

American Martyrs

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

CLERGY

Rev. Peter J. Rayder
Rev. Mr. Stanley Galazin

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am + 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:30am Monday - Friday
Saturday 8:30am Communion Service
Holy Days
7:30pm Vigil, 8:30am + 7:30pm
Confessions Saturday 4pm - 4:45pm
(Also by appointment)
Website: www.amparish.org

PARISH STAFF

Ms. Patricia Adams
Business Manager
Mrs. Theresa Asche
Director of Religious Education
Mr. Jose Espindola
Parish Grounds

Knights of Columbus Council #14666

Fr. John J. Murray/
American Martyrs Council
Columbiettes

79-43 Bell Blvd. Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

Rectory: 718 + 464 + 4582

Religious Education: 718 + 464 + 6411



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 an 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 pm

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 and American Martyrs Rosary Society

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 !

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN, PO3 John Schaefer - USCG
and 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.

The Collection for August 28, 2022

Online Giving: \$990.50

Collection: \$4,546.00

Total: \$5,536.50

Parish Grounds: \$1,186.00

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For more information call Anne Caruso 347 - 626 - 9802
"A CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN"

Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Michael Arriaga, Roberto Barrientos, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Lorraine Rensch, John Sheridan, Jr., 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, Caroline Bonacci, Germaine DeVier, Anthonine Charles, Chuck Levitt, Fr. Jim Cunningham, Anna + Erwin Bischoff, Jimmy O'Neil, Deniel Borfitz, Robert Durfey, Dr. Frank Amico, Rudy Mazzocchi, Arlene Scherne, Thomas Lafleur, Rosalind Apostadero and Millie SanSeverino



September 4 - September 10

Sunday

8:30am

Rev. John J. Murray (requested by Galazin Family)

10:30am

Purgatorial Society

12:30pm

Antonio Mongelli (requested by Elena Rodo)

William Krug (requested by the MacPherson Family)

Monday

Phil Greco (requested by Andy Paccione)

Tuesday

St. Michael (requested by Gabriela)

Wednesday

August J. Brogle Jr. (requested by Kathleen + Mark Flug)

Thursday

Carlo Cercone (requested by Cercone family)

Friday

The American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Intentions
(requested by Fr. Peter)

Saturday

8:30am: For the Faithful of American Martyrs

5:00pm

Michael Delligatti (requested by Elena + Rudy)



***The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered
in thanksgiving for the volunteer
in our CYO Program***

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2022



"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
OF AMERICAN MARTYRS**



**MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE, AMEN**



***This weeks Sanctuary
Candle is offered
In Thanksgiving for
"The Gift of Life"***

**The Rectory Office Will Be Closed on Labor Day (Monday)
As We Honor and Respect The Dignity of All Workers**

American Martyrs Blog... ..Brought to you by Greg, Mike and Mike2

Dear People of God, It is easy to take much for granted in our everyday living. We may take health, family, relationships, faith, and neighborhood for granted. Yet, life is fragile. Relationships, health and family are cherished gifts and we daily need to assume nothing, but rather give thanks to God and cherish our gifts. So much has happened around us. Yet, at times, our world feels upside down.

I share with you a story given to me a few years ago, it is truly a real.....

KEEPER

I grew up with practical parents who had been frightened by the Great Depression in the 1930's. A Mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it.....A Father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in his trousers, T-shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dishtowel in the other. It was the time for fixing things: a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem on a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that repairing, reheating, reusing. I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my Mother died and I was stuck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So.... while we have it...it's best we love it... and care for it...and fix it when it's broken...and heal it when it's sick.

This is true...for marriage...and old cars...and children with bad report cards...and dogs and cats with bad hips...and aging parents...and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special...And so, we keep them close!

Good family members and friends are like stars...You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Keep them close!

