

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

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NEXT WEEKENDS SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

PLEASE BE GENEROUS



"The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that's normal, because 'a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows." *Pope Francis*





The Gifts of Bread + Wine
In Thanks for the gift
Of Theresa Asche
to American Martyrs
(Requested by Fr. Peter)

Mass Intentions Week of March 2nd + March 8th

9am

Purgatorial Society of American Martyrs
11:30am

Irene M^cGrath (Requested by Millie San Servino)

Francine Saitta (Requested by Demetrios Jangarathis)

Nicole Heller(Requested by the Ginelle)

Monday 8:30am

Michael Van Praag (Requested by Ray + Nancy)

Tuesday 8:30am

Walter Stocklin (Requested by Ray Fortune)

Ash Wednesday

8:30am: Bishop Thomas V. Daily (Requested by the Galazin Family)

12pm: : Intentions of Bishop Robert Brennan

3pm Prayer Service: In Thanks for the Deacons in the Diocese

7:30pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs

Thursday 8:30am

Marie Volpe (Requested by Catilin Brozen)

Friday 8:30am

Msgr. Richard Ahlemeyer (Requested by the Galazin)

Saturday 8:30am Communion/Prayer Service

Rev. Coleman Costello

Saturday 4pm

Agnes Walsh (Requested by Mary Ann + Gregg Scheiber)



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...

John Brennan



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Msgr. John Keppler, Rosalinda Apostadero, Elizabeth Coppola, Jen Flynn Limberg, Denis Keane, James + Anne Kingston, Elsie & Frank Paukowits, 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, and Baby Charlie B. Woods.



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 2nd Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF SFC Sheldon Warren



The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles

Charles + Karen + William

(Requested by Mary/Kathy)





My Side of the Altar



Fasting + Feasting

Thank you Deacon Stan Galazin for opening my mind and heart to this simple yet powerful message on "Fasting + Feasting. Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

Lent is a season in which we can...

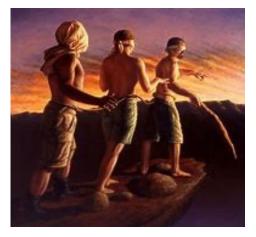
Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light. Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism. Fast from worry; feast on divine order. Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives. Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from hostility; feast on nonresistance. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth. Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplife. Fast from discouragements; feast on hope. Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm. Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity. Fast from idle gossip; feast on powerful silence. Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that under girds.

Deacon Stan, all of this fasting is making me hungry!



"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

See you on Wednesday... ...Fr. Peter



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 27:4–7 In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92: 2–3,13–16 The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading:1 Corinthians 15: 54–58
Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

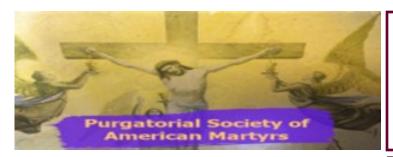
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39–45 Each tree is known by its yield.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.



Little Black Lent Reflection Book

Daily Six minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Lent... ... Take one home as you leave Mass today... ... leave it by the TV or Kitchen Table for the entire family to reflect upon this Lenten Season

Purgatorial Society Enrollment in March 2025

Lou Carnesecca (Enrolled by Ellen + Paul Brozen)

Ellen Sullivan (Enrolled by Ellen + Paul Brozen)

Marie Volpe (Enrolled by Dr. Sullivan)

Vincente Ciliento (Enrolled by Jeanne + Bill Buzzone)

Joseph Timpa (Enrolled by Joe Timpa)

Angelina Timpa (Enrolled by Joe Timpa)

Nicholas S. Solorzano Cambroneo (Enrolled by Joe Timpa)

Ann E. Espinoza Cambroneo (Enrolled by Joe Timpa)

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 11:30am Mass.



Don't forget to turn your watches ahead next Saturday, you don't want to be late for Mass

February 23
Online \$1,215.50 In-Pew \$ 3,992.00 Total \$5,157.50

Poor Box: \$96.00 Votive Candles: \$145.00

7:15pm Friday March 7 Treatment of the Seven Sacraments



Divine Mercy
Stations of the Cross
Introduction: Treatment of the
Seven Sacraments



Deacon Stan Galazin

American Martyrs Columbiettes Fr. John J. Murray Council 179-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY 11364 The Columbiettes Annual Palm Cross Sale



Pre-orders with payments are available now through March 30th for \$16 each.*

Palm Crosses will be sold after Masses on April 5th and April 6th for \$20 each.

*Pre-orders must be picked up on April 5th or 6th after Masses at the parking lot entrance.

