

# **American Martyrs February 16, 2025 The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Pastor**  
**Deacon Stan Galazin**  
**Very Rev. Francis K. Asagba (in residence)**

## **Parish Staff**

**Mrs. Theresa Asche**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
**Mrs. Patricia Adams**  
**Office/Business**  
**Mr. Jose Espindola**  
**Parish Grounds**

**America Martyrs RC Church**  
**79-43 Bell Blvd.**  
**Oakland Gardens, NY 11364**

**Rectory: 718 + 464 + 4582**  
**Religious Education 718 + 464 + 6411**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil at 4pm**  
**Sunday 9am + 11:30am**

**Monday - Friday at 8:30am**  
**Saturday Prayer Service at 8:30am**

**Holy Days**  
**7:30pm Vigil + 8:30am + 7:30pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm**  
**Or Call Rectory for Appointment**

**Rectory Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday: 9am -12noon and 1pm - 4pm**  
**Friday - Saturday 9am - 12noon and 1pm - 3pm**

**Website: [www.amparish.org](http://www.amparish.org)**  
**Email: [Americanmartyrs@aol.com](mailto:Americanmartyrs@aol.com)**



### **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 3pm—3:45pm (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**

Theresa Asche  
Anne Caruso  
Deacon Stanley Galazin  
John Limberg  
Ken MacPherson, *Trustee*  
Jillian Minarik  
Michael Mitts  
Edward Pearce  
Margaret Reyes  
Mary Ann Schreiber, *Finance Council*  
Maureen Shoule, *Trustee*  
Robert Shoule  
Johnny Sullivan  
Joseph Timpa



### **2024 ACA**

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the Mission of American Martyrs and the daily work of The Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone.

All donations over American Martyrs goal to the ACA comes back to our parish to help meet our needs

#### **ACA UPDATES FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Parish Goal: \$66,706  
Pledged: \$156,137  
Paid: \$155,497  
Pledges 161



**"Where there is truth, there is also light,  
but don't confuse light with the flash." Pope Francis**

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

Msg. John Keppler, Rosalinda Apostadero, Elizabeth Coppola, Jen Flynn Limberg, Denis Keane, James + Anne Kingston, Elsie & Frank Paukowitz, Martin Thaila, Vijay Devassy, Anita Mascoli, John Buglione, John Sheridan Jr., Tom Holloran, Arlene Scherne, Vincent Sheridan, Jessie Carlone, Jackson Monchal, Gloria Saavedra, Jack Goydas, John Bennett, Michael G. McLoone, Dave Tavella, Gloria Valdez, Patrick Kearney, Tom Dana, Roberto + Raquel Barrientos, Kalyan Sham, Mike Tramonte, Alexa Kropf, Dr. Renato Gega, Dr. Gilda Versales, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Robert Galazin, Stephen Feit, Richard San Severino, Jeremiah J. Doran, Vita Mazzola, Steven Troutman and Baby Charlie 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 February 16<sup>th</sup> + February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9am**

*Diane Thomas (Requested by Ann Marie Sanfier)*

**11:30am**

*Jack Bills (Requested by Ann Marie)*

*Patrick Zafferese (Requested by the Family)*

*Ernesta Mongelli (Requested by the Family)*

**Monday 8:30am**

*Shanahan + Kearney Families (Requested by the Family)*

**Tuesday 8:30am**

*Elizabeth Humdhrey (Requested by Pat Merola)*

**Wednesday 8:30am**

*In Thanks to Blessed Mother (Requested by Migene Wippler)*

**Thursday 8:30am**

*In Thanks to Blessed Mother (Requested by Migene Wippler)*

**Friday 8:30am**

*Roselino, Guillermo, Richardo + Herman Ramirez Family (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto Frustaei)*

**Saturday 8:30am Communion/Prayer Service**

*Catholic War Veterans*

**Saturday 4pm**

*Doreena Pepe (Requested by Ann Marie Sanifer)*



**There is an appointed time  
for everything, and a time for every  
affair under the heavens,  
A time to live and a time to die...**

**Franco Ventrella**

***The Gifts of Bread + Wine  
Healing of  
"Baby" Charlie Woods***

*(Requested by Fr. Peter)*



***The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
In Thanks for Deacon Stan***

*(Requested by Mary)*

**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



**February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

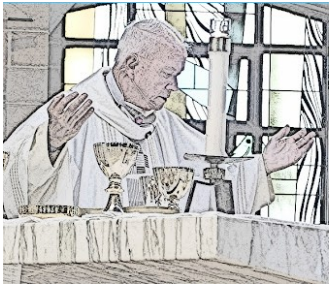
**"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord."  
Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the  
Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?**

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



**This Could be you**





## My Side of the Altar

Dear Faithful People of God,

Some years ago, Bill Gates gave this speech to Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, California. Wonderful words of wisdom anytime of year—including this bitter cold time in New York City! Agree or disagree . . . . think about it and pass it on .....

