

Rev. Peter J. Rayder
Very. Rev. Francis K. Asagba, D.Min, JCL
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



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Knights of Columbus Council #14666
Fr. John J. Murray/American Martyrs
Columbiettes

79-43 Bell Blvd. Oakland Gardens,
NY 11364
Rectory: 718 + 464 + 4582
Religious Education: 718 + 464 + 6411

February 12, 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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 February 5, 2023

Online \$1,507.50

In-Pew \$4,023.00

Total \$5,530.50

Mission Collection \$541.00

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FR. JOHN J. MURRAY/AMERICAN MARTYRS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 14666**



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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

Roberto Barrientos, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Lorraine Rensch, John Sheridan, Jr., Marie Scuderi, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi, Rosemary Mollo, Ramon Dickson, Luis D. Vargas, C.J. Marino, Mary Carroll, Eleanor Kelly, Pauline Purcha, Tara McGraw, Msgr. John Keppler, Dawn Brigante, George Adamonis, Caroline Bonacci, Germaine DeVier, Anthonine Charles, Chuck Levitt, Anna + Erwin Bischoff, Jimmy O'Neil, Dr. Frank Amico, Rudy Mazzocchi, Arlene Scherne, Thomas Lafleur, Joann Failla, Rosalinda Apostadero, Pasquale Scottie, Millie SanSeverino Jen Flynn Limberg, Tom Dana, James, Anne Kingston, Elsie + Frank Paukowits and Fr. Jim Cunningham

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of February 12 - February 18

Sunday 8:30am

Inesita de Rosas (Requested by Patricia de Rosas)

10:30am

Jack Bills (Ann Marie)

Ludwig Ulzheimer (Family)

Michael Arriaga

12:30pm

Robert Kavaliaskas 'Living' (Ruth Zack)

Monday 8:30am

Hedwig + John Sosna (Donna + Stephen)

Tuesday 8:30am

Blessed Mother, Mary (Requested by Migene Wippler)

Wednesday 8:30am

In Thanksgiving to St. Francis + St. Anthony (Donna + Steve)

Thursday 8:30am

John Sheehan (Maureen + Alan O'Toole)

Friday 8:30am

Kathleen Manning (Ed Pearce)

Saturday 8:30

The Faithful of American Martyrs

Saturday 5pm

Stanley Ruzalski (Rita + Bobby)

**The Gifts of
Bread + Wine
in Thanksgiving
Deacon Stan on his
72nd Birthday
requested by Parish**



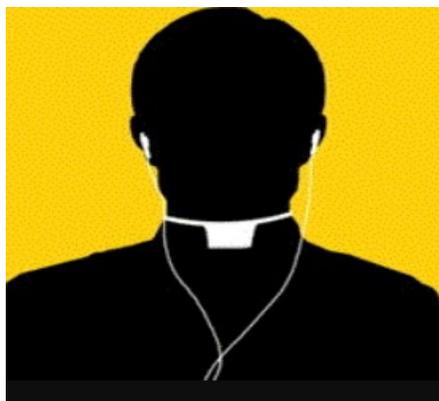
REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF AMERICAN MARTYRS

MICHAEL ENDRIZZI
SUZANNE MALENCH
REV COLEMAN J. COSTELLO
PANCRAZIO FALANGA
REV. JOHN W. MALONEY

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



**The Gifts of
Bread + Wine
in Thanksgiving
for the Priesthood of
Fr. Coleman Costello
requested by Fr. Peter**



**February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your
statutes," perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or
brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (718)
827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.**

Dear People of God. "IS IT SUMMER YET???"

This Global warming is killing me! Soon the February winds will be howling and Spring seems so far off! Will it ever warm up? When do I get to stop layering the clothes just to go to my car? How did our ancestors survive the weather with no electricity? These days need to remind all of us that we must take care of each other....help one another and may the following story "warm" your heart.

The Mouse Trap

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured, you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died.

So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember... when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

And remember....each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry. For we are the Body of Christ and our lives are woven together for a reason!

These winter days can truly weigh us down so a hardy laugh is also marvelous for the soul.

A first grade school teacher in Virginia had twenty-five students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are 6-year-olds, because some of these comments are classic!

1. Don't change horses until they stop running.
2. Strike while the bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before Daylight Saving Time.
4. You can lead a horse to water but How?
5. Don't bite the hand that looks dirty.
6. No news is impossible.
7. A miss is as good as a Mr.
8. If you lie down with dogs, you'll stink in the morning.
9. An idle mind is the best way to relax.
10. Where there's smoke there's pollution.
11. A penny saved isnot much.

