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New statue replaces one that was vandalized

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A hand from a desecrated statue of Mary rests on a table during Mass Aug. 15 at St. Martha's Church, Uniondale. The statue, vandalized on parish property on Easter Sunday, was buried outside the church following the Mass, which marked the feast of the Assumption.

A woman, above, tosses rose petals on a desecrated statue of Mary after the statue was placed into a five-foot-deep hole Aug. 15 at St. Martha Church, Uniondale. The statue, vandalized on parish property on Easter Sunday, was buried following a Mass marking the feast of the Assumption.

At the right, Maiya Fong-Lee, 8, tosses more rose petals into the hole; while at the top right, Msgr. Francis Caldwell, pastor of St. Martha Church, Uniondale, and parishioners stand in front of a new statue of Mary.

