

American Martyrs
Easter Sunday

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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.

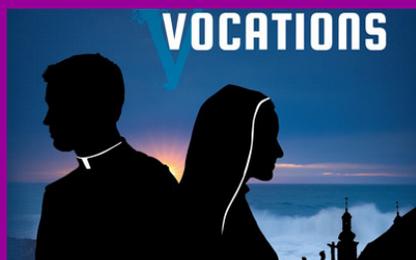
Be Vigilant of Child Abuse At All Times!

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

AMERICAN MARTYRS WEB ADDRESS

AMPARISH.ORG



Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? 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
TAO Sean Reiley—USN

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.

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

Dear Alleluia People of God, HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter from Fr. Emmanuel Fr. King, Msgr. Bracken, Deacon Stan Galazin and the entire American Martyrs Parish Staff.

The Joy of Easter

The first visit to the grave of a spouse, a parent, a child, a friend is a painful and distressing experience. The finality of never seeing our loved one again, the thought of them lying in a cold earth while we are unable ever to hold or touch them again. We meet Mary of Magdala on her first visit to the grave. She is no different than us. Her world and that of the disciples had been turned on its head. And it happened all so quickly. They had barely been able to take it in; the betrayal and the brutality; the humiliation and the horror of Jesus's death.

There is no short cut to Easter morning or the Resurrection story of cheap cheer. The road to Easter morning begins on Good Friday. Like Mary and the other disciples we have to journey to the heartbreak, the hopelessness, the confusion and chaos of the cross before we can make sense of the empty tomb; it is the empty tomb itself that transforms the brutality of the cross and all our personal and private crosses. With the faith-filled eyes like John who saw and believed - in the burial cloths on the ground and neatly folded, the fetters of death broken, he sees the empty tomb as the key to understanding who Jesus really is and a new beginning.

In our Easter celebration of the Resurrection we too like John "see and believe" that suffering is not the last word; failure can be redeemed; love is stronger than death; that God is always a God of surprises, and that nothing is impossible to God.

This Easter morning we renew our faith that the Resurrection is not a thing of the past but is still a vital power to transform this world and our lives; despite the cruelty, the indifference, the persistent injustice and evil that seems to flourish all around us, we believe that no matter how bad or dark things can become, goodness, compassion, forgiveness, love, justice are irrepressible, irresistible forces that cannot be destroyed by cynicism or despair or the forces of violence, hatred or death.

To keep believing and hoping like this requires determination, conviction, perseverance and strength, especially when the pain of Good Friday takes root in our own lives. The empty tomb is not a promise that everyone lives happy ever after, not least ourselves. Life is too complex for that. But for those who like John, see and believe, the empty tomb offers a new quality of life, a new trust, a new confidence in the power and love of God that underlies the sometimes unpredictability and cruelty of life and that nothing has the power to destroy or take away from us. It is this faith and hope that gives meaning to what seems like an uncertain future and a sometimes meaningless world. Such is the power of the Resurrection and we who see and believe are instruments of that power.

A World War II journalist was writing about the devastation and destruction he witnessed after a night of bombing in London during the blitz. He recalled coming to a house barely standing with the windows and doors blown out and the tattered curtains blowing in the morning breeze. To his surprise he discovered a woman and her young baby at the door of the house. He said to her, "What a terrible night!". "Oh yes, but what a beautiful morning!" was her magnificent reply.

**Easter Prayers and Blessings
Fr. Peter**

HAPPY EASTER!

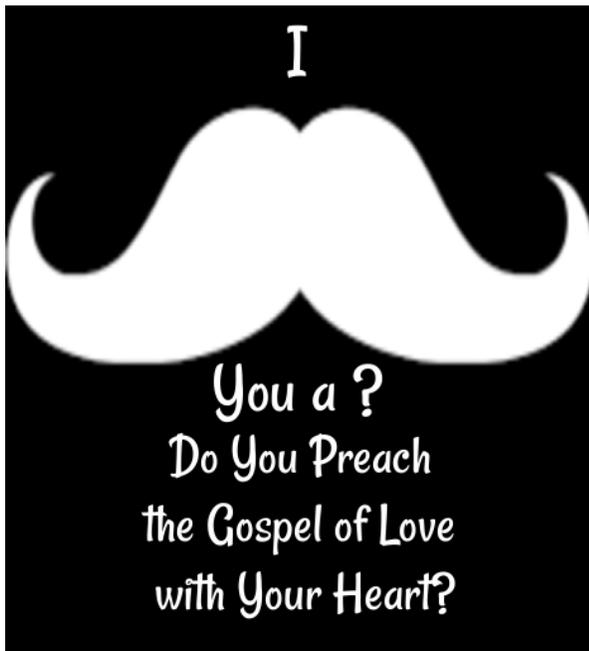
Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch--Passover! Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques! Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land!

Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody!

As someone once said of the Catholic Church, Here comes everybody!

So in this St. Joseph, we make our own Saint Joseph's Easter welcome from over Two Thousand years ago: Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table is richly set!

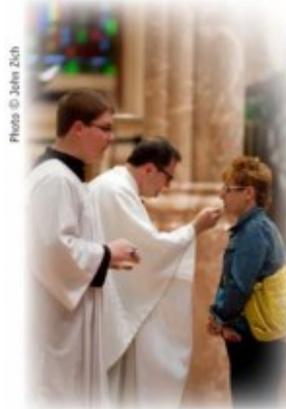
Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb! Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!



† EASTER DUTY

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2021) to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday, May 30, 2021).

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Unite

The Mass unites us and makes us one but not in the ways that you might expect. You may not know the name or history of the person sitting next to you in the pew. Still, the Mass unites you and draws you extraordinarily close to each other. How does this happen?

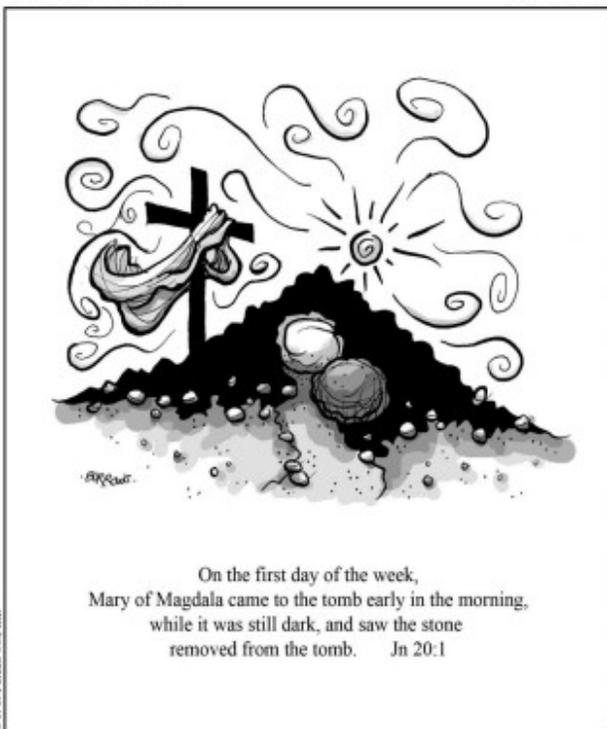
We are first united in Holy Communion with Jesus and in the unity of the Holy Spirit with each other. Saint Paul said, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17). The Mass, then, unites us with Jesus and, in him, with each other. That is a gift. Besides being a gift, this unity is also a task and a responsibility that flows from the Mass, as we hear Paul urging us to make "every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3). Finally, this unity is our hope and destiny, as Jesus prayed for us: "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one" (John 17:22-23).

HAPPY EASTER

...Rejoice, Rejoice and Sing, Rejoice and Be Glad...
...for Earth and Heaven are Joined
and Humanity is Reconciled to God!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"Lord, bless the Easter food we bring here. And, uh . . . don't forget little Janet's Peeps®."

Youth Ministry Invitation

Have some fun, unwind and get engaged with your faith.

April 9th:

Praying with St. Faustina Kowalska

This session will introduce one of the most influential Saints of the 20th century, St. Faustina Kowalska. The session will also make use of two of the central devotions in Divine Mercy piety, the image of Jesus as the "King of Mercy" and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **On Zoom**

April 23rd: Are You Stressed Out? Ways to Deal with the Stress in Your Life.

Most teens deal with lots of stress in their lives. Family, school, friends and many other things can add varying levels of stress. This session for youth will look at common stressors and give them the tools they need to address and cope with the stress in their lives. **Murray Center**

All sessions have icebreakers and games. In person sessions have snacks.

