

American Martyrs

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



Parish Clergy

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Pastor
Rev. James W. King
Rev. Mr. 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 - Saturday in Main Church
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
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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

2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Penance

Monday, Dec. 20— 11 am to 1 pm

Christmas Eve ~ Fri. Dec. 24

8:30 am, 5 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day Sat. Dec. 25

8:30am, 10:30am & 12:30 am (No 5 pm)

Sunday, Dec. 26

8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Sat. Jan.1 2022 New Years Day

8:30 am, & 10:30 am (No 5 pm)

Sun. January 2, 2022

8:30am 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

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.

Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Michael Arriaga, Roberto Barrientos, Iride Bubek, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Lorraine Rensch, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi, Rosemary Mollo, Ramon Dickson, Thomas Lafleur, Luis D. Vargas, C.J. Marino, Mary Carroll, Eleanor Kelly, Thomas Holloran, Pauline Purcha, Tara McGraw and Msgr. John Keppler, Fr. Peter Rayder, Joseph Zicari, Fr. James King.

**The Altar Candles are offered
In Memory of
Jack Bills
by Ann Marie Bills**



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm: For the people of American Martyrs

Sunday, December 19

**8:30am: Christopher Kiernan Sullivan
(Brozen Family)**

10:30am

**Inestia De Rosas (Patricia Morales)
Joseph, Marie & Marie deAngelis (Family)**

12:30pm

Donald MacEwen (Donna Vilardi & Family)

Monday, December 20

8:30 am: Patrick J Kearney, Sr. (Famly)

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 am: Margaret Wackerman (Doris Hamner)

Wed. December 22

**8:30am: Adele & Charles Perrano
(Merola Family)**

Thursday, December 23

8:30am: Antoinette & Andrew Telesca (Marie)

Friday, December 24

**8:30 am: Marcella Larkin (Terri Matuszewski)
5:00 pm: Josephine & Stanley Ruzalski (Rita Bobby)
Midnight Mass: Faithful of American Martyrs**

Saturday, December 25

**8:30am: Ruggieri Family (Family)
10:30am Jack Bills (Ann Marie)
Barbara Galloway (Michelle Forgenie)
Fr. Peter Rayder (Healing) (A.M. Parishioners)
12:30 pm: Patrick & Joan Kearney (Family)
No 5 pm Mass**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent invites us to commit to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of others and to the desire for a new world.

Prayer turns our thoughts and our hearts to Jesus who is about to come.

***The Sanctuary Candle
Is Offered for:
Patrick & Joan Kearney
by their Family***



**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF
AMERICAN MARTYRS
ERNESTA MONGELLI**

God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. -Revelation 21:4

Upcoming Events At American Martyrs

- **NO BINGO DECEMBER 28**
- First Sunday of every month - Pray the Rosary
10:00 am in Church before the 10:30 am Mass
- Sat. Dec. 18— CWV Breakfast with Santa—
10 am-SC
- Fri. Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Party —SC
- Sat. Jan. 8 — Synod Listening Session 9—11:30 am
— SC More information to follow.
- Sat. Jan. 8 —Defensive Driving —MC - 9 am —3 pm
Call Marty 631 360 9720

The Collection for December 12, 2021

**E-Giving: \$21,154.50
Collection: \$5,171.
Total: \$26,325.50**

December 25 will be our Christmas Offering
for our Church.
The second collection will be a Special Christmas offering for
Catholic Charities.

December 19, 2021 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship — Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

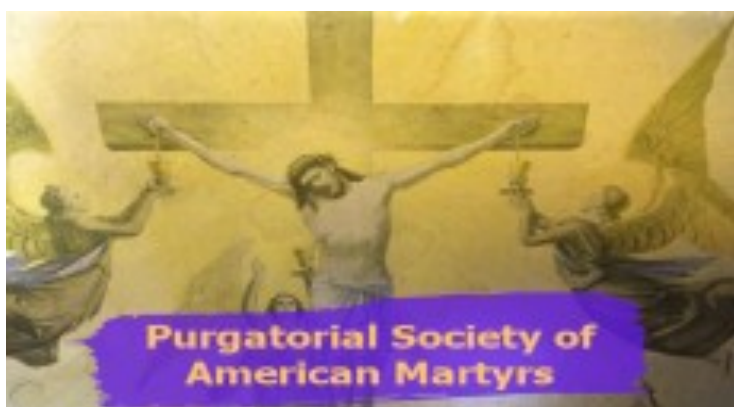
We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

TheCatholicSteward.com

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY — DECEMBER 20, 2021

On Monday, December 20, 2021, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at American Martyrs from 11 am to 1 pm in the Church. Please go to neighboring Churches for confession times.