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping – they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now, they got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

***At the same time, we are called to love this world back into life with our lives rooted in the Lord Jesus.  
Lives rooted in prayer and grounded in faith. Also, may we never lost perspective . . . . Keep reading . . . .***

One Sunday a church with a large congregation invited a guest priest to offer the mass and to preach. When he got up to preach he said, "There are three points to my homily." Some people yawned when they heard this. They heard this many times before and figured they would be quite bored by the time he finally got to the end of point three.

"My first point is this: Today there are about two billion people who are starving in our world because of lack of food." The reaction in the pews was much the same, since they had heard that kind of statement many times before.

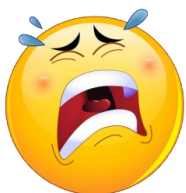
"My second point," he said. People sat up and started to listen. He was already on the second point. "My second point is that most of you don't give a damn!" The priest paused for a moment as gasps and rumblings flowed through the congregation.

"My third point is that the real tragedy among Christians today is that many of you are now more concerned that I said 'damn' than you are that I said two billion people are starving to death." He then left the pulpit and sat down.

The whole homily took less than a minute. It is in many ways one of the most powerful homilies ever given. The preacher was reminding us we are not being called by Jesus to only piety, but to genuine morality. We are being called to action, not to fancy words.

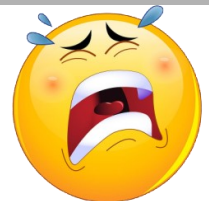
**Christianity is about what you practice, not just about you profess.  
Keep smiling, Fr. Peter**

**Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected. -George Washington**



**February 9**  
**Online \$ 1,390.50      In-Pew \$3,693.00      Total \$5,083.50**  
**Poor Box: \$87.00      Votive Candles: \$99.00**  
**Fuel Collection: \$1,300.00**

***Weekend Snow Wiped Out Our Weekly Collection***







## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 1:1-4,6*

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20*

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

## Super Bowl LIX "Put it in the Books"

**Thank You to the Knights of Columbus  
Joe Timpa, Peter Bootsma, Carl Reyes  
and as always the two behind the scene  
Theresa Asche and Deacon Stan!**





**St Patrick's Day Party  
American Martyrs (Sullivan Centre)**

**5pm Saturday March 8, 2025  
Irish buffet, Music, Step Dancers, Raffles & BYOB**

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR  
RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW**



**CALL or TEXT 631 505 1312 or  
Email KofCAM14666@gmail.com**



**\$45 (ages 21 and older)  
\$30 (ages 15- 20)  
\$25 (ages 7-14)**

**If you leave payment at the Rectory, include this stub with check  
payable to Knights of Columbus  
For ZELLE or VENMO info call 631 505 1312**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of Leprechauns attending \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$45 tickets \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$30 tickets \_\_\_\_\_**

**\$25 tickets \_\_\_\_\_**

**Tickets are not issued. You will be added to a guest list  
Visit our website KofCAM.weebly.com Join the Knights**

## Toy Story is Rated Number 1

The number One Movie in the “Top 100+ Family Movies Of All Time,” by Ranker

"Toy Story" holds the record as being the first full-length film to be fully animated via computers. It's about a group of toys that comes to life when they're out from under the eyes of their watchful humans. When Woody and Buzz get left behind on moving day, the formerly feuding rivals must work together if they're going to escape the clutches of their evil neighbor Sid and be reunited with their boy, Andy. ....**Ranker is a data-driven media company**

## The logo for the movie Toy Story. The word "TOY" is in large, yellow, 3D block letters with a blue outline, set against a blue background. Below it, the word "STORY" is in smaller, yellow, 3D block letters with a blue outline, set against a red background.

**Family Movie Night at American Martyrs**  
**7pm on Wednesday, February 19**  
**(President's Week)**  
**In The Sullivan Center**  
**UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS FREE**  
**SENIORS OVER 90 FREE WITH A LETTER**  
**FROM YOUR GREAT GRANDMOTHER**  
**EVERYONE ELSE IS FREE AS WELL**







## **St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus**

### **Free Health Screenings**

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older.

