

November 5, 2023 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**
Deacon Thomas Jorge

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Dennis Francis Portelli

WEEKDAY MASSES
(Monday–Saturday)
8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

MUSIC DIRECTOR
David Close

**OLQM CATHOLIC
ACADEMY PRINCIPAL**
Anne Zuschlag

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 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 12:40 p.m. to 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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11:15 a.m.
ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

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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 4

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:05 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

10:30 a.m. Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass

12:05 p.m. Heinz Meyer

5 p.m. Marilyn and Charles Chow

Sunday, November 5

9 a.m. Confirmation Class Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 a.m. Rite of Acceptance (RCIA)

Monday, November 6

8:05 a.m. Robert Tan

12:05 p.m. Emil D'Argenio

Tuesday, November 7

8:05 a.m. Ena Chuck and All Souls in Purgatory

12:05 p.m. Victor, Denise, and Henri-Robert Lamarque

Wednesday, November 8

8:05 a.m. Gloria Carron

12:05 p.m. Jennie and Charles Guastella

Thursday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:05 a.m. Gabriele Taddeo

12:05 p.m. Stanley and Halina Daniszewski

Friday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great

8:05 a.m. Walter Guzman

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of Caso family

Saturday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours

8:05 a.m. Mariano Cardona

12:05 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Tomanelli

5 p.m. Joseph and Alice Wilfinger

Remember Our Sick

Victoria Bagasan, Raymond Bajarías, Donald Begota, Viola Binua, Jorge A. Castillo Lepe, Deanna Condino, Antonio Cordova, Elizabeth Cordova, Cely de Borja, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, 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, Mary Ann Lyons, Marites Macapagal, Lillian MacColl, Nellie Milite, Matilde Munoz, Karen Nassauer, Peter Nicolais, Jorge Ospina, Antonio Pellegrino, Amelia Perdomo, Richard Perl, Phuong Nha Pham, Jovanka Radeka, Ariana Rose, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Terrence and MaryAnna Scudieri, Peter Shaver, Alice Singh, Robert Sorsaia, Julio Enrico Yanez, Carlos Eduardo Villegas, Graciela Guzman Villegas, Stanislaw Wolk, Giovanni Wong, Teresa Wong, Jennifer Yamamoto, 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.

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, November 5

FALL BACK! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

9 a.m. Confirmation Class Mass

10 a.m. rectory meeting room: Sunday Morning Bible Study

(use glass door behind the Mary statue)

At 11:15 a.m. Mass: Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA)

2:30 p.m. church: Baptisms

Monday, November 6

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 7

ELECTION DAY

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

At the 12:05 p.m. Mass church:

Novena for "End-of-Life Respect" Concludes

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

Wednesday, November 8

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 9

11:30 a.m. church: Confessions

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. church: **Benediction**

Saturday, November 11

VETERANS DAY

12:45 p.m. church: Confessions

SEASON OF GIVING

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Truck, Sunday Only: **Nov 12**

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive: **Nov 11/12 & Nov 23**

Christmas Giving Tree: **Nov 25/26–Dec 9/10**

Come prepared next weekend. Details on page 4.

Remember Our Deceased

Theresina Leung
Stephen Slevin



Kerry Anne McErlean
Terry Shanley

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

RCIA and the Rite of Acceptance (celebrated at the 11:15 a.m. Mass)

"This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad...."
(Isaiah 25: 9)

REFLECT: The goal of RCIA is conversion to the Father, through the Son, Who sends the Spirit to transform us. Catechesis, and therefore the whole RCIA process, is oriented toward conversion, drawing others into the life of God through faith, hope, and charity.

"The Rite of Acceptance into the order of the catechumens is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the church.

"From this time on the Church embraces the catechumens as its own with a mother's love and concern. Joined to the Church, the catechumens are now part of the household of Christ, since the Church nourishes them with the word of God and sustains them by means of the liturgical celebrations." (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

To our four catechumens we say, rejoice! And with Pope Francis, say "Today you begin the journey of the catechumenate. My wish for you is to follow it with joy, sure of the entire Church's support, who is watching over you with great trust. May Mary, the perfect disciple, accompany you: it is beautiful to have her as our Mother in faith! I invite you to guard the enthusiasm of that first moment in which he opened your eyes to the light of faith; to remember [when] the first time you stayed with Jesus, felt his gaze upon you. Never forget the gaze of Jesus upon you.... It is a gaze of love." (Pope Francis, November 23, 2013)

ACT: Pray for our four new catechumens. Welcome them into the church!

