

# **Third Sunday of Easter**

## **May 4, 2025**

### **American Martyrs**

#### **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**

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**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: [Amerianmartyrs@aol.com](mailto:Amerianmartyrs@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**

Theresa Asche  
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***"The walls of  
hospitals have  
heard more  
honest prayers  
than churches"***



***Pope Francis***



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2025**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

## **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 28, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455  
Pledged: \$54,135.00  
Paid: \$40,814.54  
Donors: 96 Families**



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

Msgr. John Keppler, Rosalinda Apostadero, Elizabeth Coppola, Jen Flynn Limberg, Denis Keane, 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, Stephen Feit, Richard San Severino, Jeremiah J. Doran, Vita Mazzola and Benson Martin

(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 May 4, 2025**

**9am**

*Purgatorial Society of American Martyrs*

**11:30am**

*Genoveva Ibanez (Requested by the Family)*

*Robert Galazin (Requested by Fr. Peter)*

*James Kingston (Requested by Fr. Peter)*

**Monday 8:30am**

*John Brennan (Requested by Knights of Columbus)*

**Tuesday 8:30am**

*In Thanksgiving (Requested by Jesus + Mercedes Fernandez)*

**Wednesday 8:30am**

*Jean Marie Galazin (Requested by Mom + Dad)*

**Thursday 8:30am**

*Liam Richard (Birthday) (Requested by Jessie Richard)*

**Friday 8:30am**

*Dennis Asche ((Requested by Asche Family)*

**Saturday 8:30am Prayer Service**

*Catholic War Veterans (Requested by Deacon Stan)*

**Saturday 4:pm**

*Anna Smaldino + Catherine Schreiber (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...**

**Robert Galazin  
James Kingston**

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

***Jean Marie Galazin***  
(Requested by Friends of the Galazin Family)



***The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
In Memory of John Brennan + Agnes Walsh***  
(Requested Fr. Peter)

**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



**AMERICA MARTYRS**  
Third Sunday of Easter \  
May 4, 2025

**"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation  
follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life,**

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

**This Could be you**



## ***My Side of the Altar***

### **EASTER JOURNEY THOUGHT**

Dear Easter People, our beautiful Holy Week celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter (Vigil) were powerful expressions of faith through word, music, environment and silence.

Words cannot adequately express my deepest thanks to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such meaningful, beautiful and prayerful expressions of faith. God has truly blessed me through all of you. May we be a blessing to each other because life is good and we are called by our Easter faith to make it even better! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The liturgical celebrations of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection provided a lens for our own "crosses" and "death" in life which lead to new life. Our outstanding liturgies culminating with Easter means Jesus lives — and is with us! We do not walk through life alone. At times, we are filled with sadness and despair and the Resurrected Lord Jesus offers hope and meaning to our life.

I would like to offer food for the soul, entitled Good Words. Our Easter Season is an opportunity to see life in a new way — filled with meaning, hope and purpose rooted in the Lord Jesus. Our Easter Season is a time to rise with the Lord Jesus and spring to life like the birthing of nature all around us. Ponder, reflect and pass on to a loved one these thoughts:

*Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.*

*You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.*

*God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him. All people smile in the same language.*

*A hug is a great gift...one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.*

*Everyone needs to be loved...especially when they do not deserve it.*

*The real measure of a person's wealth is what he or she has invested in eternity.*

*Laughter is God's sunshine.*

*Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.*

*It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.*

*Thank God for what you have and TRUST GOD for what you need.*

*If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you have no today to be thankful for.*

*Happy memories never wear out...relive them as often as you want.*

*Home is the place where we grumble the most...but are most often treated the best.*

*A person looks at outward appearances, but the Lord looks within the heart.*

*The choices you make today will usually affect tomorrow. Take time to laugh, for it is the music of the soul.*

*If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.*

*Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.*

*Love is strengthened by working through conflicts together.*

*The best thing parents can do for their children is to love each other. Harsh words break no bones, but they do break hearts.*

*To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.*

*We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for. Love is the only thing that can be divided without being diminished. Happiness is enhanced by others but does not depend upon others. You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.*

*For every minute you are angry or unforgiving, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back. Do what you can, for whom you can, with what you have, and where you are.*

**The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! ...**

**...Walking with you this Easter Season, Fr. Peter**

**April 27, 2025**

**Online \$1,433.00**

**In-Pew \$5,283.50**

**Total \$6,716.50**

**Poor Box: \$92.00**

**Votive Candles: \$125.00**

**Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions \$1,188.00**

### *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, Bob GiamMary (C) Kathy Reilly Cohen, Johanna Zafferese, Bill Buzzzone, 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...