We also provide patient education and referrals.

No appointment is required.

**American Martyrs**

**79-43 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, NY 11364**

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**(Last screening at 1:45pm)**



## **Volunteers Needed to Participate in Corporal Work of Mercy** **Feed the Hungry**



Saint Marguerite d'Youville  
Foundress of the Grey Nuns

**Marguerite's Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
**2538 80<sup>th</sup> St, East Elmhurst, NY [www.margueritespantry.org](http://www.margueritespantry.org)**

**Saturday morning March 8th**  
**Future Saturday: April 12, May 10, June 14 and July 19**

\*For more information contact us at [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) [www.kofcam.weebly.com](http://www.kofcam.weebly.com)

## **Come Pray with Us**

### **Helpers of God's Precious Infants**

<http://www.helpersbrooklynny.org/>

**Upcoming Prayer Vigils - 2025**

**\*\*each prayer vigil is followed by a Rosary procession and prayer outside of a local abortion provider**

This is not a demonstration nor protest, just peaceful prayer. Prayer is our greatest tool as Catholics as we do our part to protect and advocate for the unborn so, please invite a friend or family member to attend as well.

- Saturday March 15th - 7:30 AM mass- Our Lady of the Cenacle, 136-06 87<sup>th</sup> Ave, Richmond Hill
  - Saturday April 12th - 8:00 AM mass-St Charles Borromeo, 31 Sidney Pl, Brooklyn
- Saturday May 31st - 7:30 AM mass-Presentation of the BVM, 88-19 Parsons Blvd, Jamaica
  - Saturday June 28th - 8:00 AM mass-Our Lady of Sorrows, 104-11 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Corona



You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.

— Pope John Paul II —

## **Respect Life Ministry at American Martyrs**

<https://kofcam.weebly.com/respect-life.html>

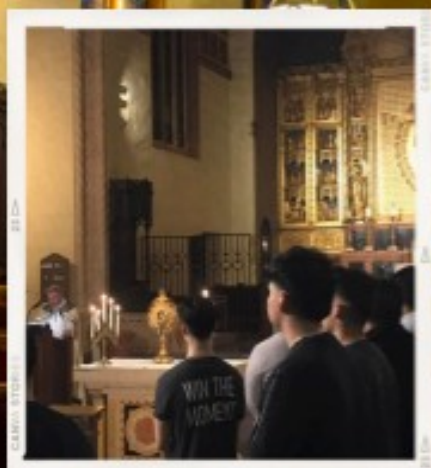




Presenter  
Bishop  
Brennan

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL VOCATION RETREAT

SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
440 WEST NECK ROAD, HUNTINGTON  
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2, 2025  
OPEN TO YOUNG MEN AGES 16 - 22



ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Email: [cdost@diobrook.org](mailto:cdost@diobrook.org) Vocation Office: 718.827.2454

[www.brooklynparish.org](http://www.brooklynparish.org)



# Holy Family Mass Schedule



**www.holyfamilyfm.org**  
175-20 74th Avenue Fresh Meadows, N.Y. 11366  
(P): 718-969-2448 (F): 718-591-6166 (E): [rectory@holyfamilyfm.org](mailto:rectory@holyfamilyfm.org)

**8:30am Monday - Saturday**  
**Sunday Schedule**

**5pm Vigil Mass 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12 Noon + 5pm**

## *Special Needs Parents Group*



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 Tuesdays March 11, April 8, May 6 and June 10

For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email [shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com](mailto:shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com)



## **Tuition Assistance for Catholic Elementary Schools 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Applications for Tuition Assistance for Catholic Elementary Schools (Grades K through 8) in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens For the 2025 + 2026 Academic Year is now open.

For more information, go to: [www.futuresineducation.org/](http://www.futuresineducation.org/) or call Diocesan Futures in Education Office at 718 + 965 + 7340

**Dorothy Day: A Pilgrim of Hope**  
**A Presentation by Kevin Ahern, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Religious Studies, Manhattan University**

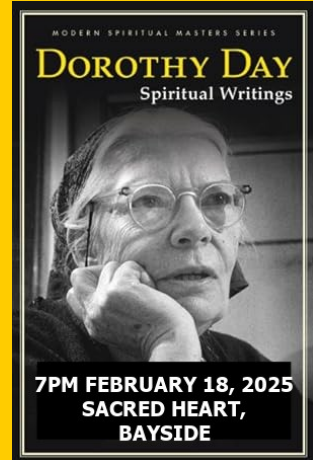
**Sacred Heart Church**  
**215-35 38th Avenue**  
**Bayside, NY 11361**

