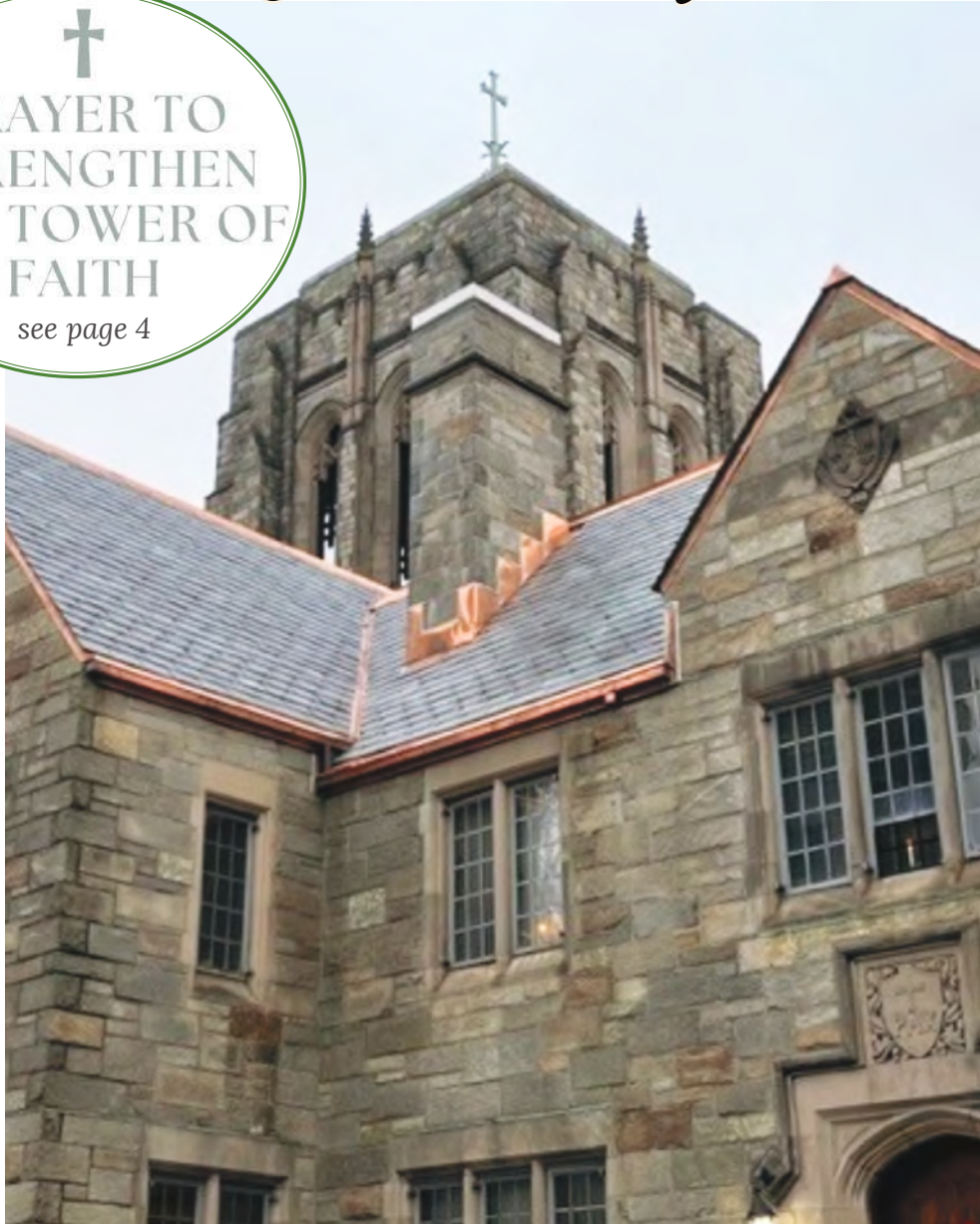


September 21, 2025 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

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PRAYER TO  
STRENGTHEN  
OUR TOWER OF  
FAITH  
see page 4



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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11:15 a.m.  
[ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/webcast](http://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, September 20*

**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön and  
Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions**