Grades 7th through 12th Grade

Fridays at 6:30 p.m., dates above

To register, please e-mail: youthministryam@gmail.com Attn: Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister

For questions, please call: Cynthia Macias (646) 361-6681

"I am, You are, We are the Church together"



**American Martyrs
2021 Annual Catholic**

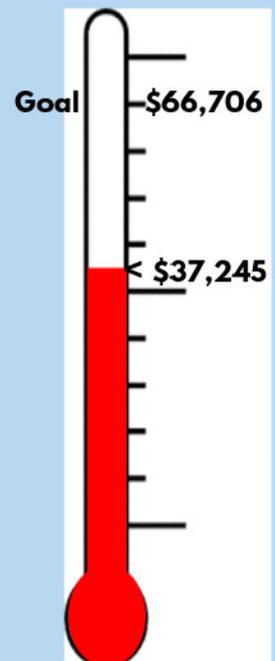
**Appeal Update
March 29, 2021**

Parish Goal: \$66,706

Pledged: \$37,245

Received: \$21,391.16

Donors: 84



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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



FOR THE WEEK OF April 4

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3rd
8:00 pm: Faithful of American Martyrs

Easter Sunday, April 4th
8:30 am: Joseph A. Borst (*Ed*)
10:30am: Purgatorial Society
12:30pm: Patrick + Joan Kearney (*Their Family*)

Monday, April 5th
Philip Cataldi (*Bill Riveria + Jerry Hauck*)

Tuesday, April 6th
Sr. Marion Phillips

Wednesday, April 7th
Ann C. Meiswinkle

Thursday, April 8th

Friday, April 9th

Saturday, April 10th
8:30 am: Martin Chorzepa (*Jovie + John*)
5:00 pm: Josephine Rubalski (*Bobby + Rita*)

SANCTUARY CANDLES
PATRICK + JOAN KEARNEY



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Lorraine Rensch, Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Glen Ferguson, Kathy Evers, Tricia Zafferese, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo and Chistine Biondi

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine
are offered for intentions of*

Ruggieri Family



**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
OF AMERICAN MARTYRS AND IN OUR FAMILIES**

AS WE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF



REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Collection for March 28, 2021

E-Giving: \$1,267.50

Collection: \$4,328

Total: \$ 5,595.50

**Thank You for your support of
American Martyrs during this difficult time.**

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule at American Martyrs



Good Friday Divine Mercy after 8:30am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday Divine Mercy after 8:30am Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday after 12:30 Mass

Easter Week (Monday - Saturday) after 8:30am Mass

April 11, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday
12:30pm Mass followed by
Adoration, Reconciliation and
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet



Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666
Church of American Martyrs

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FOR MORE INFO



COLUMBIETTES

News from The American Martyrs Columbiettes :
"A Catholic Organization for Women"

We warmly invite ladies age 18 + Up
To Join Our Awesome Council
For info please call Deneille Loprete @ 917-414-3753

Devotion to St. Anthony

Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass
March 16 - June 8



St. Anthony, through your teaching
and preaching you bore witness
to the loving presence of
God in all of creation.

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.

Call: 718-491-2525.

The Society will give back to American Martyrs.

Open AA Meetings

Sullivan Center Monday Evenings 8:30pm-9:30pm

Closed AA Meetings

Wednesday Evenings 8:30pm-9:30pm

Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups

Hope, help, and happiness are attainable.

212-941-0094 nycalanon.org

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



Weekly Sacred Scripture Study

Tuesday After 8:30am Mass In the Murray Center

For more Info call: Annabelle Villegas 917-331-1312

Floater and Smitty

"We're lost, but making great time!"

Floater: Telling people I'm on a diet to prepare for a movie role because that sounds way better than "my wife is not letting me eat bread"

Smitty: I'm well-prepared for a cashless society. Having kids already has me there.

Floater: I love going to parties. Where else can you take a 6 pack of cheap beer and end up drinking a 12 pack of good beer?

Smitty: I hate it when I don't forward a chain letter, and I die the next day.

Floater: Got a parking ticket the other day for being parked illegally. Not sure why? The sign clearly said "Fine for Parking."

Smitty: I saw a sign that said 'Falling Rocks.' So I tried and it doesn't.

Floater: I'm pretty sure the Hotel receptionist was checking me out!

Smitty: Bacteria, the only culture some people have.

Floater: You know you're a bad driver when Siri says: "In 400 feet, stop and let me out."

Smitty: I don't bank at Fifth Third Bank because I like my bank to understand fractions better than that