

July 13, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

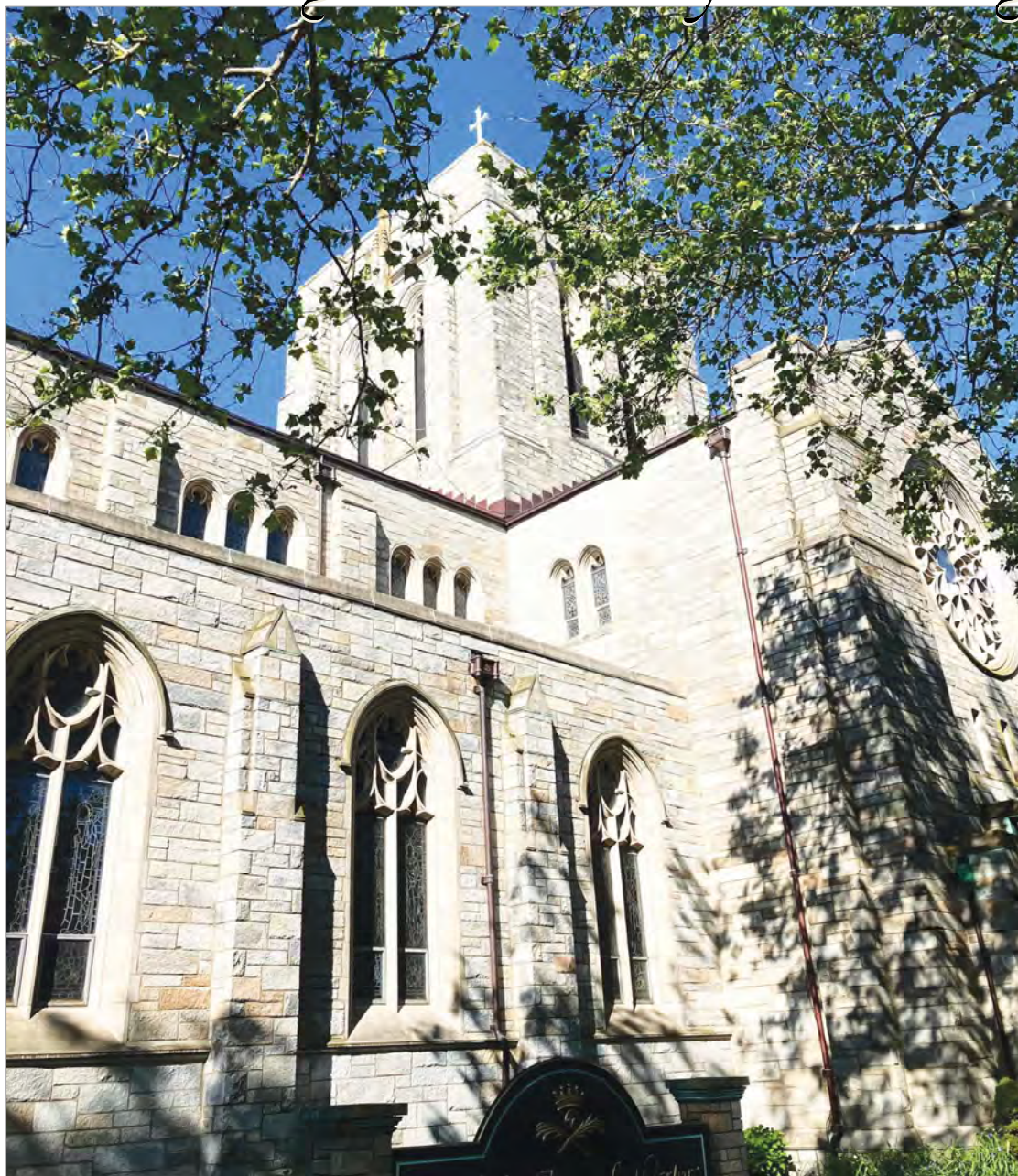


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Very Rev. Francis J. Passenant, V.F. — **PASTOR**  
Most Rev. Paul R. Sanchez, D.D. — **PASTOR EMERITUS**  
Rev. Antonin Kocurek — **PAROCHIAL VICAR**



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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, July 12

12:05 p.m. Dr. Jose Fernandez

5 p.m. Wilfredo Edgardo Caban

Sunday, July 13

9 a.m. **Family Mass** celebrated for the parishioners  
of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Monday, July 14

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:05 a.m. Joseph and Doris Crane

12:05 p.m. Oscar Morada

Tuesday, July 15

**Saint Bonaventure**

8:05 a.m. Antoinette Curcio

12:05 p.m. Kay Bruno

Wednesday, July 16

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:05 a.m. Dorothy Santaniello

12:05 p.m. Deceased members of the Sequeira family

Thursday, July 17

8:05 a.m. Gwendoline Dos Santos

12:05 p.m. Josephine Orlando

Friday, July 18

**Saint Camillus de Lellis**

8:05 a.m. Liliana Dinatale

12:05 p.m. Theresa Rivera [living]

Saturday, July 19

12:05 p.m. Abdul Bodden

5 p.m. William V. Delaney, Jr.