Any questions please call Margaret Reyes 718-581-8001 or email margaret.reyes2@verizon.net

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PRE-ORDER FORMS (Please print legibly.)

Please fill out the form below and return it in an envelope with your payment (cash or check).

Make check payable to: American Martyrs Columbiettes

Write on envelope: "Columbiettes Palm Cross Pre-order" and either drop off at the rectory or place in the collection basket by March 30th.

Name:	Phone:	
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Email:	# of Crosses:	@ \$16.00 eacl

Thank you for your support!

GOOD BYE ALLELUIA

Before Lent, we say goodbye to the alleluia. The word, always sung with joy and energy, means "praised God" in the Hebrew language. The Church does not sing this song of joy during Lent, a season of penance and simplicity. Putting it aside gives greater delight to its return, when we sing many beautiful alleluias on Easter. During the middle ages, many churches sang hymns praising the alleluia and wishing it well on its last day before Lent began. Then it was "buried" for forty days.

Lenten Regulations

We once again enter into the grace-filled season of Lent. Throughout our Lenten journey, in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, we are invited to enter into a more intense period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. In order to assist the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn to take full advantage of the Lenten season, our Bishop, Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, would like to remind us of the following:

† ABSTINENCE: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

† FASTING: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

the special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

† EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the *First Sunday of Lent* (March 9, 2025) to *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity* (June 15, 2025)

PRAYER

From the Alternate Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent (Roman Missal, 1985)

Lord our God, you formed us from the clay of the earth and breathed into us the spirit of life, but we turned from your face and sinned.

In this time of repentance we call out for your mercy.

Bring us back to you and to the life your Son won for us by his death on the cross, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

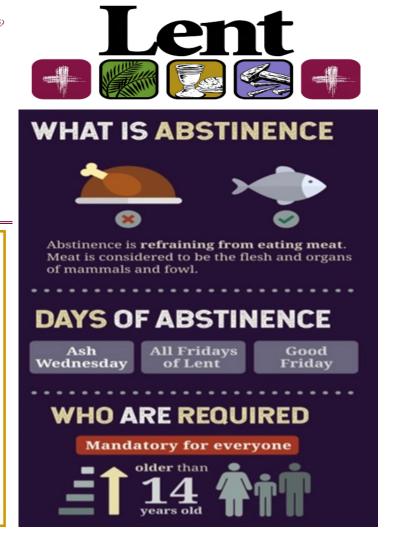
Fr. John J. Murray/American Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council #14666

The Knights of Columbus are running "Share the Change" Baby Bottle Campaign.
It is an opportunity for you and your family to provide critical support for the Sisters of Life.

A little spare change, bills, and checks can go a long way in making a difference in the lives of the women they serve.

When you fill and donate a baby bottle with your change, YOU are a part of the change.

Return your bottle during Holy Week to American Martyrs Church.









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



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





JOIN THE HOLY FAMILY SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY

For a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Padre Pio National Centre

DATE

April 5, 2025 (Saturday)

DEPARTURE

6:45 AM at Holy Family Parish 175-20 74th Ave Fresh Meadows, NY 11366

We are excited to invite you to embark on a transformative **pilgrimage** with us to Padre Pio Centre. This journey offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, prayer, reflection, and connection with fellow pilgrims. Whether you are seeking to deepen your faith, explore sacred sites, or simply experience the peace of a pilgrimage, this trip promises to be an unforgettable experience.

COST \$95.00

NOTE THAT THIS FEE IS NON -REFUNDABLE

INCLUDES
BUS FARE, HOT
LUNCH, DONATIONS

BUS SEATING ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

CONTACTS SONIA CUCHAPIN 917-518-5212 MICHAEL RENNA 718-343-6242

> HIGHLIGHTS MASS, ROSARY, GUIDED TOUR

ADDRESS

111 Barto Road Barto, Pennsylvania 19504

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(Gaelic for: 100,000 welcomes!)

Make American Martyrs your home. We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting, visiting our parish or looking for a parish to join. Through your presence and active participation, we can offer rich, spiritual renewal every day. There are many ways to get involved. Join one of our ministries or attend an upcoming event featured in today's bulletin. Or become a new member of our Faith Community – all are welcome! Just call the rectory to register as a new parishioner (our phone number is (718) 464-4582.)

