March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

American Martyrs

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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



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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"What unites us, is much greater than what divides us. "
Pope John XXIII

Anointing of the Sick

Pastoral care of the sick and dying is a very important part of our parish ministry at American Martyrs. Any parish member can receive the sacrament if his or her health is marked by a serious illness, surgery, or aging; it is best received during the early stages of illness. It is wrong to delay the sacrament until a person is actively dying.

Anointing of the Sick can be repeated whenever a person again falls into serious sickness or whenever a more serious crisis develops during the same sickness. A Communal Anointing is on the radar for the near future as we will celebrated annually at American Martyrs on the third Saturday of every month after the 8:30am mass.

Those to be hospitalized are encouraged to be anointed and to receive Holy Communion prior to admission. If you have a loved one who is actively dying, please do not wait until the last moment to call the priest for Anointing. A priest may not be immediately available and your loved one may not receive the sacrament in time. At the very start of a serious illness is the time to call the priest for anointing, not at the very end at the moment of death. Please call the Parish Office at 718+464+ 4582 to set up a time for visit.

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, Steven Troutman and Baby Charlie B. Woods

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

Mass Intentions Week of March 16th

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 Humphrey (Requested by Pat Merola)

Wednesday 8:30am

In Thanks to Blessed Mother (Requested by Migene Wippler)

Thursday 8:30am

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Friday 8:30am

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

Saturday 8:30am Communion/Prayer Service

Agnes Walsh + John Brennan

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...

John M. Brennan

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



(Requested by Fr. Peter)



The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles In Memory of Agnes Walsh + John Brennan

(Requested by Parish)

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

Second Sunday of Lent -- March 16, 2025

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing
the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother,

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







My Side of the Altar

Dear Lenten People, as we continue our Lenten Season, may the following story "touch" our hearts.

At Thanksgiving time the first grade teacher gave her class a fun assignment — to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still many would celebrate the holiday with turkey and other traditional goodies of the season. These, the teacher thought, would be the subject of most of her students' art. And they were.

But Douglas made a different kind of picture. Douglas was a different kind of boy. He was the teacher's true child of misery—frail and unhappy. As other children played at recess, Douglas was likely to stand by her side. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes.

Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. Nothing else. Just an empty hand. His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child guessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers raise turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, for God feeds us. And so the discussion went — until the teacher almost forgot the young artist himself.

When the children had gone on to other assignments, she paused at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy looked away and said, "It's yours, teacher."

She recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there as she had the other students. How often she had said, "Take my hand, Douglas, we'll go outside." Or, "Let me show You how to hold your pencil." Or, "Let's do this together." Douglas was most thankful for his teacher's hand. Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work.

This Lenten journey, open your hand in love and forgiveness—the same way our Lord Jesus opens His hands in love and forgiveness to touch us.

And spend some time each day reflecting upon these wisdom thoughts:

- There is nothing to be gained by bitterness, anger or hatred. Bitterness or pessimism is only going to slow you down finding the solution.
 - Make the mistakes, but always follow through on your convictions.
 - Don't worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
 - Don't be fearful. Most of the things we fear never come to pass.
 - Face each problem as it comes.
 - Don't cross bridges before you get to them. No one has yet succeeded in accomplishing this.
 - Don't take problems to bed with you. They make very poor bedfellows.
 - Don't borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.
 - Don't try and re-live yesterday. It is gone.
 - Don't become bogged down by frustration. It will only interfere with positive actions.
 - Count your blessings.
 - Don't let your faith waver. God is with you at every moment.
 - Everything else can wait, but the search for God cannot wait.

On the Lenten journey with each other, Fr. Peter

GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

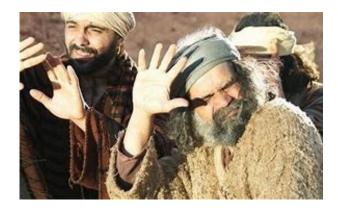
AMREICAN MARTYRS HAS GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS
PLEASE IDENTIFTY YOURSELF BEFORE MASS BEGINS SO WE
CAN ENSURE YOUR RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 9, 2025

Online \$1,620.50 In-Pew \$5,825.00 Total \$7,445.50

Poor Box: \$180.00 Votive Candles: \$245.00

Ash Wednesday \$2,488.00 Black/Indian Mission Collection: \$900.00



Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

First Reading: *Genesis* 15:5-12,17-18
God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm* 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14 A prayer to God who is our salvation

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith

Gospel Reading: *Luke* 9:28b-36
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