## Main Events of the Week

Sunday, July 13

**Sunday Morning Bible Study - Summer Break**

*Return date for the 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study to be announced.*

Monday, July 14

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday, July 15

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

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

**Choir Rehearsals Summer Break**

*Tuesday rehearsals resume September 9 at 7:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, July 16

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

(ID: 82120186604. PW: 765136)

Thursday, July 17

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

After 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

Saturday, July 19

12:45 a.m. *church*: Confessions

2 p.m. *church*: **WEDDING**

Jeannie Lee Daly/Joseph A. Rodriguez

## Remember Our Sick

Jonas Astrauskas, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Aurora Balthazar, Margaret Bastone, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Luis Calatayud, Rob Champion, Noreen DeCaul-Thomas, Iris Dellamarco, Michelle De Leon, Gobby De Leon, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Babu Easow, Ronda Esser, Alexander Guttierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Spyro Harisiadis, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Christopher Henderson, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Thomas E. Kearns, Roger Mejia, Natalie Podulka, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Maria Rodin, Teruko Secor, Debbie Seechan, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Ida Sumprer, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Fabiola Trujillo, Marilyn Viggiano, Teresa Wong, Mariana Zapata—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.



## Remember Our Deceased

Dominic Cardone  
Kevin Carey  
Aurora G. Castro  
Gloria Correal  
Stephen Meighan



Dean Moore  
Josephine Paige  
Ruth Rosen  
Eliza V. Soliano

**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](mailto:disabilities.olqm@gmail.com).



## This Week's Reflection

from the Catholic Teaching Committee

### The Blessings of Age: Part 2

We have been reflecting on the 1999 document, "A Pastoral Message on Growing Older within the Faith Community," from the United States Bishops on the connection between aging and wisdom. We offer some excerpts and reflections from that document here.



#### Growing in Wisdom

"Growing in holiness means dealing with life's inevitable losses. More positively, growth in holiness leads to wisdom. Although many cultures revere older people for their wisdom, wisdom does not come automatically with age. The experiences of a lifetime have sown the seeds, but they must be cultivated by prayer and reflection on those experiences in light of the Gospel. With God's grace, as one matures, one arrives at wisdom: the realization that we come from God and are going to God. Or as St. Augustine said, 'Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.'

"The wise person is always growing, always learning. The wise person is always connecting the past with the future. Elders share their stories, and in doing so, pass on what they have learned to future generations, through both words and example. Their wisdom does not die with them but guides and enriches generations to come.

#### The Call to Community

"People become holy within a community. For most people, including older persons, the primary community is the family. "You rejoice in additions to your family circle—daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-nieces, and nephews. You pass on your family's cultural heritage through stories, celebrations, and rituals. You worry about a child's divorce or a grandchild's exposure to drugs and violence. Some of you find yourselves in unexpected situations, such as caring for older family members or, at the other end of the spectrum, for grandchildren. In the midst of change, you are often a point of stability, a steadfast example of faith deepened by the joys and heartaches of family life. For many, these are profound experiences of God's love and care.

"Some of you experience the special joys of grandparenting. Freed from the responsibilities of day-to-day parenting, you give young family members the gift of unhurried time and attention. With the experience of years, you can continue to encourage children to develop new skills or talents and to make important life decisions."



## Order of Mass

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Cycle C — Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m. resumes on Sept. 7*

#### ENTRANCE

*Missal #537—"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of Angels and Saints (*Janco*)

#### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

#### SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

#### GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

#### HOMILY

#### OFFERTORY

*Missal #425—"Christians, Let Us Love One Another"*

#### COMMUNION

Organ Meditation

*Missal #336—"Pan de Vida" (verses in English)*

#### CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #446—"The Church's One Foundation"*

## Second Collections

- » Today's second collection is major repairs.
- » July 20, the second collection is for Pastoral Care.
- » At any time, use the special envelope to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope)). If using the Parish Giving portal online, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu.
- » **Traveling this summer?** Remember to mail in your weekly offertory, use the Catch-Up envelope, or use online Parish Giving.
- » For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN**  
*"Go and do likewise."*  
(LUKE 10: 37)

## 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

Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Masses at 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 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  
Evening Benediction resumes 3/6/25

### 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

## Recently Baptized at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

### Emma Jouni

daughter of Danika Estefania Bonilla and Ali Jouni

### Layla Jouni

daughter of Danika Estefania Bonilla and Ali Jouni

### Mateo Enzo Villalobos Apurado

son of Paula Paredes Villalobos and Warren Mamba Apurado

*Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents!*

## Student Honors

The following students from our parish are cited by **ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL** for commendable academic achievements that merit Honor Roll status. Congratulations to all for honors earned!