**12:05 p.m.** Leyla Yassine Beydoun

**5 p.m.** Celina Ramos

*Sunday, September 21*

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

*Monday, September 22*

**8:05 a.m.** George and Melanese De Haven

**12:05 p.m.** Jorge Alsina

*Tuesday, September 23*

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

**8:05 a.m.** Josephine McAnena

**12:05 p.m.** Angel Castiblanco

*Wednesday, September 24*

**8:05 a.m.** Florence Vigorito

**12:05 p.m.** Blanche Aeppli

*Thursday, September 25*

**8:05 a.m.** Rose Andree Montas and Silvestra Lo Presti

**12:05 p.m.** Antoinette D'Argenio [living]

*Friday, September 26*

**Saints Cosmas and Damian**

**8:05 a.m.** Frank J. Passenant

**12:05 p.m.** Frederick W. Marks III

*Saturday, September 27*

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

**12:05 p.m.** Eugene Gormley

**5 p.m.** Rose Harach Brogno [anniversary]

## Remember Our Sick

Azucena Arias, Jonas Astrauskas, Angelo Bagasan, Raymond Bajanas, Aurora Balthazar, Baby Molly Catherine Banderberg, Margaret Bastone, Doug Blum, Nadine Ho-Sin Burton, Rosa Cabral, Luis Calatayud, Rob Champion, Emily Cirillo, Noreen DeCaul-Thomas, Gabby DeLeon, Michelle DeLeon, Myrna Mimi DeLeon, Iris Dellamarco, Norman Doucette, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Ronda Esser, Alexander Gutierrez, Hung Sang Hau (Sammy), Christopher Henderson, Noila Johnson, Cipriana Jorge, Tommy Jorge, Joshua Joseph, Karen Kane, Sherryl Kahn, Theresa Manino, Gloria Marsala, Matilda Munoz, Laura Morales, Sandy Norona, Patricia Patane, Natalie Podulka, Maria Rodin, Jacqueline Rodzinski, Leonardo Rodriguez, Debbie Seechan, Dennis Shepherd, Sandy Singh, Grace Sommero, Samuel Stafford, Marion Steinberg, Ida Sumpner, Baby Isaac Joseph Terry, Jacqueline Vallejo, Marilyn Viggiano, 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.

## Main Events of the Week

*Sunday, September 21*

**9 a.m.–12 p.m.** *front of church on Ascan Ave:*

**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation Truck Visits**



*Accepting drop-offs of gently used clothing*

**After 9 a.m. Mass** *rectory basement meeting room*

*(use glass door near the Mary statue):*

**Young Catholic Professionals Meet and Greet**

*Monday, September 22*

 **FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN** 

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

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

**7 p.m. Zoom: "Through the Word" Bible Study**

*(Meeting ID: 88429100717)*

*Tuesday, September 23*

**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, September 24*

**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, September 25*

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

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

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

*Saturday, September 27*

**10:30 a.m. church: Altar Server Training**

*(first of four sessions; see p. 5)*

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

## Remember Our Deceased

Poran Doroshty  
Dorliza Gutierrez  
Rodrigo Jacome



Gerry Monroe  
Larry Rosen  
Mary Stanion

**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 **Jubilee of Migrants**



The Holy Father is recognizing various groups in this Jubilee Year. The Jubilee of Migrants will be held on October 4–5. Many bishops in the United States have encouraged us to understand that “meaningful and intentional encounters across diverse communities are an effective way to counter ‘failures of understanding.’” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops: Pilgrims on the Way of Hope)

### **Bishop DiMarzio's Column**

One of the bishops who has encouraged mutual understanding among diverse groups is our own Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, who served as the seventh bishop of our diocese. His monthly column in *The Tablet*, “Walking with Migrants,” offers insights into a complicated issue. In his July 19 column, Bishop DiMarzio shares helpful data regarding the question of mass deportations of migrants. He writes:

It is important to understand the American public's views on deportation. In general, about half of those interviewed in a recent Pew Research poll said that some of those who have committed nonviolent crimes should be deported, but almost all who committed violent crimes should be deported. However, the poll found that Americans feel that those having a stable job, children born in the United States, or a US citizen spouse should not be deported in most cases. Although there is a big difference along party lines, the average response is not favorable to mass deportations.

### **Immigration and the Labor Market**

Bishop DiMarzio notes that some equate an “anti-undocumented immigrant policy [with] implementing an improvement in the labor market by eliminating those unauthorized to work.... Research shows that illegal immigration has a minimal negative impact on the labor market, with undocumented workers contributing to the economy and the Social Security system. In industries such as agriculture, hospitality, and construction, immigrants are in high demand.”

### **Center for Migration Studies**

Bishop DiMarzio's August column in *The Tablet* examines how public opinion can influence migration policies. He has extensive experience working on this issue and currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Migration Studies. Its website ([cmsny.org](http://cmsny.org)) has a wealth of research on forced migration, refugee protection, and immigration reform so we can educate ourselves about the nuances of these issues.

Let us pray in union with Pope Leo XIV for migrants and refugees that they may find safety and peace and gainful employment and that God may provide special protection for all families, especially those who face hardships.