***Out of the mouths of babes come pearls of wisdom.
God is Good! Awaiting Spring with us, real soon, I Hope... ..Fr. Peter***

American Martyrs



Wednesday, February 22

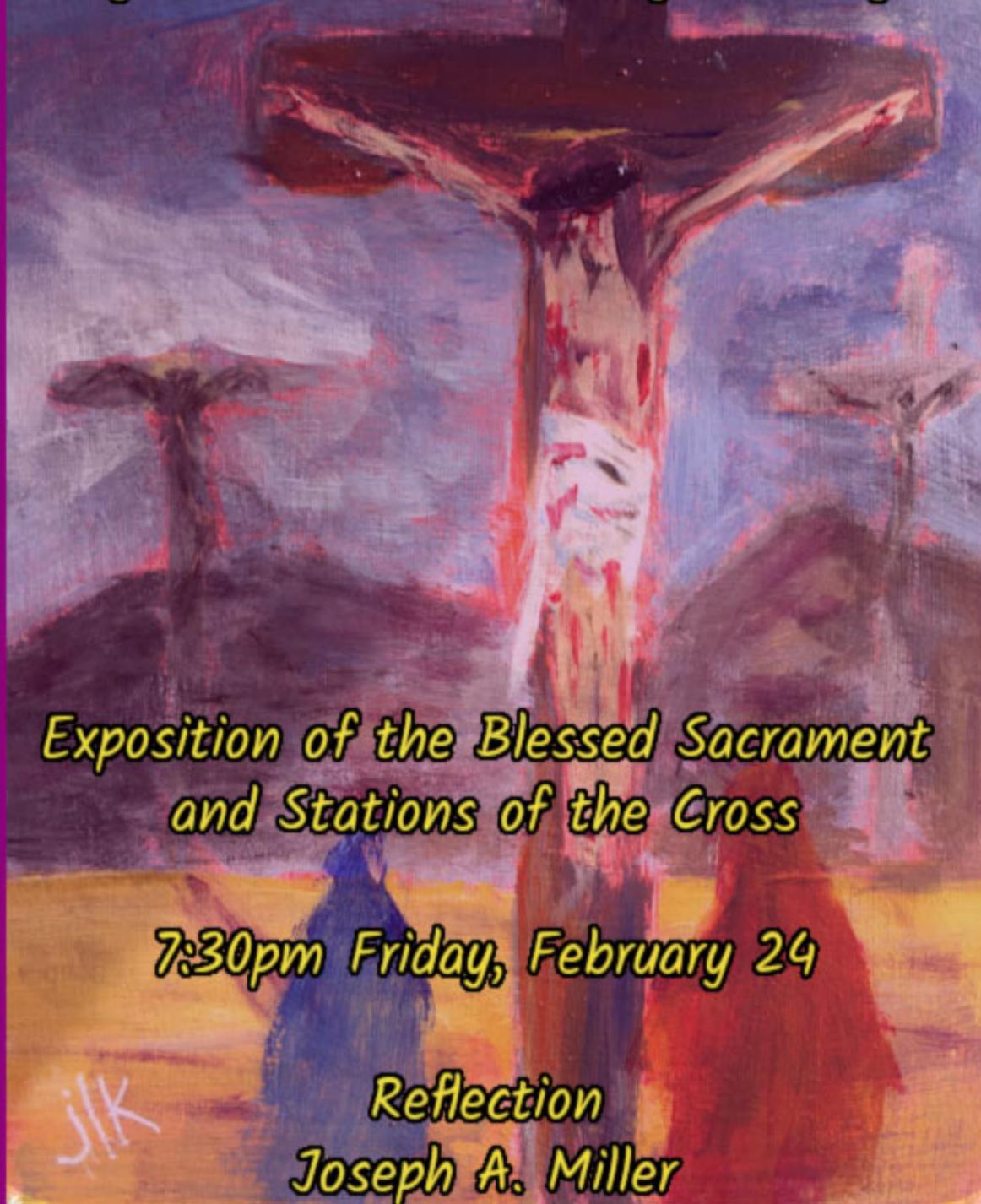
8:30am Mass

12pm Mass

3:30pm Prayer Service

7:30pm Mass

*Happily Ever after Begins Here and Now
Living the Beatitudes Today and Beyond*



*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Stations of the Cross*

7:30pm Friday, February 24

*Reflection
Joseph A. Miller*



Cookie Sale! Homemade Cookies!