Purgatorial Society New Members ~ December
Anita Brozen Eugene L. Brozen
Ernesto Bigornia Woody Rodriguez

The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in 12 monthly Masses (starting on the month of enrollment) offered on the First Sunday of every month at the 10:30am Mass.. The stipend to enroll a loved one is \$25.00 . The names of those enrolled for the first month will be published in our bulletin



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 18TH 2021

10am in The Sullivan Center

Santa will bring a toy
for every good girl and boy !

So don't be missed

Sign up on Santa's list.

Boy Age_____ Boy Age_____ Boy Age_____ Boy Age_____

Girl Age_____ Girl Age_____ Girl Age_____ Girl Age_____

Sponsored by:
American Martyrs
Catholic War
Veterans
Post#1772

Children up to age 9
\$5.00 per child
\$10.00 per adult

Face Painting

Pictures with
Santa

Coloring Contest

Bagels, Ham,
Cake, Coffee, Tea,

Religious Education

Parents, please be aware that Religious Education starts at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings in the Sullivan Center.

Classes will be held on December 19th

No classes on December 26th (Winter Recess)

Defensive Driving Course

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs** on Saturday January 8, 2022 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm. To register or for more information, please call Marty at 631-360-9720

Rectory Office Hours

Mon—Thurs 9am –12 noon & 1pm—4pm

Saturday's 9am—12 Noon

All Other Hours by Appointment

AMERICAN MARTYRS WEB ADDRESS

AMPARISH.ORG



AT

AMERICAN MARTYRS

SULLIVAN CENTER

DECEMBER 31 , 2021

7:30 PM – 12:30 AM

\$65.00 / PERSON

APPETIZERS, DINNER AND DESSERT (BYOB)

PROFESSIONAL DJ "JOEL"

BRING YOUR DANCING SHOES AND YOUR APPETITE

**LET'S TOAST AND WELCOME YEAR 2022
TOGETHER!!!**

**RSVP DEADLINE DECEMBER 26, 2021 MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH
NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT RSVP**

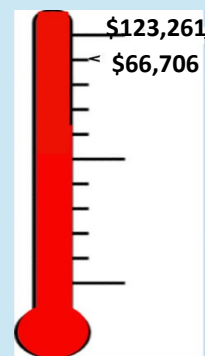
For information contact Theresa @ 718-428-5308 or Jovie's e-mail jovie212@yahoo.com

of Adult ____ @ 65.00 = _____ # of child (11 to 16 yrs) ____ @ 35.00 = _____

of child (6 to 10 yrs) @ 25.00 = _____ # of child under 5 ____ (free)



American Martyrs
2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Update
December 6, 2021
Parish Goal: \$66,706
Pledged: \$123,261.57
Received: \$121,775.96
Donors: 177



SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

All are welcomed to join in an historic moment in the life of the local and universal Church by participating in a synod listening session learning how we journey together in the Church today and how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in our journeying together in the future. Join with other parishioners on **Saturday, January 8th from 9-11:30 am in the Sullivan Center**, as we work closely in communion, participation and mission. Deacon John Warren will be the facilitator for our parish listening session. Please RSVP to Pat at the Rectory by Tuesday, January 4th. 718-464-4582 .

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Praying the Rosary—

Hosted By the Rosary Society

First Sunday of every month, the Rosary will be recited at 10am (before the 10:30am Mass).

Please join us to honor Mary, “The Mother of God at the Center of the Pilgrim Church.” All are welcome!

Christmas Fair Raffle Winners

First Prize \$3,000 Dana and Becca Pastorelli
 Second Prize \$1,500 Annie Servillo
 Third Prize \$500 Thomas Fiero

Floater And Smitty

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.

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.

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

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