**7PM February 18, 2025**

**Admission is free! Sponsored by Deanery #5**

**All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.**

**For more information contact: Sacred Heart Church: 718 428-2200**  
**or visit website at [sacredheartbayside-queens.org](http://sacredheartbayside-queens.org)**



**PLEASE BE MINDFUL!**

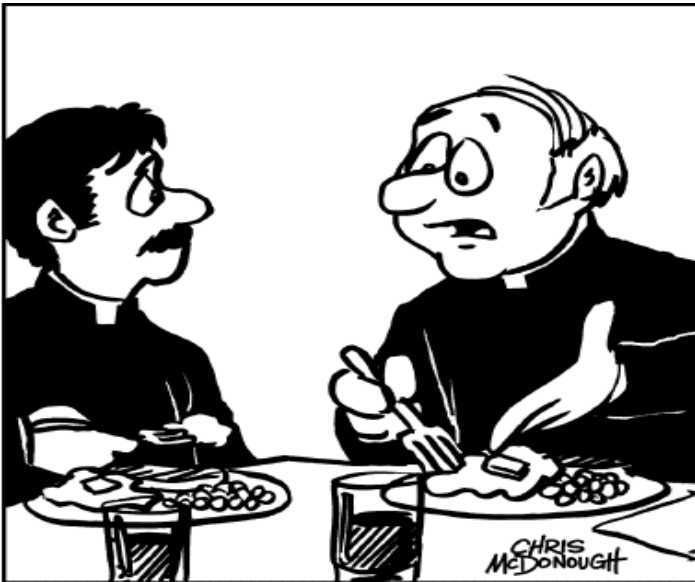
When entering American Martyrs please be mindful that many people are praying. If you wish to greet someone do so in quiet tones so as not to disturb another's prayer time.



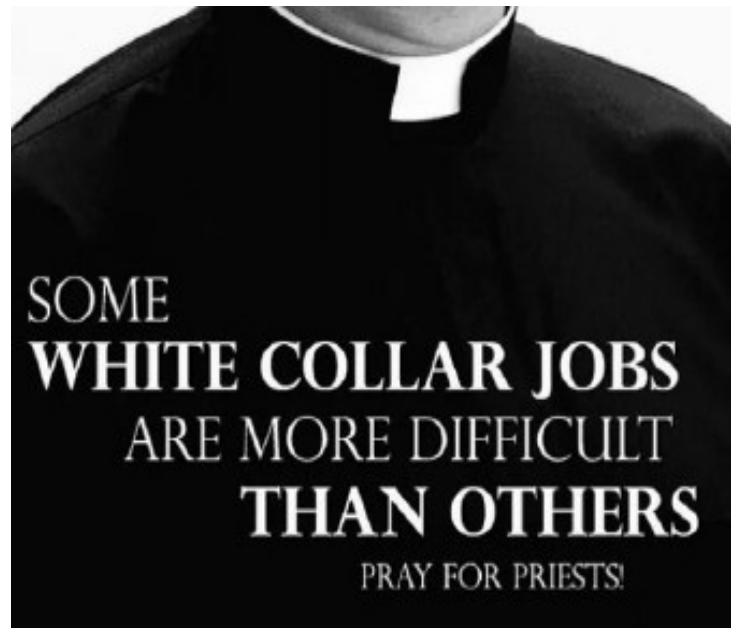
## PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



"I like modern ideas... and collections do take a long time. But install EZ Pass at the door? No, thanks."



**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**  
**FREE SPEECH AND HEARING EVALUATIONS**  
St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center  
will be offering free speech and hearing evaluations from February 3, 2025  
through May 1, 2025  
Call the center at 718 + 990 + 6480  
to schedule an appointment or for more information.

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: BLESSED

When we think of the word Beatitude we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati, the Blessed, for they are the ones who lived the blessed life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co..



