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# Fr. Marty's Musings

The Lord calls Jeremiah to gird his loins and share the Word of God and “be not crushed on their account.” We heard the Archdiocese’s Renew My Church decision last Tuesday. The goals of the process are to make disciples, build community, and inspire witness. To facilitate that, we will unite with St. Bernadette, with Queen of Martyrs established as the parish church.

Please pray for the people of St. Bernadette who grieve a loss and give them a warm and inviting welcome. Please pray for me, as the RENEW MY CHURCH team announced that I will not continue as pastor of the united parish as of July 1. Fr. Benedykt Pazdan, presently the excellent pastor of St. Bernadette, will be named the pastor of the new parish configuration. Pray for him and support him. Let us not allow the challenges to crush us or chase our hope.

Jesus laments about the lack of acceptance in his hometown. His neighbors could not see him as more than a carpenter or accept that he defied expectations. Jesus challenges us to be a welcoming people sharing God’s blessings. I hope and trust that we will be a stronger family of faith by sharing the gifts of the Queen of Martyrs and St. Bernadette communities. More about what lies ahead follows in this bulletin.



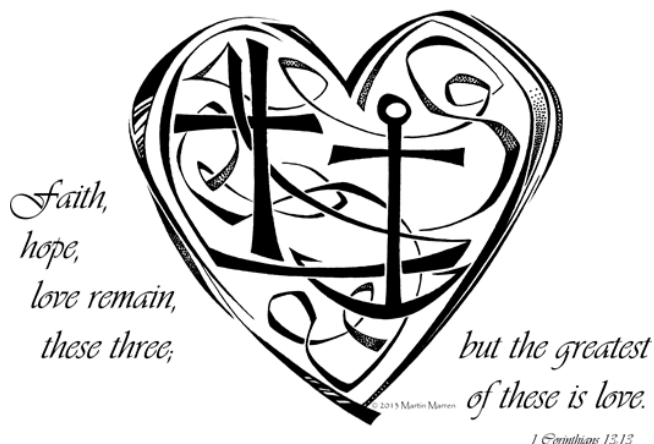
Catholic Schools Week begins today and runs until February 5. We are proud of Queen of Martyrs School and encourage those not yet enrolled to check us out. We have a brand-new Computer Lab to join our STEM Lab. We have a new logo and graphics throughout the school to guide the students’ progress. Upholding Catholic education and a quality school takes hard work, dedication, and sacrifice from many. We are all part of the success of our school and educational investment.

Our great tradition here at Queen of Martyrs keeps us from resting on our laurels. Generous benefactors and volunteers offering amazing support through the Wildcat Wheel of Winning have allowed our school to be even better. Yet we could not do it without our families.



We traditionally celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise on February 3. We will offer an individual Blessing of Throats at the 8:30 a.m. Mass that date. We will offer a general Blessing of Throats at the Masses next weekend

*Fr. Marty Marren*



### Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—January 23, 2022

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed .....	\$7,500.....	\$225,000
Amount Collected .....	\$6,611.....	\$212,068
Surplus (Deficit) .....	\$(889).....	\$(12,932)
Number of Weekly Envelopes.....		141

**Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to decrease our deficit. Your sacrifice is appreciated.**

**50/50 Raffle**  
Results for 1/18/2022

On Monday, January 24th, Envelope No. 2511 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$17,300.00.

To be eligible for the raffle, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least \$5.00; and you **must** use the corresponding week’s 50/50 envelope with a \$5.00 contribution in that envelope. **To be included in the weekly 50/50 drawing, envelopes must be in the rectory office by 8:30 A.M. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend.**

**Good luck next week!**

## RENEW MY CHURCH Decision Announced January 25



*"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you ... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope."* Jeremiah 29:11

With trust in our Lord, we step forward to be led by the Holy Spirit toward our future.

### What's Next for our Parish?

Now that the specific decision concerning our grouping and parish has been shared, the next effort will focus on supporting all that needs to occur during the transition. A dedicated team from the Archdiocese will provide hands-on assistance to ensure the most effective and positive implementation of any necessary changes, such as financial and facilities planning.

- Members of the archdiocesan team will be on-site in the coming months to introduce themselves, provide an overview of the support process, and gather feedback from staff.
- Specific and meaningful guidance will be provided regarding the parish naming process. Recognizing the emotional and personal nature of this—we are, in fact, seeing the birth of a new, unified parish community—there are very helpful steps that the Church provides.
- We will hold opportunities for parish-wide prayer and liturgies, reflection, and sharing.

