The poster features a central graphic of a black silhouette of a rifle against a background of a red, white, and blue gradient. The rifle is positioned vertically, with the barrel pointing upwards. The background is framed by a thick red border. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of several crosses of varying heights, suggesting a cemetery. The text is arranged in several white rounded rectangular boxes.

American Martyrs

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Memorial Day Weekend
May 30, 2021

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." – Unknown

Parish Clergy

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Pastor
Rev. James W. King
Deacon Stanley Galazin
Rev. Msgr. John F. Keppler, P.E.

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey
Rev. James Devine

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am - 12:30 pm

8:30am Weekday Daily Mass
Monday - Friday in Main Church
Saturday in Kateri Chapel (Rectory)

Holy Days See Bulletin For Schedule

Parish Staff

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

Fr. John J. Murray
Knights of Columbus Council #14666
First Friday Holy Hour
7:30pm American Martyrs Church

American Martyrs RC Church
79-43 Bell Blvd.
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364
Telephone (718) 464 - 4582

Religious Education Office
(718) 464 - 6411

Website: www.amparish.org

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.

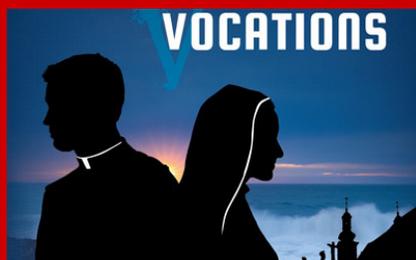
Be Vigilant of Child Abuse At All Times!

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



The Most Holy Trinity -- May 30, 2021

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” How do you hope to share in God’s glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN
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!"

Memorial Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events. by the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

It is the veteran, not the preacher, who gives us freedom of religion.

It is the veteran, not the reporter, who gives us freedom of the press.

It is the veteran, not the poet, who gives us freedom of speech.

It is the veteran, not the community organizer, who gives us freedom to assemble.

It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who gives us the right to a fair trial.

It is the veteran, not the politician, who gives us the right to vote.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the United States of America. "It's a way we can all help put the Memorial back in Memorial Day!"

God Bless and Protect the Men and Women Serving in the United States Armed Forces
Fr. Peter

American Martyrs School of Religious Education
Registration has begun for the School Year 2021/2022

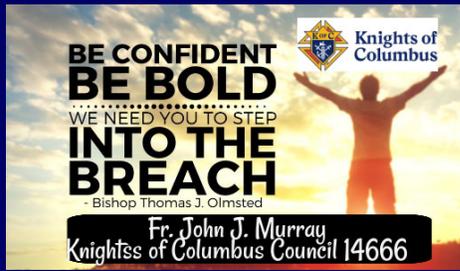
Please visit our website: amparish.org.
Look for the Religious Education tab for the registration form.
Call Theresa Asche 718-464-6411 for more information.

Sister Ave Clark, O.P. Will be at American Martyrs

"God's Sunshine in Everyday Graces" on Saturday, June 5, after the 8:30 am Mass to be celebrated in Church.

Please join Sister Ave Clark, from Heart to Heart Ministry, to reflect on God's Graces every day, in every way!
For information, please call Sister Ave at 718-482-2471, and visit her website at www.h2h.nyc.

**American Martyrs Rectory Will Be Closed Monday
For Memorial Day**



Fr. John J. Murray
Knights of Columbus Council 14666
"Into the Breach"
Catholic Men's Faith Reflection
Thursday, June 17 at 7:30pm

Please consider joining other parish men in strengthening your faith on Thursday evening, May 20th. This is open to men of all ages regardless of whether you are a Knight or not. We will meet both in person and virtually over Zoom depending upon your preference. Please arrive to the Sullivan Center at 7:15 or log into the Zoom link at that time so we can begin promptly at 7:30.

The group will begin by watching one of the short 12-minute videos from the Into the Breach collection <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> followed by a moderated conversation about how to apply the principles in our own lives and how to support each other to grow in virtue and take action to serve Christ and others.

Please email kofc14666fm@gmail.com to register or with any additional questions.

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Invoke

Just before the priest pronounces the words of consecration over the bread and wine, he invokes the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts. "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall."

This invocation envisions the Spirit transforming the gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. At the same time, because we bring ourselves to Mass to give ourselves over to the Lord in our self-gift, the prayer also invokes the Holy Spirit to come upon us and transform us as well into the Body of Christ.

The double invocation of the Holy Spirit on bread and wine and on us and the double transformation of both into the Body of Christ show us the power of God at work in our worship. Far from a common gathering of like-minded people or friends, our celebration of Mass is an extraordinary experience. Here we know and taste the transforming power of God's Holy Spirit—invoked on the gifts of bread and wine and the gift of ourselves.

Fr. John J. Murray Knights of Columbus
 The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffles after mass for the rest of May. It is a 50/50 Split
 1st pl=30%,
 2nd pl=15%
 3rd pl=5%

It supports the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA
 Which supports military chaplains. Donation: \$5/ ticket or 5 for \$20. Drawing is June 28, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR
JULY 2021 through AUGUST 2022
 All Parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Church, Rectory Chapel or School for parish functions are required to submit a **written calendar of dates, times and locations to Pat at the Rectory by June 30.**

Hopefully, we will be able to resume a normal calendar of events.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Post #1772

We are happy to announce that the Catholic War veterans will resume their meetings on the last Saturday of every month, beginning on Saturday, May 29 at 9 am in the Sullivan Center, after celebrating the 8:30 am Mass.