Macadamia Nut!



Sugar!



Brownies!



Oatmeal!



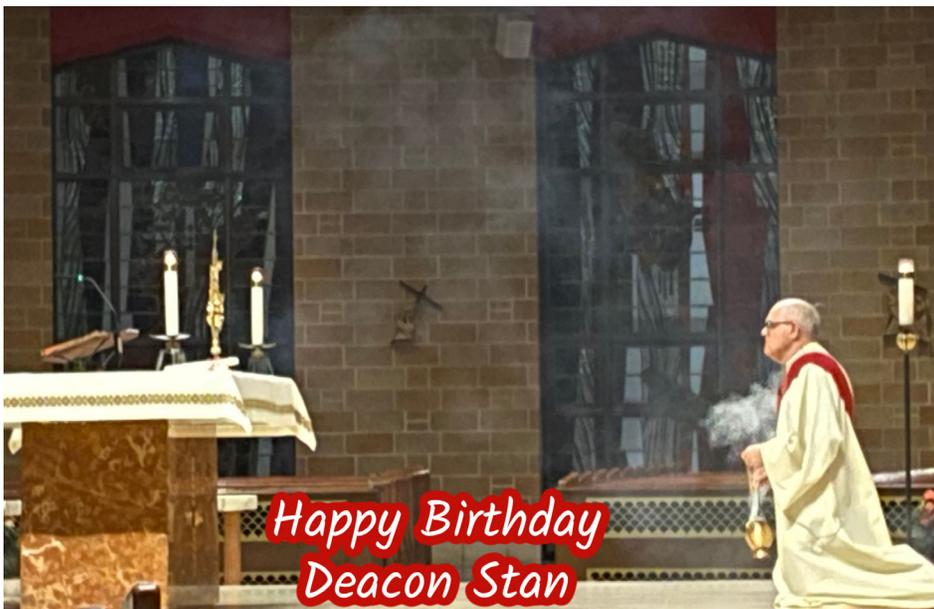
Chocolate Chip!



2/11/23 & 2/12/23

After the Masses.

Proceeds will go to
Bridge to Life for Diapers.



**Happy Birthday
Deacon Stan**

PARKSIDE PLAYERS PRESENT
The Good Doctor

by Neil Simon

Directed by
Cathy Chimenti
(Mike's Wife)

Performance Dates
February 18, 19, 24, 25 + 26
March 3 + 4

More information
www.parksideplayers.com

SAMUEL FRENCH

"Could you not spend one hour with Me?"



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Kateri Chapel Monday - Friday 9am-3pm*

Raising Faith-Filled Kids • One Word at a Time

Commit



The new year is a time for resolutions. We can be tempted to perform a complete makeover of ourselves, but being super-ambitious usually turns out to be unwise. Rather than trying to change everything at once, it's best to focus on one new habit or practice that will have a big impact. Here's how to start:

1. Pray for wisdom and prudence.
2. Select and commit to one new practice you can adopt that will improve your family's quality of life.
3. Begin each day asking God to help you follow through.

Choose something like practicing patience, performing a secret act of kindness each day, or praying each morning or night with your children. Commit to what matters most to you. —Tom McGrath

Is God calling you to the Priesthood



Answer the Call!

See Fr. Peter for more information



A Message from American Martyrs St. Vincent DePaul Outreach

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our American Martyrs Parish Family, for the donations that you place in the poor boxes every week. These monetary donations allow us to help others in various ways, such as purchasing needed clothing or helping to pay a bill. We also want to thank you for bringing food to the Church. You do this so faithfully, week after week.

Although the food is collected by our Knights of Columbus Council, this food is used to replenish our Food Pantry. On that note, if you - or maybe your neighbor - need food, our pantry can supply some non-perishable food items, such as cereal, soup, pasta, canned vegetables, mac and cheese etc. We know this is a time of food insecurities for many and a time of record inflation, which is putting strain on many household budgets. We want you to know we are here. If you need food, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. Someone from our Parish Outreach will contact you. *Everything is held in strict confidence.*

Drive for the Troops

American Martyrs Church Catholic War Veterans Post 1772

The CWV will be collecting all items to send to our troops overseas on Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th at all Masses at the doors of the Church.