### Natalia Borges

### Maya Delgado

### Gabriella Edwards

### Grace Edwards

### Aaron Gonzalez

### Chance Hoskins

### Isabella Jimmo

### Dominic John

### Valentina Lorenzo

### Angela Morales

### Safiya Richens

### Asha Mariana Tetangeo

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## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections

	Jun 29	Jul 6
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,803.00	\$1,814.00
1st Collection	8,734.29	7,635.06
2nd Collection (Academy bldg support)	1,206.29	–
2nd Collection (grounds maintenance)	–	2,699.06
Special Collection: Peter's Pence*	1,536.29*	–
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>13,279.81</u>	<u>12,148.12</u>
Online Giving	4,459.44	5,841.25
Mail In	2,390.00	2,750.00
TOTAL	20,219.31	20,739.37
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,280.69)	(3,760.63)

\*\* Amount needed weekly to meet church expenses; does not reflect other income sources. Our goal is to cover parish expenses through higher first collections, without having to depend on less reliable income streams.

\* Special collection for the Holy Father's Support; does not accrue to the parish.

### Consider a Legacy Gift

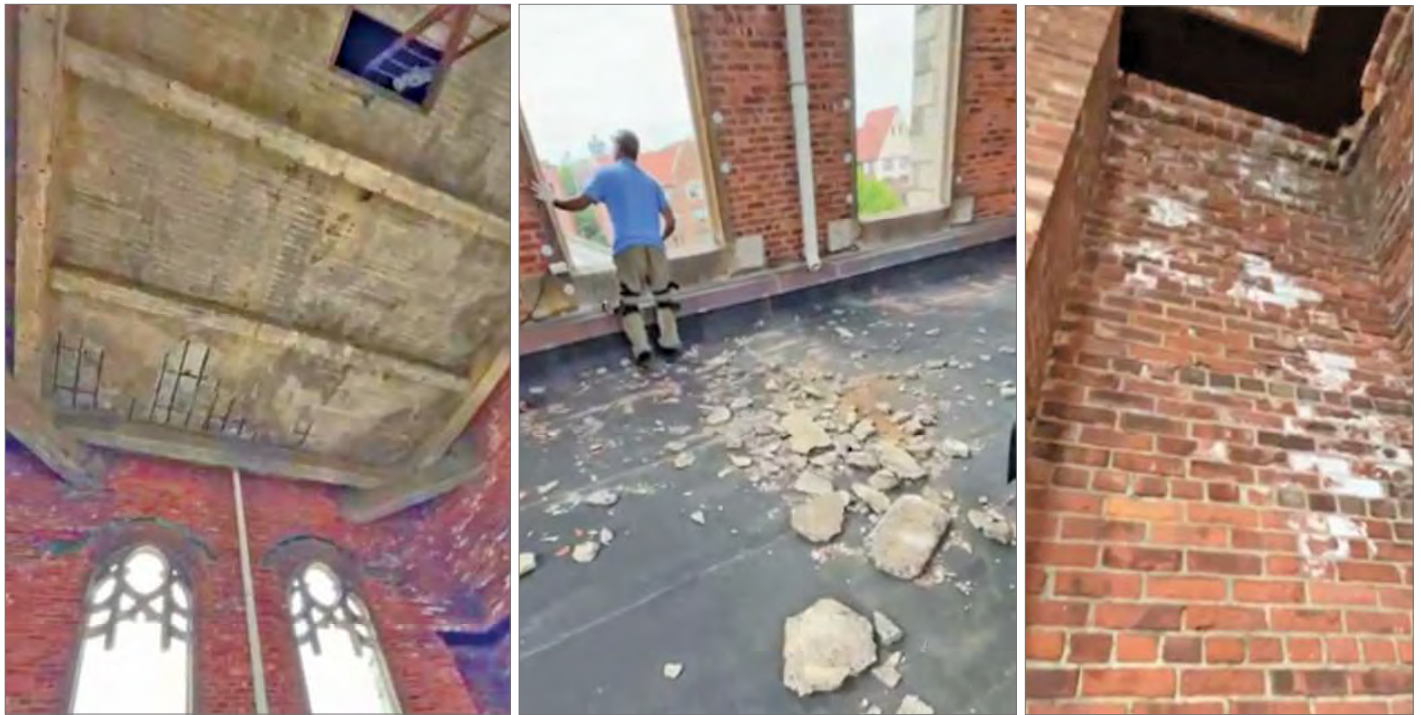
Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in your will and estate planning. You may speak directly to Father Passenant or Bishop Sanchez at 718-268-6251. You may also find more information on leaving legacy gift at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/planned-giving).

