# Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 American Martyrs

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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 Email: 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.

#### Pastors Advisory Board/Parish Council

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"The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth."



Pope John Paul II



## The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity!

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of American Martyrs and the daily work of the Diocese of Brooklyn in ways no one parish can accomplish alone.

All donations over our goal will be returned to American Martyrs Weekly Updates for April 14, 2025

Goal: \$64,455 Pledged: \$40,330 Paid: \$27,357

**Donors: 72 Families** 

#### 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, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Robert Galazin, Stephen Feit, Richard San Severino, Jeremiah J. Doran, Vita Mazzola and Albert Tscherne

(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 April 20, 2025

#### 7am

Alice Mary + Charles Joseph Rayder, Jr.

#### 9am

Fr. George Cowan (Requested by Ellen + Paul Brozen)

#### 11:30am

John Brennan (Requested by Veronica Yates)

Asuncion Fernandez (Requested by Jesus Fernandez)

Daniel + Thomas Dowd (Requested by Dowd Family)

#### Monday 8:30am

Carl Falcone (Requested by Pat Merola)

#### Tuesday 8:30am

Michael Hilley (Requested by American Martyrs Knights of Columbus)

#### Wednesday 8:30am

Stephen D. Adams (Requested by Adams Family)

#### Thursday 8:30am

John F. Stewart (Requested by Asche Family)

#### Friday 8:30am

Josephine + Joseph Terrano (Requested by the Terrano Family)

#### Saturday 8:30am Morning Prayer

Catholic War Veterans (Requested by Deacon Stan + Mary Galazin)

#### Saturday 4:pm

Anna + Frank Smaldino (Requested by Mary Ann + Gregg)



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...

#### The Gifts of Bread + Wine In Loving Memory of







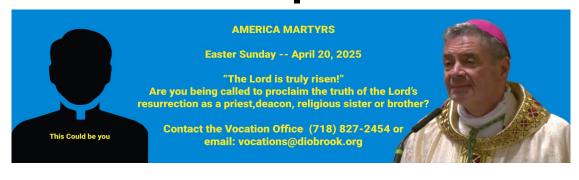
## The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles Dennis J. Asche

(Requested by Maremare)

#### 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





### My Side of the Altar

#### **EASTER JOURNEY THOUGHT**

Dear Easter People, my father died in May 2001 at the age of 81. My family received many, many kinds notes, prayers and Masses offered. However, I was struck by one sentence of a letter received from a friend. His last line stated: "I will keep you in my prayers knowing that prayers do not change God, but they do change the 'prayer-er." Prayer is God's grabbing my attention—and changing me. Prayer must be at the root of our lives.

The Gospels do not explain Easter — Easter explains the Gospels. Our lives do not explain Easter—Easter gives meaning to our lives. Faith is the story we tell with our lives.

Resurrection means Jesus lives. Our Lord discovered what to die for and what to live forever for. We are invited to do the same. For Easter speaks of new life and hope always in the name of the Lord Jesus. We have so many choices in life and demands are placed upon us. What are we choosing? What are we seeking? What are we finding in life? Easter is an opportunity to put life into perspective through eyes of "Easter faith."

I share with you again what was given to me. Enjoy..... and pass it on.

#### **Eight things God won't ask!**

- 1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2. God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your house.
- 3. God won't ask about the clothes in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4. God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5. God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6. God won't ask how may friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8. God won't ask about the color of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

New hope .......New vision.......Eternal life......Resurrection!

My prayers are with you and your entire family for a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

Fr. Peter

**Easter Prayers and Blessings** 

Rejoice, Rejoice and Sing, Rejoice and Be Glad...
...for Earth and Heaven are Joined and Humanity is Reconciled to God! God Bless

The entire Faithful Community of American Martyrs will be in our thoughts and prayers this Joyful Easter—
Deacon Stan, Fr. Francis, Msgr. Doran, Msgr. Noone and Fr. Emmanuel
God Bless...Fr. Peter J. Rayder

#### A Shout-Out of Thanks

Thanks to all who have made this past Holy Week truly a 'Way of the Cross' for all of us, the music was fabulous, the Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers were as reverent as can be, the Ushers greeted with joy and the Acolytes Were "Out-of-this-World!" THANKS!