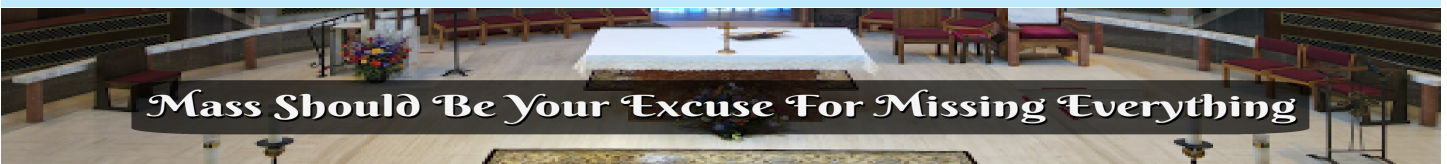
Satchel Paige, an outstanding Major League Baseball pitcher, once said: "Never let your head hang down. Never give up. Find another way. ***And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.***"

Wonderful food for thought and always give God thanks and praise despite rainy days! And may the NY Mets keep winning!

***On the journey with you,
Fr. Peter***

P.S. A Blessed Labor Day weekend to all of you!

P.P.S. Please pray for an end to world and national violence and for those recovering from all recent natural disasters!



What ever happened to...



So often in life we ask the simple question: "What ever happened to?"

Many have asked in recent weeks, "***What ever happened to Fr. Jim King?***"

Fr. King was assigned here to American Martyrs on a Part-Time Basis as we shared his priesthood with the College Seminary, ***The Cathedral Seminary House of Formation*** in Douglaston.

This past August Fr. King was assigned by Bishop Robert J. Brennan Full-Time at The Cathedral Seminary House of Formation as Director of Spiritual Formation of the Seminarians.

We wish him God's blessing in a position that he is extremely capable of and well suited for.

In the Prayers of American Martyrs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Re- REGISTRATION for the 2022-2023 school year for September is now taking place. Please visit amparish.org to print an application. Please send the completed form back to the rectory with payment. All classes are onsite Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are on Sunday morning and attending the 10:30 Mass as a class each Sunday, *this is a requirement for all Religious Education classes.* Classes this year will be in the school building, classes start at 8:45 A.M... Doors will open 10 minutes before classes start. . Grade 7 will be on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30P.M. in the Murray Center. Seventh grade is required to attend 10:30 Mass on Sunday as a class each Sunday.

To register your child for the first time you must: (1.) Fill out registration form, (2.) Attach a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and (3.) Return registration form with appropriate fee

If your child is not baptized, or if you are registering a new student for any grade above First Grade, you should call Theresa Asche at 718-46406411.

Registration Fee 2022-2023 school year will be: \$50.00 for one child and \$100.00 up to three children.

All registrations are due by September 7. There will be no registration on the first day of classes.

First day of Sunday class is September 11 and the first day of Wednesdays class is September 14

Thank You

Theresa Asche, *Director of Religious Education*

REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD'S NAME: _____
LAST FIRST

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____

PLEASE CHECK OFF THE BOX IF ANY INFORMATION HAS CHANGED ☐

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ SEX: _____

MOTHER'S "MAIDEN" NAME: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____

GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE): _____

E-MAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

GRADE IN SEPTEMBER: _____ SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

SACRAMENT INFORMATION:

BAPTISM DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ PARISH: _____

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION YES ☐ NO ☐

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ PARISH: _____

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED FIRST PENANCE: YES ☐ NO ☐

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ PARISH: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (LEARNING DISABILITIES): _____

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS: _____

**PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD
ATTENDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

A Prayer for Labor Day Weekend

Loving, Working God, On this Labor Sunday we ask your special blessing on all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, in the workplace or at home, in the U.S. and around the world. We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live the full life you intend for each of us. Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old. A world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Amen.



