

American Martyrs

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



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
Knights of Columbus Council #14666

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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.

FACE MASK REQUIREMENT

By order of New York State, masks must be worn by all in indoor settings, which includes Masses.

We ask your full cooperation in order to protect one another and bring an end to this pandemic.

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

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

Weekly Sacred Scripture Study

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



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"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts 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,

AMERICAN MARTYRS WEB ADDRESS : AMPARISH.ORG

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 16

**8:30am: Natividad Diaz Policarpio
(John & Jovie Chorzepa)**

10:30am

**Ilda Riobo (Joseph Cipola)
Woody Rodriguez (Fortune Family)
Susanne Ramos-O'Connor (Jovie & John)**

12:30pm

The People of American Martyrs

Monday, January 17

8:30 am: Richard J. King (AM Parish)

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 am: St Anthony (Migehe Wipple)

Wednesday, January 19

8:30am: Fr. Peter Rayder (AM Leisure Club)

Thursday, January 20

**8:30am: Ludwig Ulzheimer
(Carl & Margaret Reyes)**

Friday, January 21

8:30 am: Gina Chacko (Chacko Family)

Saturday, January 22

**8:30am: Peggy Fortune (Fortune Family)
Mary Fullam (Andy Paccione)
Barbara Galloway (Huguette Volmar)**

5:00 pm: The People of American Martyrs

**The Gifts of Bread and Wine
are offered
In Memory of
Albert Jean Valery, Jr. (Mom)**



**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF
AMERICAN MARTYRS**

**Dominic Parascandolo
Mary-Frances Pullan**



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

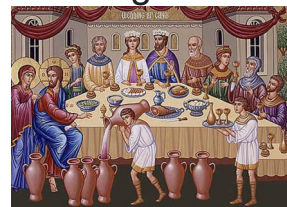
- **BINGO HAS BEEN CANCELED until further notice.**
- First Sunday of every month - Pray the Rosary 10:00 am in Church before the 10:30 am Mass
- Sun. Jan. 16 — NO Religious Education
- Sat. Jan 29—CWV meeting 9 am in the SC after the 8:30 am Mass

The Collection for January 9, 2022

**E-Giving: \$2,507.50
Collection: \$5,243.00
Total: \$7,750.00**

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Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

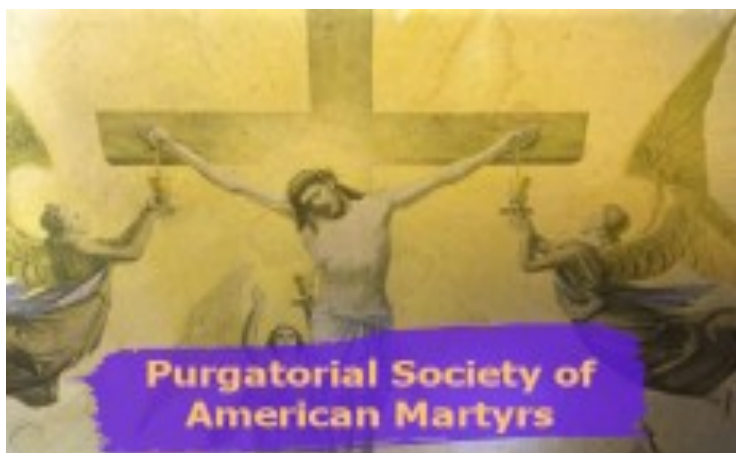


In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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Purgatorial Society New Members ~ January 2022

Frank and Anna Smaldino

Catherine Schreiber

The Smaldino & Granieri Families

Virginia & Joseph Laraia

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

Turn Worry into Peace

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus
Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV)

Want to make a life-changing choice right now ? Choose to trust Jesus. Lay your worry at His feet and pray for Him to help you get through whatever situation is on your mind. Give up fear and accept the peace He offers.

Dear Lord, I know in my heart You are in control. Help me to remember to choose Your peace over my worries.

What matters most?