A very special thanks to our devoted volunteers that prepared American Martyrs Church through out Holy Week, John + Linda Limberg, Deacon Stan + Mary Galazin, Theresa Asche, Mary (C) Kathy Reilly Cohen, Johanna Zafferese, Bill Buzzone, Charlie Vietro, Karen + Jim McLoone, and Mike Chimenti on the keyboard for all the extra work they did in making American Martyrs a truly sacred and unique Family of God!

Thanks for all of your prayers!
Fr. Peter
P,S. Please excuse me if I forgot anyone... ..
Even with the cost of Eggs,. ...my mind is scrambled...



#### **Welcome to American Martyrs**

We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting Oakland Gardens, visiting American Martyrs 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 (718 - 464 - 4582) the rectory to register as a new parishioner of American Martyrs

**April 13, 2025** 

Online \$1,653.00 In-Pew \$5,271.50 Total \$6,924.50 Poor Box: \$153.00 Votive Candles: \$169.00

Easter Offering Collection: \$4,160.00



#### Background on the Gospel Reading

#### Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

**First Reading**: *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43*Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**Responsorial Psalm**: *Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

**Second Reading**: *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8* 1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9 Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### Easter Duty

The Easter duty is the obligation to receive Holy Communion. It is required by canon 920: "§1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. §2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year." The obligated to go to confession is related in the sense that, in order to receive Holy Communion, one might need to go to confession first in order to be in a state of grace.

The Easter duty is a minimum requirement in order to motivate people to receive the sacraments. Ideally, a Catholic receives Holy Communion at every Mass that he or she attends.

#### A Parent's Prayer

Lord, as I live this day, please grant me the ability to laugh at my children's antics, the time to share their moments of pride, the need to praise their separate strengths, the faith to trust their growing judgment, the patience to understand their changing moods, the virtue to forgive their disrespect, the openness to learn their ways and styles, the ears to hear what they are saying, the tenderness to understand their broken dreams, and the wisdom to accept that their lives, as my own, are built just one day at a time. Amen.

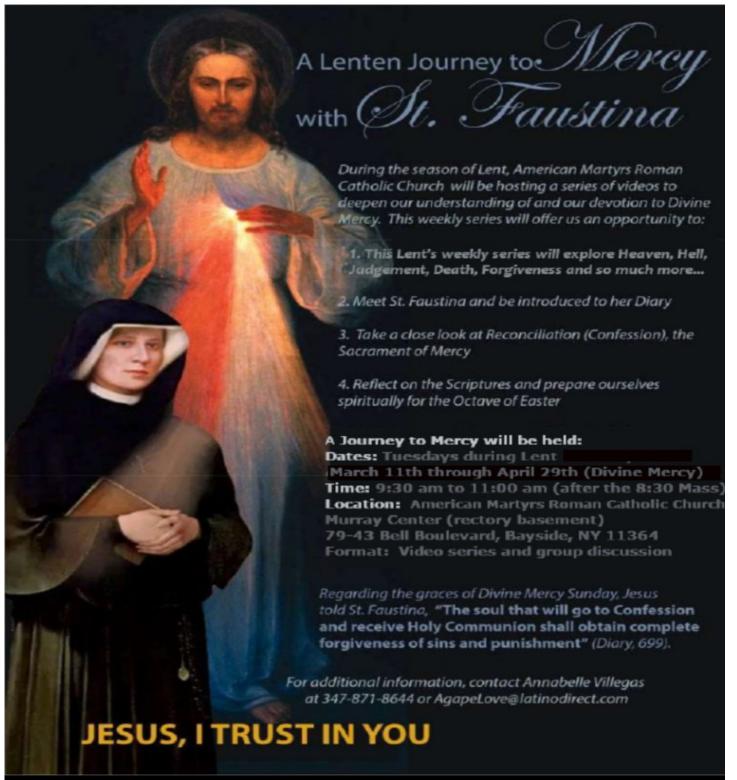
#### **GLUTEN SENSITIVITY**

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

## Good Friday April 18 thru Divine Mercy Sunday April 27



7:15pm Good Friday April 18
9am Holy Saturday - Saturday April 26
Divine Mercy Sunday: April 27
Adoration 12:30pm - 3pm
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet



#### A Shelter for All Souls

Meditation: On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Diary, 699).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, thank You for the Feast of Mercy as a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. May I prepare with confident faith to receive the graces You promise for us on that day. I want to plunge into the ocean of Your graces.