Holy Family Mass Schedule



8:30am Monday - Saturday Sunday Schedule 5pm Vigil Mass 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12 Noon + 5pm



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: ww.futursineducation.org/ or call Diocesan Futures in Education Office at 718 + 965 + 7340





St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

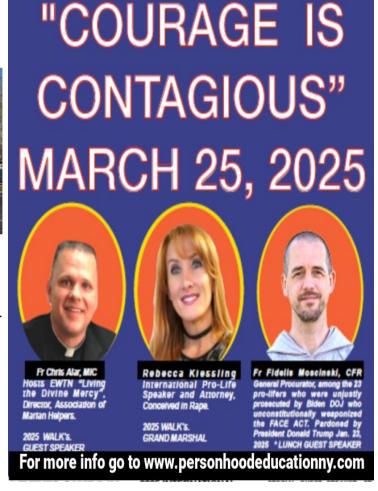
Free Health Screenings

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)





PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service -- James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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.



Words of Wisdom from Dr. Bill Buzzone...

"One of the greatest gifts you can give yourself is to know your own value, to feel secure that you are special, unique and important.

> There isn't a person in the world who is just like you, and no one could take your place."





DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A BABY BOTTLE OR COIN JAR AND SAVE YOUR CHANGE THIS LENT AS WE HELP SUPPORT THE SISTERS OF LIFE AND THE BRIDGE TO LIFE



American Martyrs **Rosary Society**



Monday March 3 at 1pm As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Afternoon Tea Sunday, April 6 at 2pm

Day of Recollection Monday May 5 Mass at 11am **Lunch Following Guest Speaker** Rev. Joseph A. Miller

Schedule for the Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion SATURDAY/SUNDAY MARCH 8/9 Lectors

4pm Vigil: John Sullivan9am: Berta Hernandez11:30am: Maureen Henry

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4pm: Mary Ann + Gregg Schreiber Barbara Froehlich + Terry Marchia

9am: Jillian Minarik + Bobby Shoule Olivia Miranda + Orlando Hermandez

11:30am: Bernie Liu + Diana Iorio Getilio Cury

Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule SATURDAY/SUNDAY MARCH 8/9

Saturday 4pm VIGIL

Omar + Isabella + Vladimir

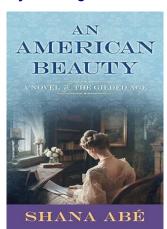
Sunday 9AM

Leo + Lilly + Adrian

Sunday 11:30AM

Brooke + Madison + Sophia

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 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 April 20: Nancy Marchi April 27: Nancy Hill 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.



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

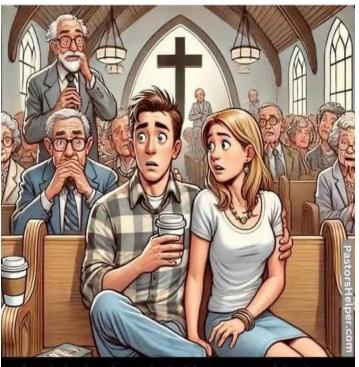
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The Presentation of The Gifts at Mass



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.



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the **Carusos** have sat for 42 years.



American Martyrs Rectory Office Hours

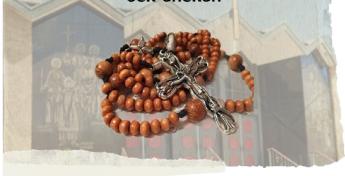
Monday - Thursday 9am -12 noon + 1pm - 4pm

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

After Hours by Appointment

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 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: Told my wife that I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Thursday.

Smitty: I got a call from the police station saying they want to interview me. I don't remember applying for a job there.

Floater: We have to stop saying "How stupid can you be?" Too many people are seeing it as a challenge.

Smitty: The Wizard of Oz is 84 years old. If Dorothy were to encounter men with no brains, heart or courage she wouldn't be in Oz. She'd be in D.C.

Floater: I have reached an age where my mind says, "I can do that," but my body says, "Try it and you'll be sorry."

Smitty: The nurse came in and said "Doc there is a man in waiting room who thinks he's invisible, what shall I tell him? The doctor said "Tell him I can't see him today."

Floater: Whoever put the S in fastfood is a marketing genius. **Smitty:** Weather: Snow possible anywhere from 0" to 145." Maybe start at 5,6,7,8,9 O'clock, maybe not. Possibly none. **Floater**: Went to see the worst healing Mass last night. It was so bad, a man in a wheelchair got up and walked out.

Smitty: Police found a get away car with a set of golf clubs. They are still looking for the driver.

Floater: What do you call a "Typo" on a headstone?...

...A grave mistake

Smitty: What did the horse say when he lost his balance?

What?.....I've fallen and I can't Giddy-Up!