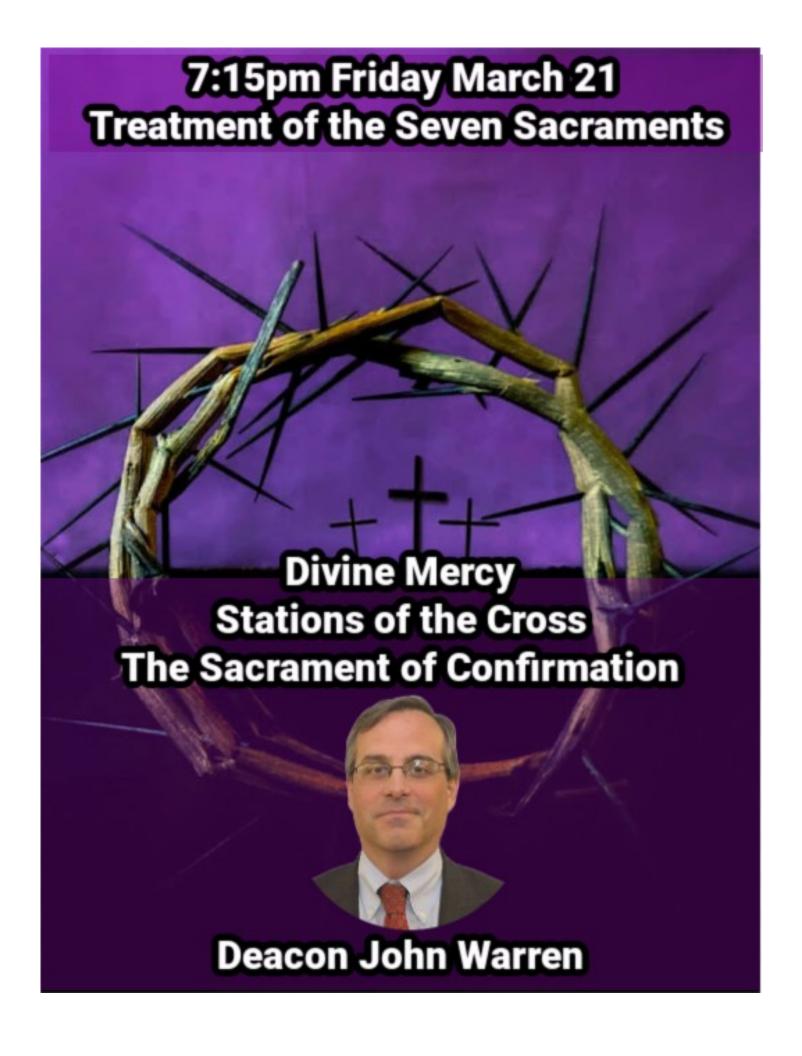
In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived Gods presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw Gods power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow Gods ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.





American Martyrs Diocese of Brooklyn Lenten Pilgrimage



Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30am Mass

9am Adoration

9:30am Rosary

10am - 11:45am Silent Adoration

12 Noon Mass

12:45pm -2:45pm Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ Sullivan Center (Lower Church Hall)

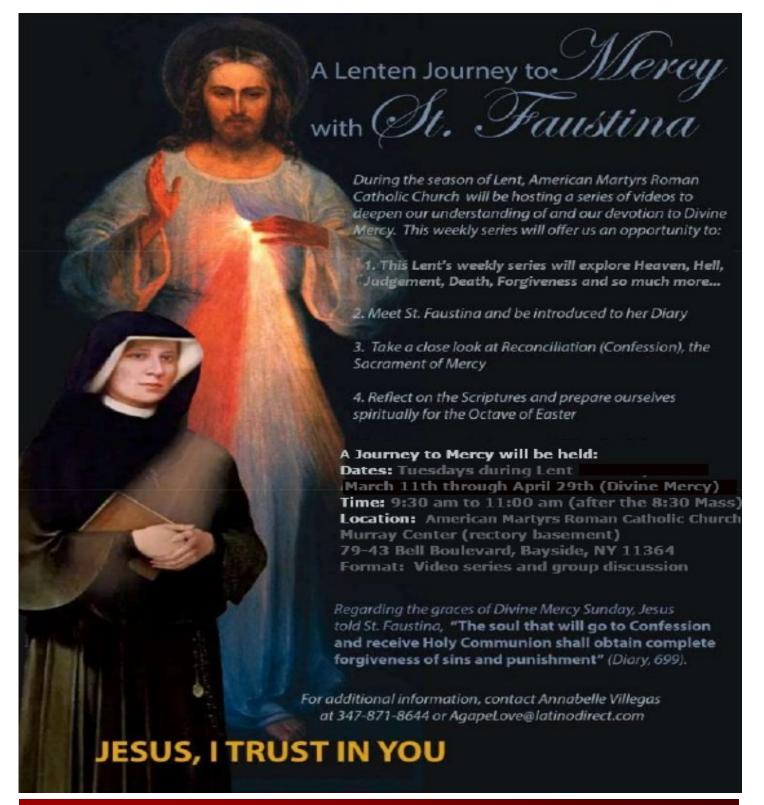
Adoration Continues After Noon Mass (Until 3:45pm)

Confession 3pm – 3:45pm

4pm Vigil Mass 5pm – 7pm Confession + Adoration + Benediction



Elevator Entrance by Parking Lot



The Pattern That You See

Meditation:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see [the Divine Mercy Image], with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (Diary, 47).

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, I adore You portrayed in this image as the Divine Mercy. I thank You for revealing this powerful image of Yourself to St. Faustina. May many souls venerate this image as a way of expressing their trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You!

