

# American Martyrs

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 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



“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. **Matthew 20:1-2**

## 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 - 12:30pm

## Weekday Daily Mass

8:30am Monday - Saturday  
American Martyrs Kateri Chapel  
Holy Days 8:30am - 12 Noon - 7:30pm

## Rectory Hours

9am - 4pm Monday–Thursday  
9am–12 noon Friday and Saturday  
Evening Hours by Appointment Only

## Religious Education Office

(718) 464 - 6411





## THANK YOU THERESA ASCHE

Hats off to Theresa Asche, American Martyrs Coordinator of Religious Education for her hard work and computer skills in preparing for Educating our Children in the ways of the faith.

The upcoming year is going to be a challenge being we MUST hold classes Virtually (on-line).

Theresa and Ron Asche have worked through out the summer preparing. Please, when you see them acknowledge them and thank them for their dedication to Religious Education

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PARENTS THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT DUE TO COVID-19

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

ALL CLASSES IN THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

CALL MRS. ASCHE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Dear People of God, Summer is history. Daylight is growing shorter and the winds now have a chill in the early morning. Seasons change ever so slowly and eventually burst in all their glory. The seasons of our lives also change and nothing remains the same. Many people fight change or refuse to grow. Someone once said: "Heaven is a local call." What does this mean? How do we glimpse Kingdom of God in our lives today? The following story powerfully connects change, growth and the ability to make heaven a local call.

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

As the seasons of our lives take on new colors and meaning, making the Lord Jesus the point of reference and constant center of our lives will bring an inner peace. B.J. Hoff makes "Heaven a local call" in the form of this prayer.

My child, I've often heard your question: This message is My answer. You're concerned about the hungry in the world, millions who are starving... and you ask, "What can I do?" FEED ONE!

You're haunted by the homeless poor who wander city streets... and you ask: "What can I do?" SHELTER ONE!

You feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair ... and you ask: "What can I do?" COMFORT ONE!  
Your heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned ... and you ask: "What can I do?" LOVE ONE! Remember this,

My Child ... two thousand years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless and the hopeless called out to Me for mercy, I sent a Savior ...

### ***HOPE BEGAN WITH ONLY ONE!***

We can make a profound difference in the lives of others by our words and actions. We need never walk alone — the Lord Jesus is our strength, joy and pillar in all the moments and seasons of our lives.

### ***On the seasonal journey with you, Fr. Peter***

***P.S. We all need a good laugh —***

-A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon went on and on. Finally, she leaned to her mother and asked, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he stop?"

-After his baby brother was baptized in church, little Johnny cried all the way home in the car. His dad finally asked him what was wrong. The boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys!"

# American Martyrs and The NY Blood Center's Blood Drive

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**

**9:15am—1:45pm In the Sullivan Center**

**For more info on requirements to donate blood visit the  
New York Blood Center's website: [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)**

Congratulations Deacon Stanley J. Galazin!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has conferred Papal Honors upon Deacon Stan. Because of his longtime service to the People of God of the Diocese of Brooklyn and American Martyrs, Deacon Stan was chosen to receive the Benemerenti Medal.

The Benemerenti Medal was created by Pope Gregory XVI, and dates to the late 18th/early 19th century. It was first awarded to soldiers in the Papal Army. The medal was later extended to members of the clergy and laity for exceptional service to the Roman Catholic Church.



