

#### **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

Parents must speak to Deacon Stan one month in advance before the scheduled date.

#### 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

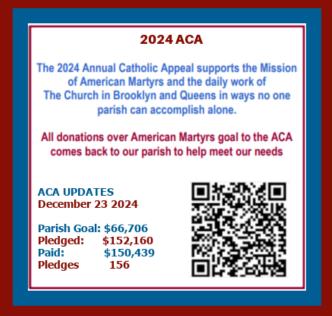
Call the Parish Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

#### 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

## Pastors Advisory Board/Parish Council

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# GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

We have gluten-free hosts. Just identify yourself before Mass begins so we can ensure your reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

## There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens, a time to heal

#### Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Msgr. John Keppler, Rosalinda Apostadero, Elizabeth Coppola, Jen Flynn Limberg, Denis Keane, James + Anne Kingston + Irene McGrath, Elsie & Frank Paukowits, Martin Thaila, Vijay Devassy, Anita Mascoli, John O'Brien, John Buglione, John Sheridan Jr., Tom Holloran, Arlene Scherne, Vincent Sheridan, Jessie Carlone, Jackson Monchal, Jeancarol Roach, Gloria Saavedra, Jack Goydas, John Bennett, Michael G. McLoone, Dave Tavella, Gloria Valdez, Patrick Kearney, Tom Dana, Roberto + Raquel Barrientos, Samantha Harris, Kalyan Sham, Mike Tramonte, Alexa Kropf, Dr. Renato Gega, Dr. Gilda Versales, Agnes Walsh, Gracinda Silva, Steven Troutman, Anna Bischoff, Robert Galazin, Stephen Feit, Richard San Severino, Jeremiah J. Doran and Baby Charles B. Woods

(THE SICK WILL STAY ON LIST FOR 3 WEEKS AND THEN BE REMOVED UNLESS THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PERSON TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR ANOTHER 3 WEEKS)

#### Mass Intentions Week of December 29th + January 4th

8:30am

Robert Maher (Requested by Madison + Meg + Ryan Rayder)

10:30am

Bruno Frustaci (Requested by the Dowd Family)

Carrie L. Wooten (Requested by the Shirley Ray)

Vito Cudia + Gianna Cudia Spina (Requested by the Family)

12:30pm

The Faithful of American Martyrs

#### Monday 8:30am

In Thanksgiving (Requested by the Ballesteros Family)

#### Tuesday

8:30am In Thanksgiving (Requested by the Donna + Steve) 5pm Vigil: World Peace

Wednesday 8:30am

(Requested by )

Thursday 8:30am

Susan McCaffery (Requested by Fortune Family)

#### Friday 8:30am

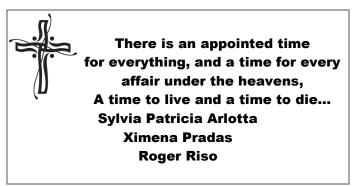
Tereza Santos (Requested by her family)

Saturday 8:30am Prayer/Communion Service:

Catholic War Veterans

Saturday 4pm

Artemid Santiago(Requested by Aida + Vince Torres)



The Gifts of Bread +Wine In loving memory of Jack Billss (Requested by Ann Marie)





The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles Patrick + Joan Kearney (Requested by their family)

#### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN, PO3 John Schaefer - USCG TAO Sean Reiley—USN Raymond Esquilin, CW4 Lisa Johnston, WO 1 Crystal Robles 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF SFC Sheldon Warren

Feast of the Holy Family -- Sunday, December 29, 2024

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts." How are you being called to build the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life.

> Contact the Vocation Office at Call the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org





# My Side of the Altar

Dear People of God, A Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

2024 is history and the doors are ready to swing open to 2025. As we start a New Year together, it can be an excellent opportunity to remember and look forward with hope and joy in the Lord Jesus. Life is difficult and the road is filled with many bumps and curves. However, God is constant and straight in His love for us. God pursues us — always seeking to love and forgive each one. Our God is a God of second chances and new beginnings. Jesus came into our world to reveal His Father of love, mercy, forgiveness and new beginnings. The Lord truly holds each one of us in the palm of His hands! And speaking of hands, I share with you a story given to me. Prayerfully read this story between a grandfather and his grandson as we begin a new year together.