## **Order of Mass** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Cycle C—Choir Mass at 11:15 a.m.*

### **ENTRANCE**

*Missal #553—“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

**MASS PARTS:** Mass of Creation (*Haugen*)

*Missal #841—GLORIA: Latin Chant—Choir*

### **FIRST READING**

Amos 8:4-7

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

### **SECOND READING**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 16:1-13

### **HOMILY**

### **OFFERTORY**

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” (*J. S. Bach*)—*Choir*

*Missal #523—“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

### **COMMUNION**

“Panis Angelicus” (*C. Casciolini*)—*Choir*

Organ Meditation

*Missal #347—“I Received the Living God”*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

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

## **Second Collections**

» Today's second collection is for Pastoral Care. There is also an envelope for support of Catholic Education.

» September 28, the second collection will be for air conditioning.

» 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.

» For online Parish Giving technical support, call 866-307-7140, Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Next Sunday, September 28** **Austin Street Fair, starting 10 a.m.**

It's a good occasion to support local businesses, including some that advertise in our church bulletin. Austin Street from 69th Rd to 72nd Rd will be closed to traffic, but for those attending Sunday Mass, rest assured—the church parking lot entrances at 72nd Rd and Ascan Ave will remain accessible during the event.

## 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

Trustee: Roy Joseph

Finance Committee Chair: Edward Torres

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ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org  
Facebook, Instagram,  
X/Twitter: @OLQMChurch

YouTube:  
@OLQMStewardship

## Bereavement Support Is Available

The bereavement group at OLQM is a welcoming community of individuals who have faced loss and help one another to better deal with grief. They meet **once a month on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m.** in the rectory basement meeting room. Their next meetings are October 20, November 17, and December 15. For more information, please contact the group facilitator Mike Acquilano at [bereave@olqmchurch.org](mailto:bereave@olqmchurch.org).

## 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.

## KEEP UP YOUR INCREASED SUPPORT

### Weekly Collections

	Sept 14
Candle Offerings	\$2,085.00
1st Collection	8,430.14
2nd Collection (Parish Feast Day)	5,785.14
<u>Subtotal: In Church</u>	<u>16,300.28</u>
Online Giving	3,702.57
Pilgrimage Visit (9/13, Presentation BVM)	626.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,628.85</b>
Weekly Income Needed**	24,500.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,871.15)

\*\*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.

## 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).

Today's St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

♥ **Grateful for Your Generosity** ♥

We want to thank everyone who dropped off used-clothing this morning at the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Donation truck. May God bless you for your charity! The truck returns for one last visit this year on Sunday, November 16—just in time for Thanksgiving, a perfect moment for sharing your blessings with those in need. You can always check for future drop-off dates at [ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule](http://ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/clothing-donation-schedule). The Association of Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn is a recognized 401c Catholic charity helping the poor in our local neighborhoods. It now also offers clothing pick-up services; you can get details at <https://racworld2015.com>.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

OCIA is a program for adults 18 and older who wish to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. Through discernment, prayer, and education, OCIA guides participants on their journey of faith. To learn more or enroll, contact [ocia@olqmchurch.org](mailto:ocia@olqmchurch.org) or call 718-268-6251, ext. \*827, and leave your name and callback number; all messages and emails will receive a response.

After Today's 9 a.m. Mass

**Meet & Greet with the Young Catholic Professionals**

If you are in your 20s and 30s, join us in the rectory basement meeting room (use the glass door entrance by the Mary statue). We hope many of our young adult parish members will show up and help us build a supportive community for both your faith and professional life. We hope to see you there!

**AUTUMN AT OLQM**

*Save these dates. Check the bulletin weekly for updates.*

**Altar Server Training** Saturdays, Sep 27, Oct 4, 18, 25, 10:30 a.m. in the church

**Blessing of the Animals** Saturday, Oct 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), 4 p.m. in the church plaza

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz Mass** Sunday, Oct 5, 1 p.m.

**Living Rosary** Sunday, Oct 5 (Month of the Rosary), immediately after 1 p.m. Mass, in the church plaza

**Novena to St. Jude** Monday, Oct 20 to Tuesday, Oct 28, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10/26 & 12:05 p.m. Mass Mon-Sat

**Fox Funeral Home Memorial Mass** Saturday, Nov 8, 10:30 a.m.

**All Soul's Day Remembrances** Beginning Sunday, Nov 2, and throughout November, at all Masses, we will read the names (in alphabetical order) of those buried from our parish these past five years

**A Call for New Altar Servers: Training Begins September 27**

The Altar Server Society at OLQM is open to young parish members in the fourth grade through high school. Anyone may join as long as they desire to be of service to the parish by participating in liturgical celebrations and complete a short period of training. Training will take place over **four Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.** in the church (9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25). Please speak with Fr. Passenant after Mass or leave him a message at the rectory at 718-268-6251 if you have questions.