LEARN: Read Pope Francis's November 23, 2013 address, at <https://tinyurl.com/mv3thky5>. Watch Bishop Barron's presentation on "The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church," at <https://bit.ly/2CsgU3K>.

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Missal #453—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Missal #858—GLORIA: Latin Chant Mass

MASS PARTS: Jubilate Deo/Mass of Creation

FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

"O Sacrum Convivium" (*R. Remondi*)—*Choir*

Missal #391—"The Servant Song"

COMMUNION

"Laudate Dominum" (*W. A. Mozart*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

Missal #477—"Shelter Me, O God"

IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

Missal #475—"America the Beautiful"

CLOSING HYMN

Missal #393—"The Spirit Send Us Forth"

11:15 A.M. SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM

ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is for a holiday church cleaning.
- » November 12, the second collection is for winter fuel. There is also an envelope for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its charitable works.
- » 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.

Your voice is important in local elections.
Make a plan to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.
Polls in New York City are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
If you are unsure of your polling site, go to
<https://findmypollsite.vote.nyc>

Participate in Our Clothing, Food, and Toy Drives

Need grows as the holidays near!

It's that time of year when we come together to support those in need. Your generosity will brighten the holiday season for those less fortunate in our community.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Truck

The SVP truck makes its last visit of the year to our parish next **Sunday only Nov. 12**. The truck will be stationed in front of the church on Ascan Avenue from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** to accept drop-off donations of gently used clothing. We kindly request your participation in this heartwarming effort by contributing warm clothing items that can make a difference in the lives of men, women, and children who need them. Please be sure the items you give are clean and in good, wearable condition.

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

Also bring a bag of canned and nonperishable food items to any of the **Sunday Masses next weekend Nov. 11/12**



as our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive begins. For suggestions, see the flyer on the facing page. We will also collect canned goods at the **10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass on Nov. 23**. All food donated will be delivered to our sister parishes in Queens that operate food pantry programs.

Christmas Giving Tree

Then save the dates for our **Giving Tree Toy Drive** for children and teens. Gift tags will be set out in time for the **Sunday Masses on Nov. 25/26**. You will take a tag and then purchase a brand-new, age-appropriate gift for that child or teen. All gifts must be returned, unwrapped, to the tree in the church by **Dec. 2/3 and Dec. 9/10** weekends—in time for Catholic Charities to collect them to distribute at Santa's Toy Shop for Christmas.

THANK YOU.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION

at today's 9 a.m. Mass. Please remember in your prayers our confirmation candidates and all the Religious Ed students.

ALTAR SERVER INSTALLATION

after next Sunday's 9 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL WREATHS

Please place your order early for a memorial Christmas wreath or tree or poinsettia plant. Order forms are in the church. Thank you.



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 josepherry@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).

Sacred Music Society Sweepstakes

This biannual fundraiser supports the liturgies and concerts presented by the Sacred Music Society. You should plan to act fast because only 100 sweepstakes tickets at \$50 each will be sold (offering a high chance of winning). Choir members will be selling tickets in the church vestibule after Sunday Masses on the weekends of **November 11/12, 18/19 & 25/26**. The drawing will be after the 1 p.m. Mass on November 26 for one cash prize of \$1,000. You do not need to be present at the drawing to win; we will announce the winner in the bulletin. Say hello to a choir member today, and please come to church prepared to purchase a sweepstakes ticket in support of the Sacred Music Society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

A Concert of Advent & Christmas Music

Sunday, December 10 at 4 p.m.

Tickets \$30 available in the rectory
Children 12 & under free

THANKSGIVING CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect nonperishable items for the food pantries of our sister parishes in Queens.



Suggested items:

- Canned tuna, chicken, salmon * Canned vegetables
 - Canned fruits * Shelf-stable milk * Canned & boxed meals (soup, mac & cheese) * Canned or dried beans
 - * Pasta, sauce, rice, cereal * Nut butters * 100% fruit juice
 - Low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar foods & snacks
- Be sure items are not past expiration!