# All GRIWS ON HOP

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a "Little Easter." Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a "Big Sunday." On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, anamnesis, as the antidote to "amnesia," the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God's most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God's eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a "Big Sunday," today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord's Day. We wear "Sunday best" today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a "Big Sunday," and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives. -- Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



#### Traveling Madonna within our Parish of 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.

The Rosary Society has been passing the statue of Mary through the parish. In this difficult time, as we pray for peace, anyone interested 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!





The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event

24th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event Thursday, June 12 Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, L.I.

Keynote Speaker Sister Margaret Galiardi, OP Sister Ann Horn, OP Dominicans Associate Angela Belsole

For more information
Call the Office of Advancement:
631 - 842 - 6000 Ext: 246
or visit: https://sistersof.stdominic.org/2025 luncheon



# CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS AMERICAN MARTYRS



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

9AM - 3PM ON SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025
IN THE FR. JOHN J. SULLIVAN CENTER

"I don't always go to
Garage sales... ...but when
I do, I go to the
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American Martyrs
Garage Sale " Uncle Sam



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Friday April 25 from 7pm - 9pm Saturday April 26 from 11am - 2pm



Please no clothes, books, big electronics or furniture
All proceeds go to Catholic War Veterans post 1772 of
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### **Holy Family Mass Schedule**

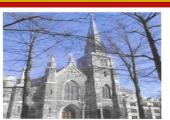


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8:30am Monday - Saturday Sunday Schedule 5pm Vigil Mass 7:30am + 9am + 10:30am + 12 Noon + 5pm





#### **BUS RIDE TO NEW HAVEN, CT!!!**





## Knights of Columbus Holy Family / Bishop Ignatius Catanello Council #14520

On Saturday, May 3, 2025 we will be Heading to visit the McGivney Pilgrimage Center and also Celebrate Mass at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

The Bus will leave the Holy Family Church Parking Lot at 8:00 AM and return at 4:00 PM. The price will be \$100 per person which includes the Bus Ride & Lunch!

Please make your checks out to Knights of Columbus, Holy Family & mail to:
Grand Knight, Peter J. Koch
65-28 Parsons Boulevard, Apt 1D
Fresh Meadows, New York 11365

drop off your check to the Church Rectory Office.



Please keep our children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey here at American Martyrs to receiving their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please join them on Saturday May 3, 2025 May the American Martyrs, Pray for Our Children!



#### 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.

#### Schedule for the Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion APRIL 26/27

Lectors

4pm Vigil: Nester Diaz9am: Paul Williams11:30am: Valerie Day

#### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4pm: Mary Ann + Gregg Schreiber Lillian Santos + Iris Diaz

9am: Anne Carouso + Fortune Tramonte Berta + Orlando Hernandez

**11:30am:** Getulio Cury + Terry Marchia Bernie Liu + Diana Iorio

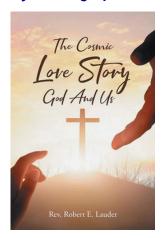
## Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 12/13

Saturday 4pm VIGIL
Katarina + Edward + Landon

Sunday 9AM Brooke + Madison + Jose

Sunday 11:30AM
Omar + Julianna + Vincent

#### 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
An American Beauty: A Novel of the Gilded Age
By Shana Abe



#### 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.





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**: I want to see the farm where they raise Boneless Chickens. Seeing them flop all over the yard must be hilarious. **Smitty**: Just before I die I'm going to swallow a bag of popcorn kernels. My cremation is going to be EPIC.

**Floater**: Elevators terrify me, I'm taking steps to avoid them. **Smitty**: My wife left me, she says I put sports ahead of our marriage. We were together for six seasons.

**Floater**: Just before sweet potatoes are mashed they become very quiet. This is known as the "Silence of the Yams."

**Smitty**: People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow assume that I know what day of the week it is today.

**Floater**: I shouldn't have to pay a Green Fee while golfing, I never hit a green.

**Smitty**: I ran into a lamppost yesterday, luckily I only sustained light injuries.

**Floater**: I always regret making a Good First Impression. There's no way I can keep that up!

**Smitty**: Whenever I left the door open my mom would ask if I was born in a barn, which is odd, you'd think she'd remember something like that.

**Floater**: The umbrella was going to be called just "brella," but the inventor hesitated.

**Smitty**: I've started a busiess building boats in my attic. Sails are going through the roof.