RAIN OR SHINE

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** 🐾

*St. Francis loved all creatures, and so do we!*

**Sat, October 4  
Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi  
4 PM in the church plaza**

Meet us on the church steps on Ascan Ave. **Be prompt, so that we can conclude before the 5PM Vigil Mass.** Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier for their safety.



**St. Lorenzo Ruiz Mass  
Sunday, October 5 at 1 p.m.**  
Patron Saint of the Philippines



## 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).

### Memorialize a Loved One with an Altar Gift

If you wish to honor a deceased loved one, consider a memorial gift of the Wine and Hosts or the Sanctuary Lamp. Names of the memorialized will be published in the bulletin. To arrange a memorial or to remember a loved one, living or deceased, in our Mass intentions, please visit the rectory during business hours.

### Deanery Corner

*A place to share news and events at nearby parishes.*

**Maggie’s Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish** (Middle Village) presents the musical comedy “She Loves Me.” Sundays 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 @ 3 p.m. Saturdays 9/27 @ 8 p.m., 10/4 @ 3 p.m. Tickets \$25 adults, \$22 seniors, children 15 and under free. Reserve tickets at [maggieslittletheater.org](https://maggieslittletheater.org).

### FREE Bibles and Missalettes

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

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico

**December 7–13.** Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Puebla, and Blessed Miguel Pro Church. \$3,599 includes airfare from JFK, meals, Mass daily. Contact Mike Milano at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 631-569-2620; [206tours.com/cms/mandmtravel/mexico](https://206tours.com/cms/mandmtravel/mexico).

## Catholic High School Open Houses

*Visit during the dates and times listed or contact the school admissions offices to schedule an appointment.*

**ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY** (coed) 83-53 Manton St, Briarwood | **Sun, Oct 19: 10am–2pm** | 718-441-2100; molloyhs.org

**CATHEDRAL PREP & SEMINARY** (boys) 56-25 92nd St., Elmhurst | **Sat, Oct 11: 10am–1pm & Sun, Oct 19: 11am–2pm** | 718-592-6800; cathedralprep.org

**CHRIST THE KING** (coed) 68-02 Metropolitan Ave, Middle Village | **Sat, Oct 4: 10am–1pm & Wed, Oct 22: 6–8pm** | 718-366-7400 ext 240; ctkny.org

**HOLY CROSS** (coed) 26-20 Francis Lewis Blvd, Flushing | **Sun, Oct 19: 12:30–4:30pm** | 718-886-7250, x524; holycrosshs.org

**THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY** (girls) 176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates | **Sun, Oct 19: 10am–3pm** | 718-297-2120; tmla.org

**NOTRE DAME SCHOOL** (girls) 327 W. 13th St., Manhattan | **Sun, Oct 26: 1–5pm** *RSVP req’d* | 212-620-5575; cheznous.org

**MSGR. McCLANCY** (coed) 71-06 31st Ave, East Elmhurst | **Sat, Oct 11: 9am–12pm & 1–4pm** | 718-898-3800; msgrmcclancy.org

**REGIS HIGH SCHOOL** (boys) 55 East 84th St., Manhattan | **Thu, Oct 9: 5–8:30pm & Sun, Oct 19: 1–4pm** | 212-288-1100; regis.org/admissions

**ST. FRANCIS PREP** (coed) 6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Fresh Meadows | **Sat, Oct 18: 11am–3pm** *appoint. req’d* | 718-423-8810, x229; sfonline.org

**ST. JOHN’S PREP** (coed) 2121 Crescent St, Astoria | **Sat, Oct 18: 11am–3pm** | 718-721-7200; stjohnsprepschool.org

**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL** (boys) 30 West 16th St, Manhattan | **Sat, Oct 18: 10am–3pm** | 212-924-7900, ext 1442; xavierhs.org

### TACHS Exam

Registration closes on Oct 29, 2025. Do not miss the deadline. Details at [tachsinfo.com/faq](https://tachsinfo.com/faq).

## Outstanding Appeal Pledges Are Due by December 31

We met our parish goal to raise \$110,076 for the Annual Catholic Appeal and help fund pastoral, charitable, and educational programs for all of Brooklyn and Queens. In fact, we surpassed our goal! To date, \$123,835 has been paid and a total of \$141,308 pledged by 266 donors. Please continue to fulfill all outstanding pledges by Dec 31. The surplus paid over goal will be returned to our parish. God bless you for your giving!

