



American Martyrs

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

Parish Clergy

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Administrator

Rev. James W. King

Rev. Msgr. John F. Keppler,

Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Stanley Galazin

Sunday Assistants

Rev. Msgr. John J. Bracken

Rev. George Cowan

Rev. Emmanuel Nartey

Parish Staff

Ms. Patricia Adams, Business Manager
Mrs. Theresa Asche, Religious Education
Ms. Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister
Mr. Jose Espindola, Maintenance

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am - 12:30 pm

Daily Mass

8:30am Monday - Saturday

American Martyrs Kateri Chapel

Holy Days 8:30am - 12 Noon - 7:30pm

American Martyrs RC Church

79-43 Bell Blvd.

Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

(718) 464 - 4582

Religious Education Office

(718) 464 - 6411

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
Matthew 16:24



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PARENTS THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT DUE TO COVID-19

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER

APPLICATION ARE ONLINE AT AMPARISH.ORG

(UNDER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BANNER)

American Martyrs Mission Statement

We, the diverse Catholic family of American Martyrs, are spiritually centered in the Word and the Eucharist. Our warm, welcoming community creates an atmosphere for a wonderful faith experience as we gather at the table of the Lord to help each other grow in Christ and live according to His teachings. Inspired by the faith and example of our patrons, the North Americans Martyrs, and the Blessed Mother, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we work together to spread the message of Jesus to all.

American Martyrs Celebrates the Sacraments

Penance: Every Saturday at 4:00pm—4:45pm (Also at anytime convenient upon request)

Baptisms: The last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m., except during Lent and Christmas Seasons. Parents must speak to Deacon Stan and are required to attend an instruction class on the second to last Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the Murray Center.

Sacrament of the Sick Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is available for any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill or suffering the effects of advanced age. Please call the rectory to make an appointment for a priest to come to the home, or call anytime for a sudden illness. If serious surgery is scheduled, call to arrange for the anointing before you enter the hospital. A communal celebration of this sacrament is celebrated annually.

Pastoral Care to the Homebound: We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (718) 464-4582. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

Holy Matrimony: Call the Parish Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

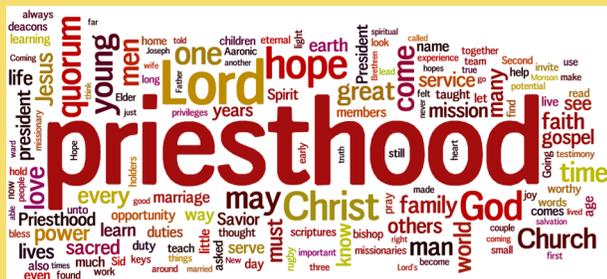
Be Vigilant of Child Abuse At All Times!

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant—that we always observe the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them—at every opportunity.

For help or info call: Maryellen Quinn: Diocese of Brooklyn's Safe Environment Coordinator 718-965-7300

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 30, 2020

“What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process.” Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG
SGT Christopher Cola -USA

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen

If you know of any parishioner who is currently serving in the Armed forces and would like to be added to our prayer list, please call the Rectory. 718-464-4582.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND INTO AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH:



Week V
Jared Jagiello

Our church is named “American Martyrs”, but who exactly were the American Martyrs of... well... American Martyrs?

If you go to the main entrance of the church and step outside, you will see them. Looking at the front entrance from the street, you will see engraved in the granite on the left and right sides of the entrance, those North American Martyrs. Their names are underneath each of their pictures, but I will share them with you: Saint Rene Goupil, Saint Isaac Jogues, Saint John de Lalande, Saint Anthony Daniel, Saint John de Brebeuf, Saint Charles Garnier, Saint Noel Chabanel and Saint Gabriel Lalemant. They were canonized on June 29, 1930.

These men, some of whom were priests, others lay men, were martyred, or killed for their faith in Christ.

We celebrate their feast day on October 19th every year. On that day, we remember their sacrifices that paved the way for Christ’s teachings reaching America. You can

read more about the North American Martyrs on Catholicism.org.

**On next week's installment...
...Did you know? Some mind bending facts about American Martyrs and its design.**

American Martyrs 2020 Mass Book Intentions

There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2020. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.

Please contact the Rectory to request a special Mass offering for your loved one. Also, you may wish to offer the gifts of Bread and Wine or the Altar Candles for one week. The offering is \$25.

New York Blood Center Blood Drives Are Back!!

They Need Your Help Now!

Call For An Appointment 1-800-933-2566

Visit their website: www.nybloodcenter.org

August 23, 2020 Collection

Offering: August 23, 2020	\$3,136.
E-Giving: August 23, 2020	\$1,495.
Total for August 23, 2020	\$4,631.
**Weekly of August 25, 2019	\$5,451.

Thank you so much for your continued support of
American Martyrs Church.

Bit's and Pieces from Mike and Mike: "Building A House's Deck... ..One Nail at a Time!"

Dear People of God, Summer has moved much too quickly! Life moves much too quickly and we often procrastinate. The following (author unknown) is truly profound. Read it and pass it on.