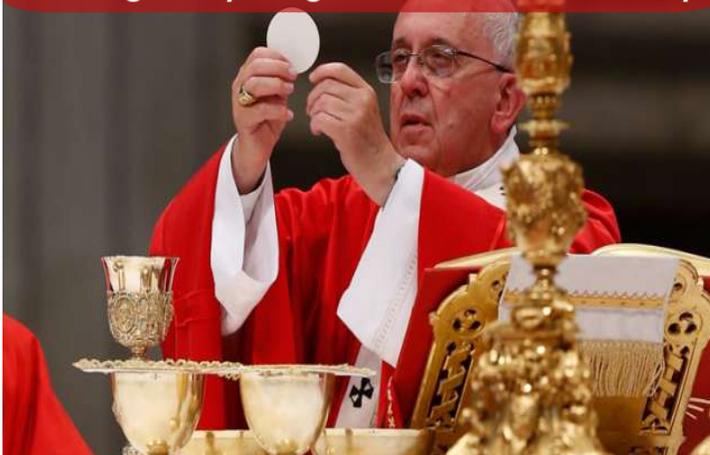
The papal honors system dates back many centuries, with each Honor and Awards having its own history and relevance in the life of the Catholic Church. The Holy Father, Pope Francis grants all Honors and Awards and the local church only has a role in promoting nominations for such Honors and Awards. The Papal Honors system seeks to encourage aspirations and ideals of the highest standards and values within the Catholic Church by recognizing people who have:

- Shown outstanding valor and bravery on behalf of the Church and Society;
- or · Carried out conspicuous deeds of merit in Church and Society; or
- Provided significant services to the church by persons maintaining unwavering fidelity to God and the Sovereign Pontiff; or
- persons who have been instrumental in conspicuous activity in support of the Church, particularly in the exercise of their professional duties; or
- Have undertaken meritorious work on behalf of the Church. The degree and value of the contribution made by the person nominated is to be the primary focus in considering nominations rather than the length of service.

*The ceremony for reception of this Papal Honor was held yesterday by Bishop DiMarzio at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph. God blessings to Stan and his wife, Mary on this fantastic honor.*

**FREE COVID-19 TEST AND TEST AT THE WINDSOR PARK LIBRARY 79-50 BELL BLVD.  
9AM-7PM, 7 DAYS A WEEK NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!  
LOCATION IS PERFECT FOR ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS...  
...JUST WALK ACROSS THE STREET AFTER MASS**

**Going To Mass Should Be the Reason For  
Missing Everything Else On The Lord's Day**



**PRAYERS, LETTERS AND  
AMERICAN MARTYRS' BULLETIN**

How great it must be to know that your family and friends are praying for your safe return home while serving our great country in the U.S. Armed Forces and how fantastic it must be to receive mail with the return Zip Code of 11364, knowing it is coming from home!

Please keep in your prayers the faithful members of American Martyrs currently serving in the United States Armed Forces! To the Family of those serving our Country, if you drop off a mailing address we would gladly mail a weekly bulletin to your sons and daughters...

**...The Men and Women Serving our Country  
Are Always in my prayers... ..Fr. Peter**

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Joseph Ossana** (*John O'Rourke*)

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo**  
**10:30 am: Dolores Defonte** (*sister*),  
**Arturo Marciano** (*Concetta*)  
**Joseph Kinney** (*A.M. Knights of Columbus*)  
**12:30 pm: Rev. Frank Schwarz** (*Birthday*)

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Vito Merola** (*Wife*)

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8:30 am: David A. Zack** (*Ruth Zack*)

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Charles Kavaliauskas** (*Family*)

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

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Marilyn Sasadek** (*Frank*)

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Catherine Kearney** (*Family*)

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans**

**5:00 pm: Joseph Ossana** (*Janet Wolf*)

## **Catholic High School's Open House**

**Archbishop Molloy**  
**Call 718-441-2100**  
**Bishop Loughlin**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> Call 718-857-2700**

**Cathedral Prep**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> Call 718-592-6800**  
**Christ the King**  
**Call 718-366-7400**

**Fontbonne**  
**Call 718-784-2244**

**Holy Cross**  
**Call 718-886-7250**

**Msgr. McClancy**  
**Call 718-898-3800**

**The Mary Louis Academy**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup> Call 718-297-2120**

**Nazareth**  
**Call 718-763-1100**

**Regis HS**

**Virtual Information Night September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Call for info: 212-299-1100**

**St. Edmund's Prep**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> Call 718-743-5243**

**St. Francis Prep**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> Call 718-423-8810**

**St. Saviour HS**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup> Call 718-768-4406**

**Xavier HS**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> Call 212-924-7900**

**Xaverian HS**  
**Call 718-836-7100**

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered  
~ In Thanksgiving - St. Anthony  
Requested by Anita Mascioli*