One day I sat beside Grandpa, and he didn't acknowledge my presence, and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK. Finally, not wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK. He raised his head and looked at me, and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking." He said in a clear, strong voice. "I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands, and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands?" he asked. "I mean, really looked at your hands?" I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I had never looked at my hands as I tried to figure out his point. Grandpa smiled and related this story: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. Though wrinkled, shriveled and weak, these hands have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when, as a toddler, I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I was off to war.

"They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special."

"They wrote letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I dug my buddy out of a foxhole and lifted a plow off my best friend's foot.

"They had held children, consoled neighbors and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly, it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands, He will lift me to His side, and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out, took my grandpa's hands, and led him home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and wife, I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked, caressed, and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel his hands upon my face. To love another person is to see the face of God!

May our New Year together be filled with God's Blessings, Peace and Joy.

God bends to touch us first! Blessings and Joy in the New Year, Fr. Peter

December 22, 2024

Online \$1,572.50 In-Pew \$4,274.50 Total \$5,846.50 Poor Box: \$75.00 Votive Candles: \$124.00

December 25, Christmas Collection Will Be Posted Next Week Due to Early Deadline



#### The Holy Family of Jesus + Mary + Joseph

**First Reading**: *1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28* Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**: *Psalm* 84:2-3,5-6,9-10 Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

> Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 We are God's children now.

> **Gospel Reading**: *Luke* 2:41-52 The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

#### Christmas at American Martyrs

Christmas in American Martyrs is a beautiful and exciting time. I am always impressed by the generosity and warmth of the season. The number of gifts collected by the parish for the poor, are a great example of the spirit that exists Oakland Gardens, Hollis Hills and Queens Village. There is a deep appreciation for the blessings that have been received and that are now passed on to family, friends and even to those unknown to us, the stranger we are called to welcome in the name of Jesus. You can feel it at Mass, in the streets and the special gatherings we experience in the holy season. It is a tremendous blessing to us all.

It is something that I, as a priest, have the joy of experiencing in this parish throughout the year. The generosity and spirit of the Christ child is felt in the various organizations, the volunteers of our religious education teachers, the many Lectors and Extra- Ordinary Ministers of Communion, the CYO Sports Programs' volunteers and those who help so many others in our community remind me of the true meaning of the Incarnation that Christ has come and dwells among us. I see how He dwells among us in you - and I am grateful for your witness to His love in such beauty and simple service.

Christmas gives us a more focused and dramatic experience of this wondrous love. So celebrate it for as long as possible, for we really need it. We all know that this season will pass too quickly, maybe passed already for some. We can have a post-holiday sadness, or that feeling that it all passes much too quickly.

But I know that I will soon see it in simple ways; neighbor helping neighbor, strong helping weak, older leading younger, generous poured out in the beautiful ordinary love that lives in the Faithful of American Martyrs.

## Truly the Word has become Flesh - and dwells among us.

# AMERICAN MARTYRS NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 4/5

# SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2025 3PM CONFESSIONS 4PM VIGIL MASS

# SUNDAY JANUARY SAM II:30AM

# HAVE A HAPPY, BLESSED AND SAFE NEW YEAR

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the en-flesh-ment of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. Gods intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

## HANNAH AND MARY

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today's reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke's Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah's deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah's joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2. Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel's history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

## WEAVING THE STORY

Today's passage from Luke is the only story about Jesus in the Gospels that occurs between Jesus infancy and his adult ministry. Luke uses the story to weave these elements together. This story, like all the infancy passages, emphasizes that Jesus was born Son of God. Jesus first spoken words in Luke conclude with I must be in my Fathers house. God is his Father, and Jesus speaks as Gods Son. Luke connects the future ministry of Jesus with the scene at the temple with the teachers. Jesus listeners are astounded at his wisdom. This anticipates similar scenes as an adult. Luke also subtly hints at Jesus resurrection, with details such as the question why were you looking for me? similar to why do you seek the living one among the dead? Luke invites us to see his Gospel as an integrated whole, weaving together Jesus birth, life, death, and resurrection. **Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.** 

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph We Are Family

On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If your parish used the year A readings that were traditionally used for this feast, the second reading from Colossians has much practical advice for our families. However, while living as a family today is challenging enough, the Gospel for year C reaches a lot farther.

Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family.

Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Keep that in mind as you look at the second reading from the First Letter of John: "we may be called children of God." (1 Jn 3:1) Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with. That family of all God's children is the one we are called to serve.

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. At election time we have the tension of voting for candidates who will keep our family safe, or for those that help the poor or the aged. Just remember that, while we have a warm, cozy picture of the Holy Family, Jesus' ultimate duty was to give his life for all, especially sinners. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are. Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

# **PROJECT ANDREW**

SPECIAL GUEST

BISHOP RAYMOND CHAPPETTO 215-35 38th Avenue, Bayside

2025

Rev. Chris Bethge Vocation Director JAN

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5 pm |Mass, Dinner, and Conversation An opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood.

18<sup>th</sup>

# PLEASE BE MINDFUL!

When entering American Martyrs 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.







# Are There Any Good Movies To Watch???

Movies, music, television, and the Internet are the main sources of entertainment for your children. There is a lot of inappropriate material that their eyes and ears can pick up, so talk with your children about what is appropriate entertainment for them. If you are worried about what your children could be seeing or hearing, take advantage of parental blockage systems on your cable and internet systems.

Use the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Movie Review website as your guide for what movies are appropriate. <u>www.catholicnews.com/movies</u>

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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 info

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Donate your old Car, Truck or Van - Call: 718-491-2525.

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.

National Suicide Prevention Help line: - 1-800-273-8255

Healing After Abortion: Sisters of Life at: 866-575-0075



"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred, if a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?" And "A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul."

Saint Mother Teresa

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage--the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind! -James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

# THE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE "You can't afford to miss it!"

9am to 3pm Saturday, January 21, 2023 Fr. John J. Murray Hall To register or for more information Call Martin Hirschfield 631-360-9720





Sacred Heart of Jesus Bayside invites parents/guardians with children/ adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting.

For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at <u>shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com</u>.

Meetings are at 10:00 AM in the Church Hall on the following dates:

Thursday January 9 Tuesday February 11 Wednesday March 12

## HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always get it right, but they always tried to. These three amateurs were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation--to do his Fathers work--but he also returned home with his parents. copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

# Holy Family Mass Schedule 8:30am Monday - Saturday

# Sunday Schedule 5pm Vigil Mass 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12 Noon + 5pm



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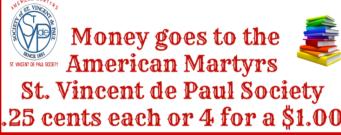
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# **Need A Spiritual Upgrade?**

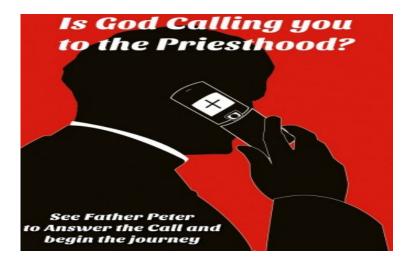
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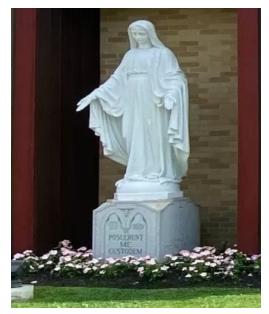
BE A PART OF THE WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT AND JOIN THE AMERICAN MARTYRS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. JOHN J. MURRAY COUNCIL #14666

AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY OUTDOORS FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD, OUR COUNTRY AND IN OUR CHURCH

RAIN OR SHINE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6PM







# Traveling Madonna within our Parish 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 to host the statue!



Schedule for the Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion SATURDAY/SUNDAY JANUARY 4/5

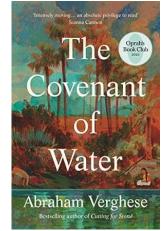
> Lectors **4pm Vigil:** Getulio Cury 9am: Jillian Minarik 11:30am: Stephen Barry

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **4pm:** Mary Ann and Gregg Schreiber + Lillian Santos

> 9am: Diana Iorio + Theresa Asche + Fortune Tramonte + Katie Caruso

11:30am: Johanna Zafferese + Terry Marchia + Bernie Liu

# Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club Will Take Place in the Murray Center on Monday Evening January 27 at 7pm



