

Our Community, Our Vision



Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
Strengthening Our Tower of Faith

Why This Campaign, and Why Now?

BELL TOWER REPAIR:

\$750,000

One of the most iconic aspects of our parish campus is the church tower. For almost 90 years, it has been the singular eye-catching sight to anyone walking, driving, or riding a train to Forest Hills. Modeled after the Durham Cathedral in England, it is the distinguishing cap to our spiritual home, referred to as *"that beautiful church on Queens Boulevard."* After decades of exposure to the weather, the tower is in need of major repair work to retain its prominence. **The initial phase of the project, expected to begin in Spring 2026, will be funded by existing parish reserves.**

YOUTH MINISTRY AND GRANT PROGRAM:

\$139,422

For 10 years, the Diocese has supported our youth ministry through the Generations of Faith program. Now it's our turn to assume the responsibility of funding a safe, welcoming space where young people can grow in faith. This program will also provide grants to help our young parishioners attend global events such as the "Catholic Woodstock" hosted by Pope Leo in Rome during the 2025 Jubilee of Youth.

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA):

\$110,578

To meet Diocesan policy, our ACA goal for 2026 is included in this campaign. Through the ACA, each parish assists the Diocese in providing pastoral programs, educating new priests, assisting the poor and those seeking legal citizenship services, and supporting retired priests who have given years of faithful service to the parishioners under their care. Including our ACA obligation here keeps our focus on one unified effort.

Every Contribution Ensures Robust Parish Financial Reserves

Each week, the church bulletin reports the previous week's collection. Often, it falls short of covering expenses, though our annual report shows a surplus, thanks to dividends from reserve assets. We've used ACA funds and investment income for other major repairs, but the bell tower's structural needs exceed what reserves can cover. That's why our Trustees and Finance and Stewardship Committees proposed this campaign, to keep the parish financially strong.

Campaign Goal: \$1 million over 3 years

Bell Tower Restoration: Cost Breakdown