### **REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

#### ***Baby Carlo Cercone***

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 Mastrococco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Danny Montchal, Frank Pagano, John Pinto, Lorraine Rensch, 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.***

***...PLEASE BE SAFE***



**American Martyrs Fr. John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council #14666  
Catholic High School TACHS Entrance Exam Virtual Preparatory Course  
(Using Google Meet)**

**Classes will be held on the Wednesdays of October from 4pm—6pm**

**To "Pre-Register" send an email to the Fr. John J. Murray Council at  
KofCAM14666@gmail.com (Preparatory Course is FREE)**

*Floater and Smitty  
American Martyrs in House Comedians*

**Smitty:** My wife is too old for the amount of passwords she is supposed to remember.

**Floater:** "Do you like camping?" - my retirement adviser

**Smitty:** Never getting into a lane merging game of chicken with a person that has a garbage bag for a car door window

**Floater:** What is heavier water or butane? Water because butane is a lighter fluid.

**Smitty:** Breaking News on NBC News, Man gets hit by rental car. Said it Hertz.

**Floater:** I came into this world screaming and I still haven't stopped.

**Smitty:** What wine goes well with two ungrateful teenagers, an oppressive boss and insurmountable credit card debt?

**Floater:** We can't afford to take our kids to a corn maze this year so we're just going to take them to an IKEA instead.

**Smitty:** I took my relatives kids to the movies it only cost all the money I had for the cookout tomorrow and my rent.

**Floater:** I am rarely more focused on 5 seconds than when I'm waiting to skip an ad on the internet.

*September 13, 2020 Collection*

**Offering: September 13, 2020 \$3,898.**

**E-Giving: September 13, 2020 \$1,395.**

**Total for September 13, 2020 \$5,293.**

**\*\*Weekly of September 15, 2019 \$5,579.**

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

*American Martyrs Live-Streams Mass  
Daily at 8:30am*

*Visit our website to watch: [amparish.org](http://amparish.org)*

**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.**



**American Martyrs Society of St. Vincent de Paul- Food Pantry has been selected by local Stop & Shop store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program!**



*For the month of October,  
American Martyrs Society of St. Vincent de Paul- Food Pantry will  
receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable  
Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 21315 26th Ave, Bayside NY.*

### TREASURE OF OUR FAITH TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the Pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!--*Rev. James Field, Copyright (c)*

### KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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# Sing

Most parish congregations singing at Mass certainly don't offer much competition to the Sistine Choir. We all have our

share of off-key singers and raspy voices. But sing we do, and sing we must—certainly at Mass. Why?

When we sing, we let the music carry our words of prayer. And when we sing, we let the music gather us into one voice. When we sing, we begin to link ourselves with the choirs of heaven in the praise and thanksgiving of God. Think, for example, of the "Holy, Holy, Holy." The words are drawn from the prophet Isaiah who had a vision of heaven and heard this music of the angels directed to the thrice-holy, all-holy God. Here on earth, here at Mass, we make our humble beginning, connecting with angelic choirs.

### 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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus**

Will minister to the elderly in their own homes. Call 718-888-7708.

#### **Catholic Charities Home-base Program**

assists those with housing crisis, Call 718-674-1000 for more info

#### **Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn**

Donate your old Car, Truck or Van - running or not. 718-491-2525.

The Society will give back to American Martyrs.

#### **Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups**

Hope, help, and happiness are attainable. -- 212-941-0094

#### **Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals**

Call 718-357-4903 for more information.

**Nar-Anon Never Alone:** Call for info 718-217-0364.

**National Suicide Prevention** Help line: -1-800-273-8255

**Healing After Abortion:** Sisters of Life at: 866-575-0075