When Jesus promised to be with us always, he wasn't just talking symbolically. He meant that he would stay with us – body, blood, soul, and divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus himself “truly, really, and substantially contained” in Holy Communion (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sec. 1374). He is there every time. **We meet the one and only Jesus.** The Jesus we meet in Holy Communion is the same person who now sits at the right hand of the Father. How this happens is a mystery but we know it through faith – a faith deepened by Holy Communion. **We are joined to Jesus.** At Mass, we aren't just spectators. By celebrating the Eucharist, we enter into an incredible, mystical relationship with Jesus himself. We are joined to Christ and to each other as members of his Body. What matters most is communion with Him. The best way to celebrate the Eucharist is to receive Holy Communion devoutly and frequently.



Parish Food Drive — Two Weekends

Saturday and Sunday January 22 /23

Saturday and Sunday January 29 /30

Father Murray Knights of Columbus will have collection bins in place at the church entrances for **non-perishable** , **non expired** food items to benefit our own St Vincent DePaul food pantry, and the food pantry at St. Kevin parish at all Masses on these two weekends.

Food pantries are under great pressure during these times, and depend on our continuing generosity to those in need

Religious Education

**Parents, please be aware that Religious Education starts at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings in the Sullivan Center.
No classes on Sunday, January 16**

Yesterday is gone.
Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have today.
Let us begin. ~ St. Mother Teresa

**Proclaim His marvelous deeds
to all the Nations!**

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 need at this time.

**Rectory Office Hours
Mon—Thurs 9am –12 noon & 1pm—4pm
Saturday's 9am—12 Noon**

Due to Covid concerns:
**BINGO HAS BEEN CANCELED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



With heartfelt gratitude, we would like to thank all of you who have supported the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal with your contributions to American Martyrs Church. Your donations to the 2021ACA have sustained the many programs throughout the Diocese.

Please remember any monies received over the goal will be retuned to the parish which is a great incentive. We ask all parishioners to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal and you can go to [www. catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic](http://www.catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic) appeal to make a donation. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION.

Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation and those interested in becoming Catholic. Please call the Faith Formation Office (718-464-4582) for more information.

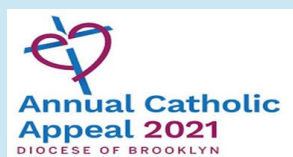
Please go to our website: AMPARISH.ORG to read the bulletin for information and the events going on in our Parish .

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.



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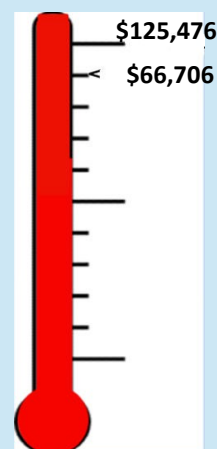
**Update
January 10, 2022**

Parish Goal: \$66,706

Pledged: \$126,431.

Received: \$125,476

Donors:186



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!



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



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AMERICAN MARTYRS
FR. JOHN J. MURRAY
COUNCIL 14666

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AND CHANGE A LIFE**

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KofCAM@gmail.com



God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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**

Floater And Smitty

Floater: Adios! Au Revoir!... ..I'm Bye-Lingual Smitty:
I'm reading a horror story in braille. Something bad is going to happen, I can feel it.

Floater: To some marriage is a word, to others it's a sentence

Smitty: Lifelong counterfeiters never make any real money.

Floater: Statistically... ..9 out of 10 injections are in vein.

Smitty: I just found out I won the procrastinator of the year award in 2017. They say there's no hurry to pick it up.

Floater: Picked up Rodger Hodgson the lead singer of Supertramp, and he told me to take the long way home.

Smitty: I invented a new game: "Quiet Tennis," it's like regular tennis except without the racquet.

Floater: What do you call a pod of musical whales? An Orca orchestra!

Smitty: An ancient Greek walks into his tailor's shop with a pair of torn pants. "Euripides?" say the tailor. "Yeah, Eumenides?" replies the man.

Floater: Exit Signs - Are they on the way out?

Smitty: On a scale of 7 to 1.2, how much do you not hate being confused?

Floater: I may look like I'm having deep thoughts but 99% of the time I'm thinking about who is going to buy me coffee.