The words of Jesus appear in boldface type



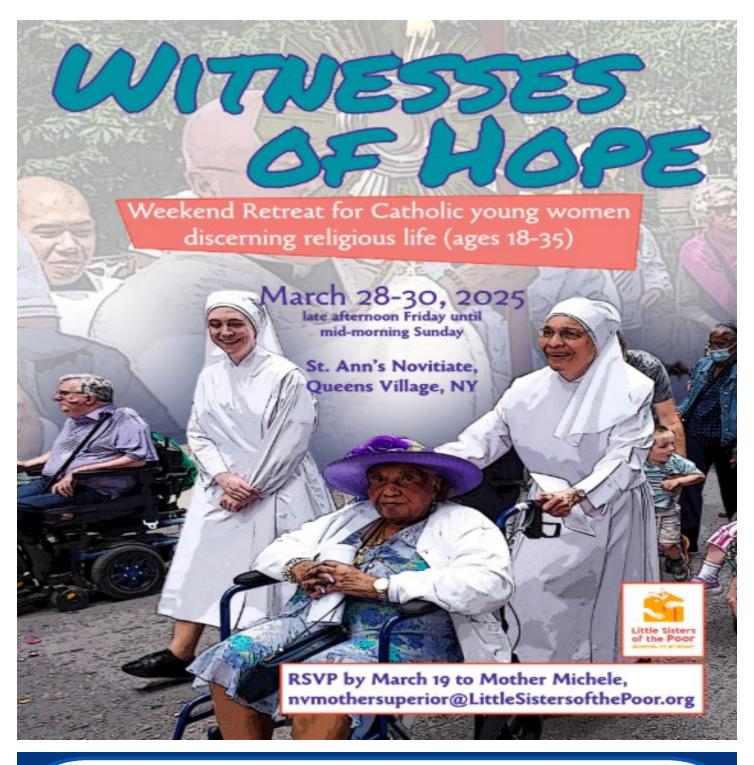
Lenten Soup Supper

Saturday March 22 after 4pm Mass



Free Will Offering Accepted for "Making Veterans' Smile Again" Sponsored by the 7th Grade Religious Education Students of American Martyrs

"Making Veterans' Smile Again" is a nonprofit foundation



American Martyrs Rosary Society



- All Ladies Mothers Daughters, Grandmothers & Grandaughters are invited to join us for Tea Sunday April 6 at 2pm in the Sullivan Center
 - Tea Sandwiches Scones Desserts along with a selection of teas will be served
 - Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after Masses March 22/23 and March 29/30
 - For more info call Carol @ 718 631 0896 or Barbara @ 718-465 -- 0585

Save the Date: Monday, May 5 @llam Day of Recollection



STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paulsays to the Philippians, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (3:20). He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body (3:21). Note that he says body rather than bodies. He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So stand firm in the Lord (4:1).

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Holy Family Mass Schedule



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





PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to give something up for Lent is an age old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the

things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: What are you taking on for Easter? -- Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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)



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.



Schedule for the Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Saturday/Sunday March 22/23

Lectors

4pm Vigil: John Sullivan9am: Paul Williams11:30am: Linda Limberg

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4pm: Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica Mary Anne + Gregg Schreiber

9am: Orlando + Berta Hernandez Valerie Day + Anne Carouse

11:30am: Bernie Liu + Terry Marchia Getulio Cury+ Maureen Henry

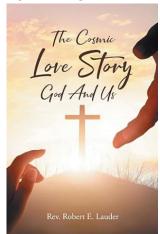
Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule SATURDAY/SUNDAY MARCH 22/23

Saturday 4pm Vigil
Omar + Landon + Madison

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 April 21 at 7pm



The Book of the Month is
The Cosmic Love Story, God and Us
By Rev. Robert E. Lauder
(Fr. Lauder Will Lead the Discussion)

Rosary Societys
Altar Linen Schedule

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
May 4: Mary Galazin
May 11: 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



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Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

Floater: We all have the power to change one thing each day. Please make it your underwear.

Smitty: I found out today that you shouldn't ask a parent that has a kid on a leash if he's a rescue.

Floater: I drove my wife to JFK and dropped her off. She got home 30 minutes later in a taxi and asked "What was that about?" **Smitty**: I understand being a responsible adult.. But every day? Every single day? That seems a little excessive.

Floater: I was trying on shoes today, and I told the salesman the shoe was tight. He said, "Try it with the tongue out." I said "it'th nho ghood, itth thill thoo thight."

Smitty: Living with a dog is 90% following each other around, watching each other go potty and wondering what the other has in their mouth.

Floater: Bacon is amazing because it can be wrapped around just about any food. It's like the duct tape of the culinary world.

Smitty: What happens when a microscope crashes into a telescope? They kaleidoscope.

Floater: I took a long hard look at myself this morning. I won't be doing that again.

Smitty: Last night I had a nightmare that Disco was making a comeback. At first I was afraid, I was petrified.

Floater: I hate when I gain 10lbs. for a movie role and then

realize I'm not an actor...