The Book of the Month is Abraham Verghese's The Covenant of Water



# Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule SATURDAY/SUNDAY JANUARY 4/5

SATURDAY 4pm VIGIL Jose + Landon + Sophia

# SUNDAY

**9AM** Lilly + Edward + Katarina

11:30AM Julianna + Vincent + Omar

# **Rosary Societys** Altar Linen Schedule

December 29: Nancy Marchi January 5: Nancy Hill January 12: Mary Galazin January 19: Carol Fortune January 26: Nancy Marchi February 2: Nancy Hill February 9: Mary Galazin February 16: Carol Fortune February 23: Nancy Marchi

If you are unable to do a week please call Carol 718 + 631 + 0896

# Father Vincent Capodanno

May God who has offered healing and strength through the hands of the His only Son, Our Lord, and through Christ's many servants grant me the favor of His healing hand through the intercession of His servant, Father Vincent Capodanno, priest, missionary, and chaplain, who always sought to heal and comfort the wounded and dying on the field of battle.



American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Post 1772 ON GOING RECRUITMENT



If you served in the United States Military PLEASE Consider joining our Post. FOR MORE INFO CALL RAY 917-515-9102



## The Presentation of The Gifts at Mass



Before Mass each day the gifts of bread and wine are placed at the break of American Martyrs. If you are at Mass and the mass is being celebrated in memory of a loved one please feel free to sit near the gifts and bring them to the altar, where they will become the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are at Mass and no one gets up to bring the gifts tothe altar, please feel free to bring them to the altar yourself.

This is a parish celebration and we are all parishioners.

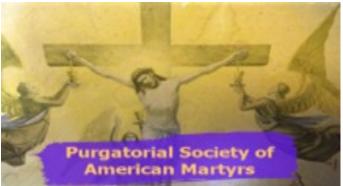
# American Martyrs Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9am -12 noon + 1pm - 4pm

Friday and Saturday 9am - 12 noon + 1pm - 3pm



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. FRANCIS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA!



# Purgatorial Society Enrollment January 2025

Agnes Walsh (Fr. Peter) Anna Smaldino (Mary Ann + Gregg) Frank Smaldino (Mary Ann + Gregg) Catherine Schreiber (Mary Ann + Gregg) Fred Schreiber (Mary Ann + Gregg) **Deceased Members of the** Smaldino + Granieri Families ((Mary Ann + Gregg) Fr. John J. Murray (Knights of Columbus) Ed Rogers (Knights of Columbus) Ralph Menichino (Knights of Columbus) Lou Foresta (Knights of Columbus) Anthony Zafferese (Knights of Columbus) Lou Diaz (Knights of Columbus) Carmine Vaccarino (Knights of Columbus) John Kinney (Knights of Columbus) John Galanaugh (Knights of Columbus) Virgina & Joseph Laraia (Joann Laraia) Apolinar Hun (Baltero Family)

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.

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# SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2025 3PM CONFESSIONS 4PM VIGIL MASS

# SUNDAY JANUARY 9AM 11:30AM

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



For more information Email: KofCAM14666@gmail.com Website: KofCAM.Weebly.com

## Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater**: 90% of bald men still own a comb. They just can't part with it.

Smitty: I'm training the new guy at work. He's already complaining about everyone talking behind his back. I told him, "Trust me, it never ends. I've been a bus driver for 32 years." Floater: It 's a shame nothing is made in America anymore. I bought a TV and it said "Built in Antenna," I don't even know where that is!

**Smitty**: Even after all these years I look at my wife and think, "She was really lucky to have me!"

Floater: Think old & you'll be old. Think young and you'll be delusional.

**Smitty**: NASA is launching a new mission to tell the Aliens we're sorry for all the space junk. It's called Apollo G

**Floater**: What do you call a bagel that can fly? A plain bagel. **Smitty**: I visited the local retirement home last night. It was lovely seeing so many old faces.

Floater: Realtors biggest fear is Police Officer coming into their office and yelling NOBODY MOVE.

**Smitty**: I found stir fry all over my bed this morning. I must have been sleep wokking again.

**Floater**: Santa never has to pay for parking... ...it's on the house. **Smitty**: I feel sorry for batteries. Did you know they're rarely included in anything.

Floater: A SUV full of happy dogs becomes a station waggin.



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When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Lk 2:48-49