**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22/23

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** John Sullivan

**9am:** Paul Williams

**11:30am:** Valerie Day

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4pm:** Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica  
Barbara Froehlich + Lillian Santos

**9am:** Jillian Minarik + Michael and Bobby Shoule  
Katie and Anne Carouse

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Johanna Zefferese  
Olivia Miranda + Maureen Henry

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule**  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY FEBURARY 22/23

**Saturday 4pm VIGIL**

Omar + Landon + Madrazo

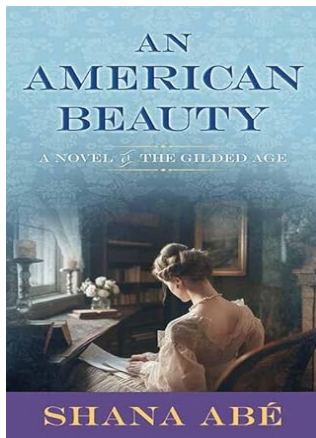
**Sunday 9AM**

Lilly + Adrian + Leo

**Sunday 11:30AM**

Katarina + Edward + Jose

**Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club  
Will Take Place in the Murray Center on  
Monday Evening March 10 at 7pm**



**The Book of the Month is**  
**An American Beauty: A Novel of the Gilded Age**  
By Shana Abe

**Rosary Societys  
Altar Linen Schedule**



**February 16: Carol Fortune**

**February 23: Nancy Marchi**

**March 2: Nancy Hill**

**March 9: Mary Galazin**

**March 16: Carol Fortune**

**March 23: Nancy Marchi**

**March 30: Nancy Hill**

**April 6: Mary Galazin**

**April 13: Carol Fortune**

**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**





## **American Martyrs Rectory Office Hours**

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

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

**After Hours by Appointment**

### *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 to the altar, please feel free to bring them to the altar yourself. This is a parish celebration and we are all parishioners.

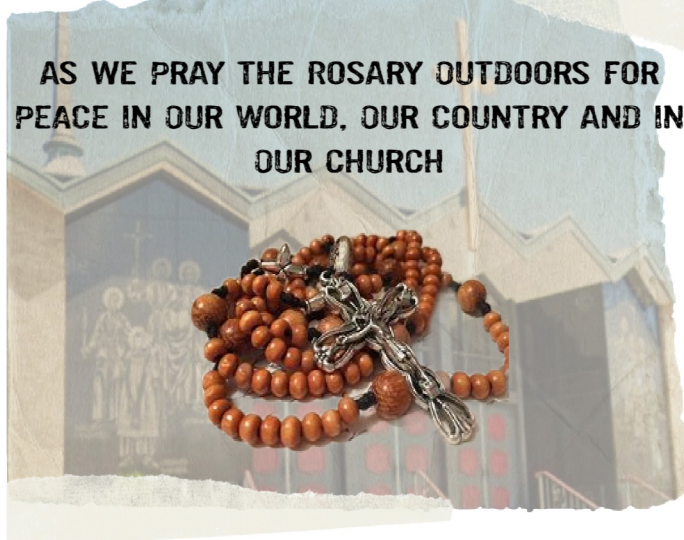
### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Every Day in the Kateri Chapel in Rectory**

**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**



**Rectory Office  
Will Be Closed  
Monday In Honor of  
George Washington and  
Abraham Lincoln**

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

JOIN THE COLUMBIETTES  
FR. JOHN J. MURRAY/AMERICAN MARTYRS  
COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL # 14666



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

### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** The local hairdresser got robbed. The police are combing the area.

**Smitty:** Apparently you can't use 'beefstew' as a password. It's not stroganoff

**Floater:** I read a stat that the average person eats 46 slices of pizza a year. First time in my life I'm above average at anything.

**Smitty:** If you are arguing loudly on your cell phone in public, please put it on speaker, I need to hear both sides of the story..

**Floater:** Smitty just texted me asking what does IDK mean. I said I don't know....He responded darn, nobody does.

**Smitty:** Good morning! Don't forget to eat breakfast, drink lots of water, and mind your own business today.

**Floater:** When I was young my mom used to feed me alphabet soup claiming I loved it. I didn't really, she was just putting words in my mouth.

**Smitty:** Not Feline Well? Maybe you need to call a Purramedic.

**Floater:** I have been promoted to director at Old McDonald's Farm, I am now the CIEIO.

**Smitty:** Recently took a pole: 99% of people were annoyed when their tents fell down.

**Floater:** My therapist set a half glass of wine in front of me and asked me if I was an optimist or a pessimist. I drank the wine and answered, "Neither. I'm a problem solver.

Looking to Help???  
Bridge to Life Needs Diapers!





Please Leave Diapers @ Entrance to American Martyrs

### AMERICAN MARTYRS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

3PM SATURDAY CONFESSIONS  
4PM SATURDAY VIGIL

9AM SUNDAY  
AND  
11:30AM SUNDAY



Follow Bishop  
Robert Brennan  
on Facebook

Click here or search Bishop  
Robert Brennan on Facebook.



FIRST PLACE  
CPA award winner

Best Facebook Account – Diocesan Bishop