List of Items Needed:

Personal Items

Razors
Shaving items
Shampoo and conditioner
Deodorant
Soap or body wash
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Mouthwash and dental floss
Sun block
Chap stick
Lotion
Hand sanitizer
Powder
Cotton balls
Pain reliever's
Cold medicine

Fun and Games

disposable cameras
flying discs
jump ropes
CD & DVD's
Puzzles
Decks of cards
Dominos
Paperback books & comics

Food Items

Pre-sweetened powder drink mixes
canned or dried fruit
tuna and chicken in cans or pouches
beef-jerky
single servings of cereal
instant coffee
tea bags
microwave popcorn
sardines
instant oatmeal
granola bars
crackers
spices
hard candy
gum
soups
nuts & sunflower seeds
Single servings of chips

Practical Items

bandanas
batteries
international phone cards
mini fans
hand warmers
small flashlights
paper, envelopes
pens and pencils



*Welcome to American Martyrs
Very Rev. Francis K. Asagba, D.Min., JCL*

Fr. Francis Asagba will be living in residence in American Martyrs Rectory. Father Francis was born in Accra, Ghana where he was also ordained a priest. Father has been ministering in the Diocese of Brooklyn for the past seventeen years and he is an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He is currently serving as the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese at the Diocesan Tribunal with offices located at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, (the Court of the Bishop of Brooklyn). Fr. Francis will be celebrating Mass here with us and his ministry as full time Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Brooklyn will continue. So please welcome the new man in town!

PLEASE BE MINDFUL!

When entering Church, please be mindful that many people are praying. If you wish to greet someone do so in quiet tones so as not to disturb another's prayer time.

"Every Little Road Leads to a Big Road"

Sir Charles DeBlouis

Save the Date
Saturday, March 11, 2023

St. Patrick's Day
Dinner Dance



***Bishop Robert J. Brennan
Diocese of Brooklyn's Mission Award
American Martyrs Religious Education***



SATURDAY/SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18/19

Lectors

5pm Vigil: Margaret MacPherson
 8:30am: Jillian Minank
 10:30am: Nester Diaz
 12:30pm: Getulio Cury`

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5pm: Lilian Santos + Barbara Froehick+ MaryAnn Schreiber
 8:30am: Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica + Michael Shoule
 10:30am: Johanna Zafferese + Steve Day + Bobby Shoule
 12:30pm: Diana Iorio + Olivia Miranda



**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule
 Saturday/Sunday February 18/19**

SATURDAY 5pm Vigil

Sophia Madrazo + Landon Madrazo + Katarina Binec

SUNDAY

8:30AM

Robert Shoule + Vincent Shoule + Jose Saavedra

10:30AM

Katie Caruso + Lilly Caruso + Ruby Panepinto

12:30AM

Natale Barnett + Nicole Barnett + Hilarion Santos Damiao

Special Needs Parents Meeting

We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Bayside. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on: Thursday, February 16, and Tuesday, March 14.

For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com

Laugh in the New Year with Floater and Smitty

Floater: I always carry a pocket knife in my pocket. You never know in case of cheesecake or something.
Smitty: Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, his brother Taco is also working on pretty big stuff!
Floater: I asked my wife what she'd give me for our 25th anniversary, she said a trip to Paris. Wow, I replied that's great. How about our 50th? She said she'd pick me back up.
Smitty: What did the snowman sing to the snowwoman? "I only have ice for you!"
Floater: When my wife is sad I let her color in my tattoos. She just needs a shoulder to crayon.
Smitty: I may not be perfect, but at least I'm not a Yankee fan.
Floater: What's the difference between a 'Hippo" and a "Zippo?" One is really heavy, the other is a little lighter.
Smitty: Never iron a four leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck!
Floater: I always thought the English Channel was a cable TV Station for the Brits.
Smitty: I got a job sketching suspects at the Police Station. I'm a Con-Artist!
Floater: Never plan a wedding in the winter. Someone always gets cold feet.
Smitty: You can lead a man to ponder but you can't make him think!
Floater: According to the BMI chart at the Doctor's office I'm too short.



*American Martyrs Leisure Club
 New Members Welcome!*

Come join us on any Thursday from 11am - 3pm in the Sullivan Center for a few fun filled hours to socialize, play cards, and celebrate holidays, birthdays and occasional excursions.

Sullivan Center is heated, Air conditioned AND Handicap Accessible.

We look forward to meeting new friends!