Also, the Catholic War Veterans will be outside the doors of the Church on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 after all Masses selling Poppies. Please buy a Poppy and help support all of our Catholic War Veterans.

VA BURIAL BENEFITS BRIEFING
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 @ 1:00 PM

Please join us for a one-hour briefing about VA Burial Benefits that are available to help most older veterans and their spouses better plan for their future.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 @ 1:00 PM
FREDERICK FUNERAL HOME & QUINN-FOGARTY FUNERAL HOME

192-15 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11358
(718) 357-6100

Seating is limited, please RSVP by contacting:
718-357-6100 or Email:
Nicole.Esposito@dignitymemorial.com

BLOOD DRIVE

American Martyrs Church

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:15am - 1:45pm

79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Appointments strongly encouraged

Walk-ins allowed if scheduling & social distancing guidelines permit.

To make an appointment:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/291204

In Memory of Ed Malench

For more information contact Ed (917) 971-4635

Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

We hope this finds you all in good health. We want to let you know that we hope to have a meeting in the beginning of October. We also will hopefully resume saying the Rosary, as a group, on the first Sunday of the month, before the 10:30 am Mass in October. (The month of the Rosary.)

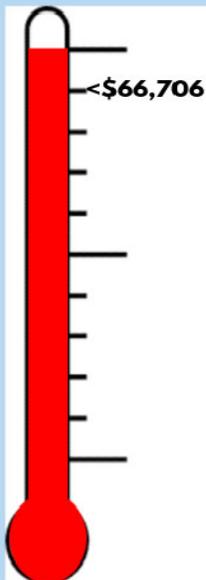
We hope you have a good summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.
Look for an announcement in later bulletins.

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



**American Martyrs
2021 Annual Catholic**

Goal>



**Appeal Update
May 25, 2021**

Parish Goal: \$66,706

Pledged: \$73,295

Received: \$63,075.97

Donors: 140

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

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

Saturday, May 29nd

5:00 pm: Nicholas Moteka/Alves (Cavaliere Family)

Sunday, May 30th

8:30 am: Graciela Cedeno Loor (Victor + Raquel Flores)

10:30am: Magaly Ramos (Ron + Theresa Asche)

Nicholis Sabbatini (Barbara + Gerald Caliendo)

Maria Nomikoudis (Tina Mata)

12:30pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs

Monday, May 31st

Luzviminda + Rufino Clemente, Jr. (Omolon Family)

Tuesday, June 1st

Victoria Mendez Ching (Adolf Juran)

Wednesday, June 2nd

Patrick J. Kearney (Family)

Thursday, June 3rd

Harry McClean (Ray Fortune)

Friday, June 4th

Haydy Rodriguez (Haydy De La Cruz)

Saturday, June 5th

8:30am: Rick, Virginia + Fred Schrage (Gallagher Family)

5:00 pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs

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 Schemes, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Glen Ferguson, Kathy Evers, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi, Rosemary Mollo, Ramon Dickson, Thomas Lafleur, Bridget McGovern and John Pinto

CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour. --Anonymous

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine
are offered in Memory of
Lance Cpl. Michael D. Glover*



*Sanctuary Candle
Offered in memory of
Lance Cpl. Michael D. Glover*

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



REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Collection for May 23 2021

E-Giving: \$1,407.50

Collection: \$3,056

Total: \$4,463.50

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

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

Knights of Columbus Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666
 7:30pm June 4, 2021 First Friday Holy Hour Praying for our Fathers



COLUMBIETTES

News from The American Martyrs Columbiettes:
 We will meet in person on June 2, 2021 at 7:30pm

Meeting will take place in the Fr. Murray Center
 For info please call Deneille Loprete @ 917-414-3753

Weekly Sacred Scripture Study

Tuesday After 8:30am Mass In the Murray Center
 For more Info call: Annabelle Villegas 917-331-1312

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.

**8:30am Mass on Saturdays'
 Will Be Celebrate in the
 Kateri Chapel (Rectory)**



Divine
 Mercy
 Chaplet

Fridays'
 after
 Mass

Jesus, I Trust in You

Floater & Smitty's New Medical Dictionary

- Floater:** Artery is the study of paintings
- Smitty:** Bacteria is the Back door to cafeteria
- Floater:** Barium... ..What doctors do when patients die
- Smitty:** Benign... ..What you become after you be eight
- Floater:** Caesarean Section... ..A neighborhood in Rome
- Smitty:** Catscan... ..Searching for Kitty
- Floater:** Cauterize... ..Made eye contact with her
- Smitty:** Colic... ..A sheep dog
- Floater:** Coma... ..A punctuation mark
- Smitty:** Dilate... ..To live

LEGACY

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's
 make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

Anonymous

Welcome Home Snowbirds

Welcome home to all our parishioners who spend their winters in
 a much warmer climate. Sometimes when we try to reactivate
 your envelopes they arrive early and are forwarded to your
 winter address or arrive a month or two late. If you are back in
 Oakland Gardens and need envelopes please call the rectory and
 leave your name and address. Temporary envelopes will be sent
 to you.