The Marriage Encounter *"You Can't Afford to Miss It"*



Friday September 23 - Sunday September 25
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington NY
Call 877 - 697 - 9963 (ext 1,2 or 3)
email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org



SEPTEMBER 10+ SEPTEMBER 11

Lectors

5pm Vigil: Getulio Cury
8:30am: Jillian Minarik
10:30am: Paul Williams
12:30pm: Maureen Henry

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5pm Vigil: Raquel Barrientos + Lillian Santos
8:30am: Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica
10:30am: Annie Caruso + Jovie Chorzepa
12:30pm: Frances Kersch

FLOATER & SMITTY Sitting in the Summer Sun

Floater: I went to the doctor's today and told the doctor that every time I cough, I hear words like knight, bishop, pawn and queen. He said I have a chess infection.

Smitty: My wife just phoned me to tell me that 3 girls in the office have received flowers and they are absolutely gorgeous. I said "that's" probably why."

Floater: Just saw 3 people jogging outside and it inspired me to get up and close the blinds.

Smitty: Advice to self: "Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up."

Floater: Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter!

Smitty: I walked my wife past Kennedy's Restaurant last night. "Did you smell that food?" She asked. It's smell incredible good! Being a kind-hearted husband, I thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!" So we walked past the restaurant again!

Floater: When life throws you a rainy day, play in the puddles.
Smitty: Huge fight at the Seafood Restaurant, battered fish everywhere.

Floater: I may not have been my mother's favorite child, but I was the first one she thought of whenever the Police knocked on the door.

Smitty: I'm as useful as an ashtray on a motorcycle

American Martyrs Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Wednesdays
10am + 12 Noon
Kateri Chapel



American Martyrs Goal: \$66,708

As of August 29, 2022

Pledged: \$132,982.00

Received: \$119,876.02

Number of Pledges: 161



The Defensive Driving Course: "You Can't Afford to Miss It"

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD AT: American Martyr's RC Church- Bayside
Saturday, October 1, from 9:00AM -3:30PM For info call Martin Hirschfield at 631 360-9720



Bake Sale Fundraiser



Sunday September 11

After the

8:30 and 10:30 Mass

Funds will be used to provide a water well to a community that does not have running water

“Give Drink to the Thirsty”

Sponsored by the Columbiettes



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Dear Parents:

Altar Servers perform a very important ministry in the liturgical life of the Church. They assist the Priest, Deacon and other liturgical ministers in the celebration of the Eucharist, and in other liturgies, such as weddings, funerals and baptisms. In his meeting with 9,000 Altar Servers in Rome on August 4, 2015, our Holy Father, Pope Francis said to them, ***"The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer, the more you will be nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received."*** (<https://www.acronline.org/blogs/francis-chronicles/being-altar-server-call-prayer-and-mission-pope-says/>).

As we begin to get back to a normal Celebration of the Eucharist here at American Martyrs we are in need, and need to prepare our young boys and girls in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades to serve the faithful of American Martyrs in this beautiful ministry. Training will begin for 3 consecutive Sunday's beginning October 16th, 23rd, and 30th. They will be trained in Church during the last 30 minutes of Religious Education. We will install the "New Servers" on Sunday, November 6, 2022 during the 10:30am Family Mass.

If interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory office. The Ministry of Acolyte/Altar Server is acceptable for Community service required in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation or in school.

We would like the parents to understand that this ministry is a responsibility and commitment for both the child and the parents. *The presence of a parent or family member is required at all Altar Servers meetings and practices.*

American Martyrs Acolyte/Altar Server Ministry
Attention: Fr. Peter or Deacon Stan

Child's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone of Parent _____ **Email of Parent** _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent's permission: *My child has permission to minister at American Martyrs Parish*

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



*But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists,
others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the
work of ministry,* for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:7, 11-12*

If you are interested in serving in one or more of American Martyrs ministries, please fill out the form and check off the particular ministry. You will be contacted regarding your choice. Those in High School and in College are extremely welcome and encouraged to serve here at American Martyrs as well.

Return form to rectory to the attention of Deacon Stan or Fr. Peter

- ☐ Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- ☐ Lector
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Catechist Volunteer
- ☐ Altar Rosary Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____