$50. You don't need to be present at the drawing to win!

They also have Christmas concert tickets for sale. **Concert tickets are \$30 each** (children 12 and under free). Cash, check, and credit card accepted.



CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

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

Sing along and share in the joy of Christmas carols and holiday favorites!

John Easterlin, featured artist

Paula Jean Rocheleau, soprano

Christian K. De Los Santos, narrator

Barbara Podgurski, piano

David Close, conductor

Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 4 pm

Admission by Ticket Only

Tickets: \$30; children 12 and under, free

You can purchase tickets from choir members after Sunday Masses now through December 14. (Cash and check only if purchasing at the rectory.)

WEEKEND 2 - DROP OFF GIFTS!

* Leave your brand-new, age-appropriate gift for a boy or girl under the tree, **UNWRAPPED and with the original tag attached**, today or on the weekends of **Dec. 6/7 & Dec. 13/14** so that Catholic Charities can distribute them in time for Christmas!

No tag? No problem! If you weren't able to get a gift tag last week, you can still participate. Just buy a thoughtful gift for a boy or girl or teen and return it, unwrapped, to the tree or to the rectory by the deadline of Dec. 14.

TIPS: Gift cards are great for older kids so that they can pick out something they truly need or want—please make sure that all gift cards are new and unused (no expired or partially used cards).

Bring all unwrapped gifts to the tree in church or to the rectory—please don't leave them in the vestibule.

Gift cards marked "Giving Tree" can be left in the rectory mailbox.



OLQM December Calendar

Check the bulletin weekly for updates.

December 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:05 p.m. Mass with procession of roses.

December 14: Babinelli Sunday Blessing of baby Jesus statues at all Masses.

December 14: A Christmas Festival 4 p.m. in the church. Concert of Christmas music; admission by ticket only.

December 20: Christmas Confessions 12:45 p.m.

December 23: Last Time for Christmas Confessions 11:15 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Masses 4 p.m. Children's Pageant & 9 p.m. Carols followed by Christmas Mass at Night

December 25: Christmas Day Masses 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (Choir) & 1 p.m.

Prayer to “Strengthen Our Tower of Faith”



Gracious and loving, God, give us the courage and trust to support the efforts to strengthen our tower of faith.

May your grace enlighten us to see this need and to joyfully make sacrifices so that your brilliant splendor may shine as a beacon of light and hope to guide us on our way to you.

Keep under your protective care all those who will work on this project. Guide their hands, hone their skills. May their efforts manifest your great glory!

We place this request into the hands of our patroness, the Queen of Martyrs, and we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faith Sharing at OLQM

*Are you looking to explore your faith with others?
Join a parish group.*

Monday Through the Word: 7–8 p.m. Every 1st and 4th Monday on Zoom. Current topic: Faith to Overcome. Meeting ID: 88429100717. Sessions recorded, archived for later viewing on demand at [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian).

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m. Faith reflections and conversation hosted by fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs. Call 718-805-7232 or text 917-545-8049 for meeting location.

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).

Early Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays. If your church group has a news announcement for these weeks leading up to Christmas and New Year, please submit your material extra early. Email olqmcomm@olqmchurch.org. All announcements are subject to approval. Thank you.

Christmas Memorial Wreaths/Trees

Deadline approaches—We are accepting memorial donations to decorate the church for Christmas. To request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia plant in remembrance of a loved one, return this form to the rectory by **December 10th**. Memorial listings will appear in the Christmas week bulletin of December 21.

The 12:05 p.m. Mass on New Year’s Day will be for the intention of those individuals being memorialized and the donors to the Christmas flower offering.



Limited offerings remain available.

Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
4	48-inch Christmas wreaths (for the church)	\$300.00/each
1	Christmas trees (for outdoor manger)	\$175.00/each
7	Christmas wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
3	Swags (for the interior columns in church)	\$125.00/each
Many	Poinsettia Plants Large	\$75.00/each

Gift in Memory of: *please print name(s)*

Requested by: _____

Requester’s Phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from remaining items listed above): _____