Tombstones Don't Talk Back

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those people on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in half hour?" She would stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday. I had a late breakfast, it looks like rain," and my personal favorite: "It's Monday." She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Tommy toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves get longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on," and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit."

When anyone calls my "seize the moment" friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in ten years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple- Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now . . . go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to . . . not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask "How are you?" Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you live in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told a child, "we'll do it tomorrow" and in your haste, not see their sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just called to say "Hi?"

When you worry and hurry through the day, it is like an unopened gift . . . Thrown away . . . Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

**And by the way, life may not be the party we hoped forBut while we are here we might as well dance!"
Have a blessed week as you prepare for Labor Day Weekend.**

Father Peter

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Children's Stewardship Do Your Children See You Give?

Every parent wants to raise children who share and give generously. When our children someday meet God face to face we want to know that they will hear Jesus say to them the same words the master said to those who used their talents wisely, "*Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy.*" (Matt 25:21)

However, raising a generous child is a challenge in a society that constantly teaches children to want more and more things for themselves. One of the key factors in teaching children to be generous is to let them see you giving. After all, children mimic what they **see**, *not* what they **hear**.

Today many donations to the parish Offertory may be made electronically, monthly, quarterly, or via mail. Thus, children may never actually see their parents give. A child who never sees a parent place an envelope in the Offertory could grow up thinking, "*My parents never gave any support to the Church. Why should I?*"

Therefore, it is important that parents talk with children about the charitable gifts the family makes. If you would like to increase your giving you might even ask your kids about ways the family budget could be adjusted so that there is more to share with God. Their suggestions might surprise you!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 29th

5:00 pm: Josephine Ruzalski (*Bobby Ruzalski*)

Sunday, August 30th

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Margaret Vasquez (*Ashe Family*)

Carol Galanaugh (*AM Knights of Columbus*)

Carmine Vaccarino (*AM Knights of Columbus*)

12:30 pm: Joan Shanahan Kearney (*Family*)

Monday, August 31st

8:30 am: Joe Kinney (*AM Parish*)

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30 am: Valerie A. O'Brien (*Michael, Molly, & Madeline*)

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:30 am: Joe Kinney (*Nancy & Ray*)

+ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help +
(After Mass)

Thursday, September 3rd - St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am: David A. Zack (*Ruth Zack*)

Friday, September 4th

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna (*Will & Barbara Rourke*)

Saturday, September 5th - St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am: In Honor of Mother Teresa

5:00 pm: Barbara Hageney (*John O'Rourke*)

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered
~ In Loving Memory of Virginia & Joseph Laraia ~
Requested by Joann*

REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

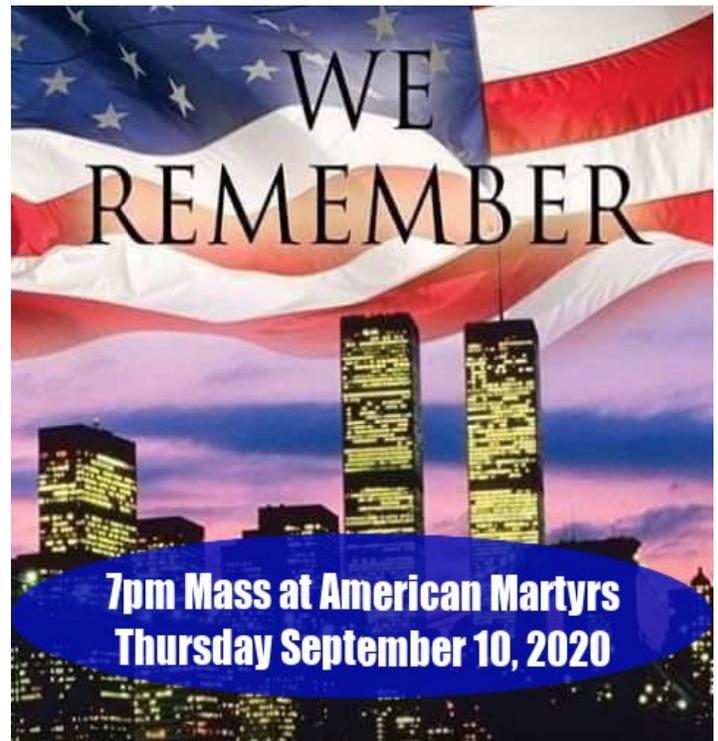
Rev. Msgr. D. Joseph Finnerty

Rev. Timothy H. Hirten

Eternal Rest grant unto them Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace; and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. ~ Amen

Our Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized:

Michael Arriaga, Barbagallo Family, Roberto Barrientos, Iride Bubek, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrorocco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Danny Montchal, Frank Pagano, John Pinto, Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, and Paulette Wilson.



Celebrating Mass at American Martyrs

We can not let our guard down. We need to keep ourselves on our toes in regards to 'Indoor' Social Distancing and *respectfully call each other out if need be. Remember, Safety first! Safety mingled with Respect!*

Face Masks Must Be Worn!

Seating is clearly marked out on every pew.

