

American Martyrs

7th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 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: 7:30pm Vigil, 8:30am & 7:30pm

Parish Staff

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

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Pray for Life, Peace and Vocations

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 second Saturday at 1pm and the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Parents must speak to Deacon Stan one month in advance before the scheduled date. Due to Corvid19 restrictions parents and sponsors are not required at this time to attend an instruction class.

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

Traveling Madonna

The purpose of this Virgin Mary statue is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of peace and hope. For the past 9 years, the Rosary Society has been passing the statue of Mary through the parish. In this difficult time, as we pray for peace, anyone interested in joining the rotation, please call Margaret Reyes at 718 217-7110. In these unsettled times, praying the Rosary is important. Please join us on the first Sunday of the month at 10 o'clock to pray as a group. All 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

Join the American Martyrs

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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., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi, Rosemary Mollo, Ramon Dickson, Luis D. Vargas, C.J. Marino, Mary Carroll, Eleanor Kelly, Thomas Holloran, Pauline Purcha, Tara McGraw, Msgr. John Keppler, Joseph Zicari, Dawn Brigante, George Adamonis, Bill Krug, Caroline Bonacci, Germaine DeVier and Anthonine Charles

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, May 29

8:30am: Jean Marie Galazin (requested by Family)

10:30am: Marcia Lora (requested by family)

Consuelo Pena (requested by family)

Maria Romanelli (requested by Olga Salamanca)

12:30pm: Misa Pro Populo

Monday, May 30

In Memory of Men and Women Who Died for Our Country

Tuesday, May 31

Dennis Blando (requested by family)

Wednesday, June 1

Jane Kearns (requested by Doyle Family family)

Thursday, June 2

Patrick J. Kearney 65th Anniversary (requested by family)

Friday, June 3

Delores Alonso (requested by family)

Saturday, June 4

8:30am: Alda Amato (requested by Ethel Taussig)

Healing of Friends (friend)

5:00pm: For the Faithful of American Martyrs



REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF AMERICAN MARTYRS



Astor Cheng (Child in 3rd grade at PS188)

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. Rev. 21:4

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

Catholic Communication Collection

The second collection next weekend, June 5 is for Catholic Communications – The mission of this collection is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. The National Office of the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) receives 50% of the funds collected. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the CCC. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the diocese for the use in local communication projects.

The Collection for May 22, 2022

E-Giving: \$1,872.50

Collection: \$3,042.00

Total: \$4,914.50

Honor Our Heroes with These Memorial Day Messages and Quotes

Memorial Day is one of the United States' most poignant federal holidays. It's a day to remember and honor those who have lost their lives in military service. Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2022 will occur on Monday, May 30. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

Where Did Memorial Day Originate?

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor the dead on separate days until after World War I.

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Memorial Day Traditions

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C.. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

God Bless as we journey together, Fr. Peter

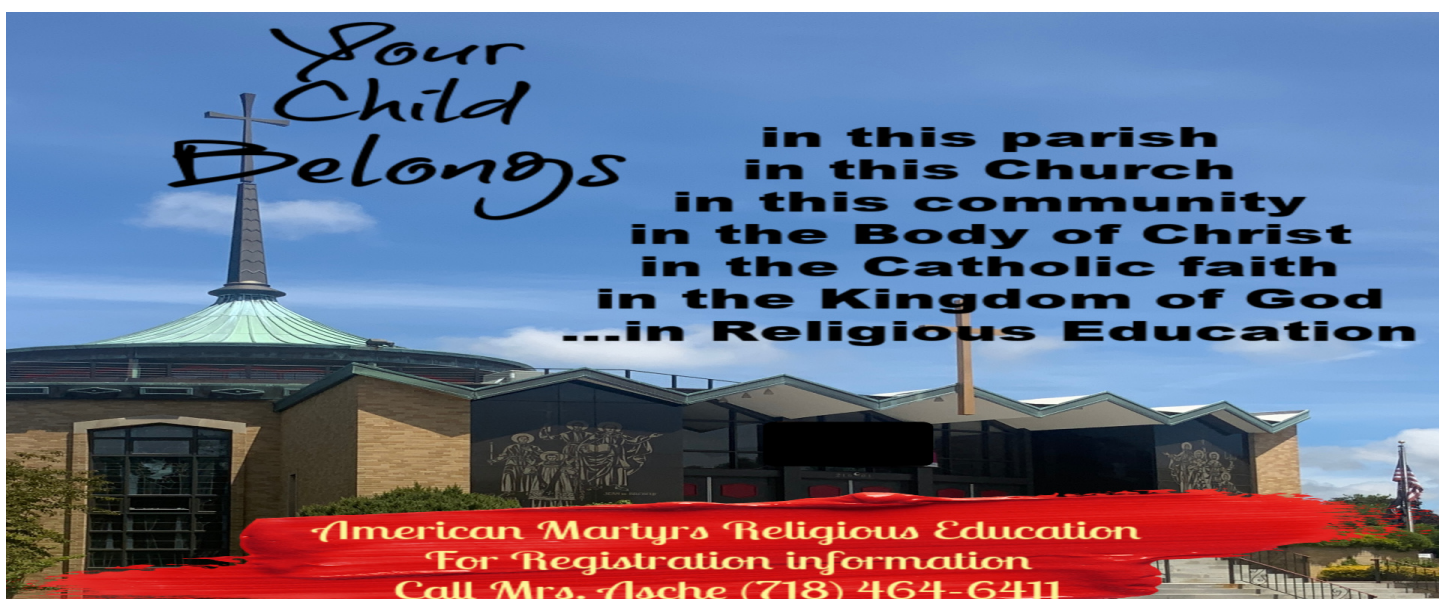


"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek"



Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries

Msgr. John F. Keppler: 62 years on May 28
Rev. James T. Devine: 62 years on May 28
Rev. George R. Cowan: 57 years on May 29
Msgr. Kevin Benson Noone: 52 on May 30
Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, D.D.: 51 years on May 29
Rev. Dominic Baffour Akowuah 38 years on July 15
Rev. James W. King: 31 years on June 1
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey: 27 years on July 22
Deacon Stan Galazin: 24 years on May 16
Rev. Frank L. Schwarz: 21 years on June 2 and
Yours Truly: 20 years on June 29



Floater and Smitty

Floater: Chinese take out \$8, tip \$2, getting home to find out they forgot part of your order, riceless.

Smitty: One of the weirdest things about being an adult is having a favorite stove top burner. No one ever talks about it, but y'all know it's true.

Floater: Old age comes at a bad time for me! When I finally know everything, I start to forget everything I know.

Smitty: Imagine if you will... ..An atheist stuck at a green light behind a car with a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker.

Floater: Last night the Internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.

Smitty: Floater asked me why my wife was so upset. I responded, "I asked when dinner would be ready" and Floater asked me, "What's wrong with that?" I said, "she was mowing the lawn when I asked!"

Floater: Don't know if this is a scam or not but I've received a phone call yesterday saying I'd won \$250 cash or two tickets to see Elvis. It said press 1 for the money or 2 for the show.

Smitty: My wife said, "Okay, I have our passports, boarding passes and car rental reservation." I asked, "Where are we going again?"

Floater: Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them.

Smitty: Last night my wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said, "I didn't know he could."

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

American Martyrs Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society's "Afternoon Tea" socials are taking a summer vacation and will continue again in the Spring.

See you in October

American Martyrs Celebrates The Sacrament of Baptisms

We will now offer the second Saturday at 1pm as well as the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. (except during Lent and Christmas Seasons.) Parents must speak to Deacon Stan one month in advance before the scheduled date. Due to Corvid19 restrictions parents and sponsors are not required at this time to attend an instruction class.

Congratulations to American Martyrs' Own Edward F. Pearce



Upon receiving the
Regional EMS Council of NYC EMS
Communication Specialist of the Year



American Martyrs Goal: \$66,708

As of May 23, 2022

Pledged: \$103,920

Received: \$85,491.66

Number of Pledges: 125

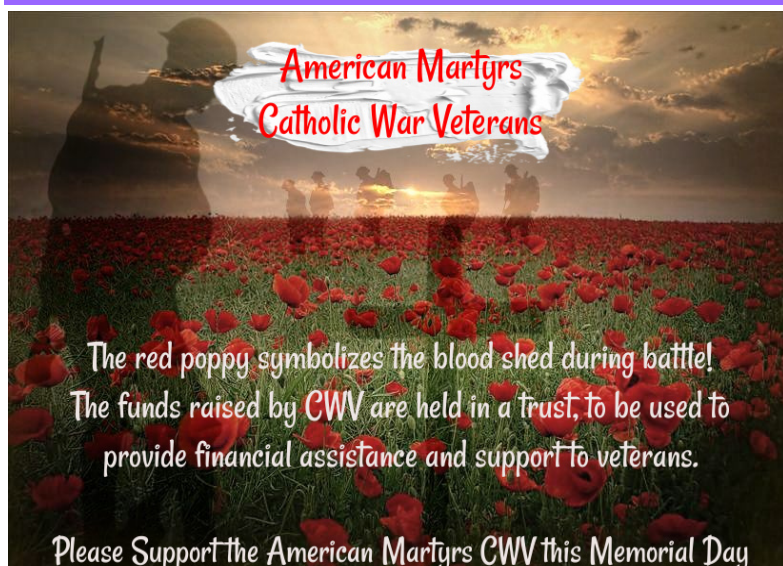
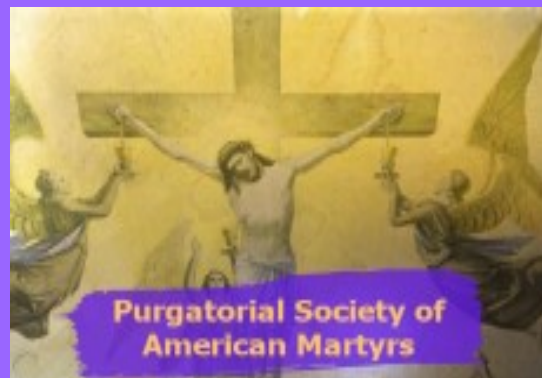


Purgatorial Society

New Members enrolled for June

Joseph Terrano, Frances McCulloch, Johanna Flaherty Julia Gray,
Margie Lyons, Donna Fortune and Peg + Bud Fortune

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.



PARISH CALENDAR JULY 2022 -- AUGUST 2023

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.

You're Invited!
Come join us!



Youth Ministry Fridays 6:30 p.m. Murray Center

Feb	March	April	May	June
4	4	1	6	3
11	11	8	13	10
18	18	15	20	17

E-mail youthministryam@gmail.com
to register
Questions: (616) 361-6631
Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister
Program (October - June) Grades 6th - 12th



St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest + Doctor of the Church

Novena
June 4th - June 12
After 8:30am Mass



Memorial Mass of St. Anthony
8:30am Monday, June 13

Coffee + Bread after
Fr. John J. Sullivan Center