WHERE & WHEN TO GIVE:

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church
at any Sunday Mass on the weekend of November 11 & 12
and at the 10am Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Easter Vigil Beckons for Our New Catechumens

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is the first rite in the RCIA program, celebrated when inquirers who seek to enter the Catholic faith are accepted into the catechumenate, to prepare for full Initiation at the Easter Vigil. During the past months, they have heard the living God and encountered Jesus Christ. As a result of their initial conversion, they have begun to change their lives. Today, they seek entrance to this faith community, where they will continue to grow as they begin the catechumenate period of their faith journey. Please welcome our new catechumens: Michelle Falcon, Nicole Maloy, Kenneth Powers, and Daniella Ventura.

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 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.

New Email for the Rectory

We have retired the legacy AOL email address for the rectory business office. The new email, effective immediately, is rectory@olqmchurch.org. You can use this rectory email to contact the pastor; you can also use the administrator's email or telephone the rectory during business hours.

A Month of Remembrances

We are remembering the souls of our faithful departed brothers and sisters whose funerals were held at our church during the last five years with a reading of their names, in alphabetical order, at the Masses throughout November.

If you would like to remember your loved ones in an individual way with a gift of a **memorial candle at the Sacred Heart of Jesus altar**, please contact Pastoral Care Administrator Dennis Francis Portelli (718-268-6251, ext. 41); he will be pleased to assist you.

Weekly Collections

The collection figures for Sunday, October 29 were not available in time for the bulletin deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

Contact Us

PHONE AND EMAIL

Rectory Office:
718-268-6251
NEW: rectory@olqmchurch.org

Emergency (last rites):
718-810-9788 (after office hours)

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info@olqmca.org

Religious Education Office:
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718-268-6251, ext. *827
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OLQM Charity Outreach:
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MAYO (Youth Organization):
youth@olqmchurch.org

Pastoral Care Office:
dfport@gmail.com

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YouTube:
[@OLQMStewardship](https://www.youtube.com/OLQMStewardship)

OLQM Catholic Academy:
www.olqmca.org

LIVESTREAM MASS

Sunday @ 11:15AM. Available in its entirety on demand using the "past livestreams" link at ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast

November 11

VETERANS DAY

Honoring all those who have served our country in times of war. Among those veterans are our military chaplains.



Bereavement Support Is Available

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) in the rectory basement meeting room. The group will be meeting next on **November 13 and December 18**. All meetings start at **6:45 p.m.** If you wish to attend, please RSVP to bereavement group facilitator Mike Acquilano at bereave@olqmchurch.org.



Prayer Focus

A Prayer for Suicide Awareness

The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives (Catholic Catechism, para. 2283). We pray that families and friends who grieve the suicide death of a loved one may find healing and comfort. We pray that those living with mental illness, depression, and suicidal thoughts may find the help and support they need. Thankful for God's eternal mercy, we pray to the Lord for the repose of the souls of those who have died by suicide.

Every Life Is Worth Living Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to cherish and protect the precious gift of life, even amid fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. Amen.

Save the Date

Estate Planning & Will Seminar

Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m. in our church rectory's basement meeting room. We are offering this seminar in partnership with Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens. You will learn how to protect your assets, help your heirs, and promote the legacy of your Catholic faith for future generations. This informative program is **FREE** and open to all parishioners and friends, but an RSVP is required by calling the rectory. No solicitations will be made at this presentation. More details to follow.

Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges Are Due by December 31

Parish Goal: \$114,568 (Achieved!)

Donors: 311

Pledged: \$147,310

Paid Pledges: \$134,430

Your response to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been phenomenal. We have met our ACA commitment for 2023 AND we are nearly \$20,000 over goal in paid pledges! Another \$12,000 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!

Deanery Corner

A place for news & events at nearby parishes

Vendors Wanted for American Martyrs (79-43 Bell Blvd, Bayside) **Christmas Fair** 🎄 **December 2 & 3**. Email Christmas.fair@yahoo.com or call 718-464-4582.

Community Health Services

FREE Hearing Screenings. Do you have to ask people to repeat themselves? Do you have ringing in your ears? 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 service through November 30. Free hearing aid help is also available.

Mental Health Services available 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.

Attention College-Bound Students

Molloy University Fall Open House Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. For prospective students, their families, and guests. Register at www.molloy.edu/openhouse23