Please sit in those pews only.

Please Form Only One Communion Line At Each Station and PLEASE A Mask IS A Must

For the health safety of the ministers, Holy Communion will be distributed in your hand only at the present time, (Please understand this local decision is for the safety of our deacon and priests health. We will continue to sanitize American Martyrs after every Mass.

✠ Purgatorial Society ✠
Enrolled for September

Joseph Kinney
Marina Limguanco
Carmine Vaccarino

The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in 12 monthly Masses (starting on month enrolled) offered on the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30am Mass. The stipend to enroll a loved one is \$25. The names of those enrolled for the first month will be published in the bulletin.

Summer Rectory Hours Continue Through September 13, 2020

9am – 4pm (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon on Friday

*Rectory Will Be Closed Wednesdays and Saturday During Summer
Evening Hours by Appointment Only*

MEMORIAL MASS

7 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

JOIN AMERICAN MARTYRS

AS WE STOP TO PRAY AND REMEMBER

THE MEN AND WOMEN MURDERED

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Floater and Smitty

American Martyrs in House Comedians

Floater: Maybe I'll be a watchmaker; it seems like a great job, and I can make my own hours.

Smitty: Give a man a gun and he'll rob a bank... ..Give a man a bank and he'll rob everyone...

Floater: I've been learning to guess the weight of dogs - picked up a few pointers yesterday.

Smitty: Shout out to my arms for always being at my side

Floater: I just saw a robbery at the Apple store... ..Does that mean I can be called as an iWitness?

Smitty: I'd like to dedicate my next pun to my father, who was a roofer. Dad, if you're up there..

Smitty: It is incredible how much intelligence is used in this world to prove nonsense.

Floater: It is okay to be ignorant in some areas, but some people abuse the privilege.

Smitty: Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock.

Floater: All the world is a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.

Smitty: Help! My Reality Check bounced.

Floater: Humpty Dumpty was pushed!

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WINDSOR PARK LIBRARY
79-50 BELL BLVD.

GET TESTED FOR COVID-19
7 DAYS A WEEK
9AM—7PM

FREE NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!
New York City.

LOCATION IS PERFECT FOR ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS... ..JUST WALK ACROSS THE STREET AFTER MASS

GENERATIONS OF FAITH DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN & AMERICAN MARTYRS' CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of July 1, 2020

Amount Pledged: \$1,227,929.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$1,024,400.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$588,687.

Number of Parishioners participating: 317

Thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Charities - Bayside Senior Center

221-15 Horace Harding Expy. 718-225-1144 Serves full meals at 11:30 every day. Programs: Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Exercise, Bingo, Computer, and more.

Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus

Will minister and care for the elderly in their own homes. Call 718-888-7708.

Catholic Charities Home-base Program

assists those with housing crisis, (i.e.-- rental arrears, utility shutoffs, etc.) Call 718-674-1000 for more information.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Donate your old Car, Truck or Van - running or not. 718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$75/\$200 to American Martyrs. For anyone that has a neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of contact: SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM IRS Tax Deduction -Any Condition.

Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups

If you've been affected by or are concerned about someone else's drinking, you've come to the right place! Hope, help, and happiness are attainable. www.nycalanon.org -- 212-941-0094

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals

Are you or someone you know 60+ years old, living in the Northeast Queens area and would benefit from a hot meal each day? Call 718-357-4903 for more information.

Meals-on-Wheels:

Sub. Drivers needed on call--Mon - Sat. 4 hours per workday. 718-357-4903 #1 - Maria or Kathy

Nar-Anon Never Alone:

Is a 12-step support group for anyone affected by a loved one's use/abuse of drugs. 718-217-0364.

National Suicide Prevention

Help line: -1-800-273-8255

Healing After Abortion:

Sisters of Life at: 866-575-0075
Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



BOW

We bow when we want to honor someone. Sometimes, we bow in

submission before forces beyond our control. And we may even bow before an audience to receive their applause and recognition. Our lowered head or our bended bodies make a bow for many reasons. And when we bow our heads or bodies at Mass, we do so—not surprisingly—for different reasons as well.

In the Creed, we bow at the words " . . . and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." We humbly and gratefully bow to the Eternal Word who humbled himself to come among us as one like us in all things but sin. We bow before receiving Holy Communion, a gesture of deep reverence before the mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord. At the end of Mass before a solemn blessing, we bow our heads when we hear, "Bow down for the blessing." In that moment, we submit ourselves to all the good and gracious gifts God wants to give us. Reverence, submission, and gratitude—all this in a simple gesture.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, I encourage you to pray the Rosary daily. This wonderful devotion has given comfort and strength to Catholics throughout the centuries. The intercession of Our Lady is indeed powerful and most needed at this time.

GIL BELONGS !!!!

Call the Baseball Hall of Fame and ask for
Jacqueline Brown
(888-425-5633)

Tell her, Brooklyn's Best "Gil Hodges"
belongs in the Baseball Hall of Fame



MASS SHOULD BE YOUR REASON FOR MISSING EVERYTHING