### Keeping an Eye on Why We Need Renewal

With each step forward, we must keep reminding ourselves why this is so important to our parish, our families, and our own faith lives. Look around and what do you see? Fewer and fewer people attending mass. An alarming number of people choosing to reject any religious affiliation. A broken world that doesn't even know it's broken.

1. Jesus is calling us to follow him more closely and seek out his lost sheep. As Catholics baptized into the life and love of God we are called – and commissioned – to discern our part in **making disciples**. What do we need to do to ensure we are not the last Catholics in our family? How do we practically evangelize others and promote/encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life and married life?
2. Stretched, limited resources have challenged parish ministries; even parishes with abundant resources struggle to engage youth and young adults. Christ is calling us to discern what parish and school vitality means in today's world and to **build communities**. How do we work together, across parishes and throughout the Archdiocese, to strengthen each other today and create Catholic communities that are sustainable for the future?

3. As Christians, we bear Christ's light and hope in the world. Just as Jesus moved among the people, Pope Francis implores us to go out to the world and to those on the margins. How can we work together in new ways to inspire witness within a world that is numb to the real presence of God?

### We Are a People of Great Faith and Hope

With any discernment process comes an element of change and self-giving infused with great hope knowing that what our Lord Jesus Christ has in store for us is so much bigger than what we could imagine for ourselves. The future will be strong and vibrant for the current generation, as well as many more to come.

We are eager to see the fruits of this work come to life. At the same time, this change will feel difficult. How, where, and when we practice our faith and encounter Jesus in the sacraments is very personal for many of us. Fortunately, he is our faithful Shepherd who teaches us that "with God all things are possible." Let us see his handiwork in this. Please continue to pray for a successful transition and renewal that will lead to greater discipleship, community and witness for our parish, your loved ones, and our entire Church



## Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are offered on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. You must call the Rectory at 708-423-8110 to register for the class by the Monday prior.

**Our next class is Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**\*Due to Lent, there will be no baptisms until April 24, 2022.**

**Our last baptism date is February 27, 2022**



## Queen of Martyrs Parish Outreach

Sandwich Schedule for Adult Members at 9:00 a.m. in the Convent on the following **Wednesdays:**

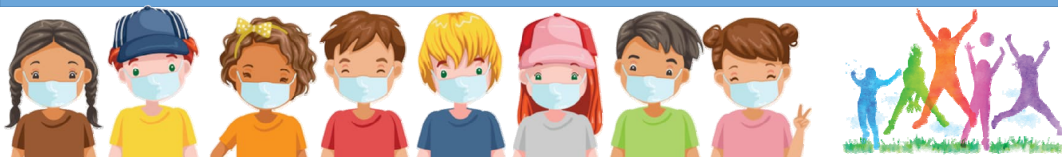
**2022**  
**February 2 & 16**

"Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, and the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us. Renew in us your Spirit. Lord, free us and make us one." This prayer from St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us of the importance of love for one another as St. Paul does in today's second reading. Without love behind our actions and everyday dealings with others, we are basically an empty shell only looking for admiration from others. What do your actions say about you?



# FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & YOUTH MINISTRY



**Catholic Schools  
Week 2022  
January 30-February 5**

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Volleyball Games  
Thursdays at 7:30pm at  
OLW for high school teens.  
Register with Tina.  
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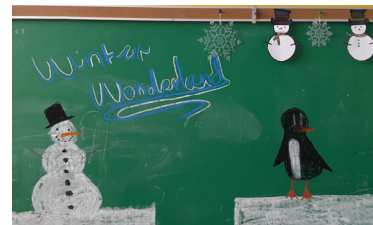
## +CALENDAR+

*Faith Formation Classes  
2/12 and 2/26*

Retreat Formation Continues  
Random Fun Wednesdays  
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Contact Tina O'Shea at:  
QMFaithformation@gmail.com or  
QMartyrsYM@gmail.com

### Queen of Martyrs 8th Grade Students Showcase Their Art Skills



Mrs. Scorzo's 8th Graders have been busy brightening up our School during this cold Winter Season. They painted darling snowmen, that are on display in our Junior High, each as unique as the snowflakes that snowmen are formed from! They have been learning painting techniques of various artists such as blocking and use of texture through projects that they were assigned. Students created posters displaying their artists work and pertinent information about them. The 8th Grade students also showed off their art skills using chalk in the lunchroom. Their images on the chalkboard of snowmen and penguins make for a cherry lunch break for our Q of M students! A special shout out to 8th Graders Giana R., Catalina P., Olivia F., and Jamaya C. for their awesome chalk work! Well done ladies!