## Church Bell Tower: Major Repair Project

This week's cover photo shows our church bell tower rising above the summer treetops. It is a familiar and meaningful part of our church grounds and a symbol of our church's enduring presence in the community.

The tower is now in need of major repair. In the upper section of the bell tower, water infiltration during rain is saturating the masonry and concrete slabs, causing spalling bricks and falling concrete. The visible white residue on the bricks is further evidence of freeze-thaw damage, as water soaks through the masonry, freezes, and leaches out minerals—primarily calcium. Addressing this water damage inside the structure is now a priority.

Father Passenant met with the parish trustees as well as the finance and stewardship committees to discuss a fund-raising program to cover the costs of this major repair project. The preliminary estimate is higher than anticipated. In the meantime, to show everyone the extent of the damage, we have posted a short video on the parish website in the News section ([ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/category/parish-and-diocesan-news/](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/category/parish-and-diocesan-news/)).



### Prayer to Strengthen Our Tower of Faith

**G**racious 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.

### Merci et au revoir, Louis!

**S**eminarian Louis de Rohan Chabot arrived at our parish just after Labor Day 2024 and completed his pastoral year assignment at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs on July 7. Over these ten months, he generously shared his gifts—assisting our priests at Masses and special liturgies, visiting nursing homes, and leading Bible study on Sunday mornings. This experience offered him a glimpse into future priestly ministry and parish life, which is never without its challenges. He is now traveling to France to visit his family before returning to St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie this fall to complete two more years of study. On behalf of our priests, staff, and parishioners, I want to thank Louis for his service to OLQM parish and wish him safe travels and every blessing as he continues his formation. — FATHER PASSENANT



## OLQM Summer Calendar

**Sunday, July 27**

**Start of the St. John Vianney Novena** *Prayed after the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass and Mon-Sat at the 12:05 p.m. Mass.*

**Sunday, August 3**

**St. John Vianney Novena Choir Mass** *During the second Sunday of the novena, one of the newly ordained priests from our diocese will celebrate 11:15 a.m. Choir Mass, to be followed by a First Blessing.*

**Monday, August 4**

**Close of the St. John Vianney Novena** 12:05 p.m. Mass

**Friday, August 15**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)** *A Vigil Mass on Thur. 8/14 at 7:30 p.m. will be celebrated in memory of Msgr. Joseph Funaro, on the twelfth anniversary of his passing. Holy Day Masses on 8/15 will be at 8:05 a.m. & 12:05 p.m., with a blessing with seawater at the 12:05 Mass.*

**Weekend, August 23/24**

**Summer Missionary** *A visiting missionary will speak at all the Masses, giving us an opportunity to learn about the mission work of the Church and offer our support to his particular mission cause.*



## Faith Sharing at OLQM

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

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10–11 a.m.** This group is on summer break for July and August. Stay tuned for a future announcement about a resume date for their weekly, in person gatherings in the rectory basement.

**Tuesday Evening Fellowship: 7–8:30 p.m.** Gather with fellow parishioners Bob and Melinda Nobbs for faith reflections and conversation. 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).

**Through the Word:** On-demand viewing of a collection of bible studies from [YouTube.com/@bktheologian](https://www.youtube.com/@bktheologian). Revisit past studies or explore them for the first time.

## Seven New Priests Ordained in Our Diocese

And they are ready to spread the Word of God throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens! Congratulations to the men who were ordained by Bishop Robert Brennan on June 28, 2025: Father Robert Ruggiero, Father Benoit Chavanne, Father Juan Herrera-Posada, Father Callistus Ibh, Father Paulo Salazar, Father Alvaro Morales Sanchez, and Father Nelson Gerardo Tlatelpa. May God bless all of them.

## FREE Large Print Bibles & Missalettes

**Xavier Society for the Blind** has offerings in large print for people living with vision loss from macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, and other conditions. If you or someone you know is interested in these free materials, call them at 212-473-7800 or toll-free at 800-637-9193, or visit [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](https://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org).

## Big City Catholic Podcast

Bishop Brennan's weekly podcast offers listeners great insight into the heart of our bishop as he walks with the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens to learn more about their personal stories, celebrate Catholic life, and discuss some of the challenges we all face in our everyday lives. **New episodes are available every Friday.** Listen wherever you get your podcasts or go to <https://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org>.

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— \$110,626 Pledged  
— \$110,076 Goal



As of July 7, 2025, paid pledges currently stand at \$86,809. With about \$23,200 left to collect on pledges, we look forward to reaching 100% of our goal through fulfilled pledges by Labor Day so that we can successfully bring the ACA to a close!

Please continue to fulfill your pledges, and if you have not yet contributed to the annual diocesan fundraising appeal, please do so today. Funds pledged and paid above goal will be returned to our parish. Use the envelopes in church or give online. [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/](https://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/annual-catholic-appeal/)