The 8th Graders have been very focused on their futures as they recently chose the high school that they plan on attending in the fall of "2022". They took the entrance exams for those schools right before Christmas. The High Schools that they will be attending include Brother Rice HS, Evergreen Park HS, Marist HS, Mother McAuley HS, Saint Lawrence HS, and Saint Rita HS. We are so proud of our hard working and dedicated 8th Grade Class! Way to go Wildcats!



### While They Serve...

We pray for our Parishioners and the Relatives of Parishioners who are serving in the Military and protecting us...

*Martin Beemsterboer; Matthew Beemsterboer; Ted Bos; LT David Jackson Jr.; Major Daniel R. Johnson; Colton Kielbasa; Lance Corporal Patrick J Kinnerk; SPC Sean Martin; Sgt. First Class Wayne Mutnansky; Lt. John Mutnansky; Captain Chris O'Neil; Sergeant Clifford Oskvarek; NFO Matthew Sebok; Colonel Ellen Shannon-Ball; Kevin Smith; Capt. Martin J. Springer and Sgt. Steven Surdynski*

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative of a Parishioner serving in the Military, please email the rectory at [jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com) or call at 708-423-8110.

\*\*\*\*If your relative is NO LONGER serving, please call the Rectory office so we can remove them from our list.\*\*\*  
—Thank you

### A Prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,  
as you spoke to holy men and women  
who have gone before us.  
In every age and in our own time,  
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.  
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles,  
and all the saints.

May their example and presence  
inspire us with patient confidence  
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign  
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen



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Total Pledges: ..... \$494,713.00  
Balance as of 12/31/2021 in  
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### 2021 Charitable Contributions

Statements for the 2021 tax year will be processed **by request only**. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection box or drop it in the rectory mail slot.

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Notice: Bulletin articles must be received in the Rectory office by **Noon on Mondays**. Please drop them off or e-mail them to [jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com). Thank you!

**Liturgy Schedule**

**MONDAY** Jan. 31, 2022—St. John Bosco  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs

**TUESDAY** — Feb. 1, 2022  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Thomas O’Brien

**WEDNESDAY**— Feb. 2, 2022—The Presentation of the Lord  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Michael Mikolajczyk

**THURSDAY**— Feb. 3, 2022—*St. Blaise; St. Ansgar*  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— James & Margaret O’Malley

**FRIDAY** — Feb. 4, 2022  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY**— Feb. 5, 2022—St. Agatha  
 8:30 AM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs  
 4:00 PM— Marilyn Osborne  
 Joan Pellegrini

**SUNDAY** — Feb. 6, 2022—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:30 AM — John Berleman  
 Catherine George  
 Kim Barlett  
 10:30 AM— John McNicholas  
 Kerry Cunningham



**Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends**

Prayer is a powerful prescription for whatever ails you. Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Crispin Bofinger	Patrick Ferguson	Jacqueline Olsen
Whitney Davis	Bobby Kiehne	Tim Scolan
Johnny Esposito	Helen Esposito Melloni	Debbie Synowiec



**May They Rest in Peace**

Catherine Cusic  
 Bridget Forde  
 Joan Pellegrini  
 Mary Schneider  
 Floro Oquias



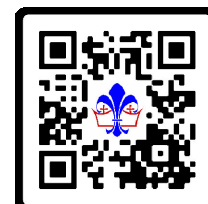
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Schedule for the weekend of February 5—6, 2022

Mass	Celebrant
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Mathieu Herve Mboudou
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Mullins
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Fr. Marty Marren

\* Subject to change



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# QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

## RECTORY

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## Registration of New Parishioners / Moving:

Please register at the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

If you are a parishioner and are moving, please notify the Rectory of your departure or of a new address in the parish.

## COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Tina O'Shea  
 Religious Education Program—[QMfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:QMfaithformation@gmail.com)  
 Youth Ministry—[QMartyrsYM@gmail.com](mailto:QMartyrsYM@gmail.com)

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## EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Carolyn McDonough, Coordinator — 708-423-8120

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Anticipated Mass on Saturday: ..... 4:00 P.M.  
 Sunday: ..... 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M.  
 Holy Day: Masses ..... 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M.  
 Evening Mass ..... Check the bulletin  
 Weekdays: Eucharistic Service Mon.—Fri. .... 6:30 A.M.  
 Morning Mass Mon.— Sat. .... 8:30 A.M.

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Jane Dunne, Coordinator — 708-499-9808

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