### **American Martyrs Rosary Society Will Pray The Rosary on Mother's Day Right After 9am Mass... ..Stay and Pray with us!**

## **American Martyrs Rosary Society Day of Recollection May 5, 2025 11am Mass**



**Please join us on Monday, May 5 for our  
Annual Day of Recollection.  
New Member will be inducted.  
Lunch to follow in the Sullivan Center**



**Our Guest Speaker is Fr. Joseph A. Miller**

**We are ordering lunch so it is a must to call if you are coming  
Carol @ 718 - 631 - 0896 or  
Barbara @ 718-465 -- 0585**

**PLEASE BRING BABY ITEMS FOR BRIDGE TO LIFE  
ALL WELCOME! COME JOIN US**

*American Martyrs*



### **This Year at the Great Easter Vigil**

American Martyrs, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Catholic Church welcomes Igli Jaupi + Daniel Aquilar + Siyuan Jiang + Luke Martinez + Cinthya Rames and Luis Ramirez as they were received into Full Communion of the Roman Catholic Church.

And sincere thanks Mary + Deacon Stan Galazin for teaching all of them on the "Ways of the Faith," and a deeper understanding of our Church's History as well as preparing all of the men and women as they prepared to receive the Grace of the Holy Sacraments.



### Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

#### First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41*

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

#### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13*

A song of praise to God who rescues us.

#### Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14*

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

#### Gospel Reading: *John 21:1-19*

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in [John 6](#).

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

### 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 obligation 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.





## PILGRIMS OF HOPE TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday blackouts, perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



## *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!**

## LIFELONG SERVICE

I am going fishing. What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess Grandpa or Uncle Fred, or admit, I said that last summer! But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, As the Father has sent me, so I send you. But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, Lord, you know that I love you, and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, Tend my sheep. Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, We must obey God rather than men. As Revelation proclaims, Worthy is the Lamb--to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## St. Michael the Archangel

Pope Francis is inviting Catholics throughout the world to pray the rosary every day to ask St. Michael the Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who is always trying to separate us from God and from each other.

Pray the prayer together with your entire family after dinner, for your prayers may just be what is needed to protect you, your family and your Church. The prayer to St. Michael was composed by Pope Leo XIII.

Dear Archangel Michael, **I call upon you in this moment of need, asking for your protection and guidance.** As the powerful warrior of God, I trust in your ability to defend me from all harm and danger. I ask that you wrap me in your divine light, shielding me from any evil that may come my way.

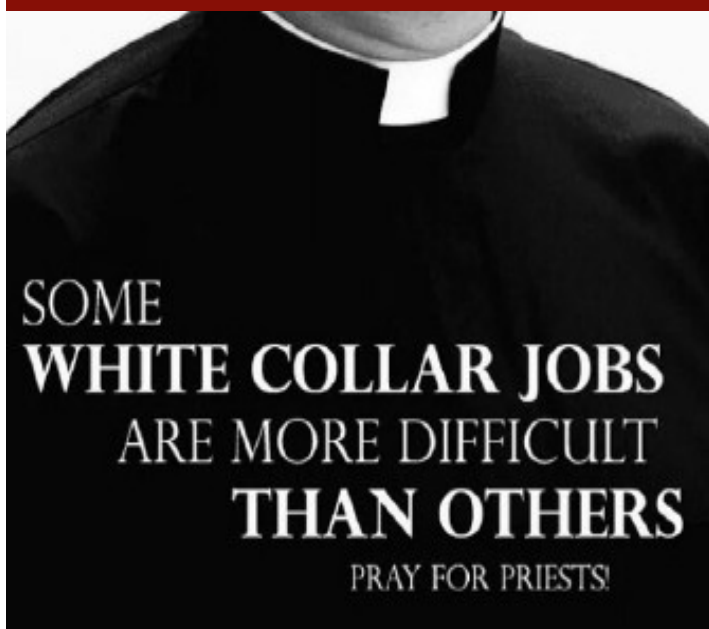


## **American Martyrs Rectory Office Hours**

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

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

**After Hours by Appointment**



**PRAY FOR  
SEMINARIANS**  
Sa'nt Charles Borromeo, pray for our future priests

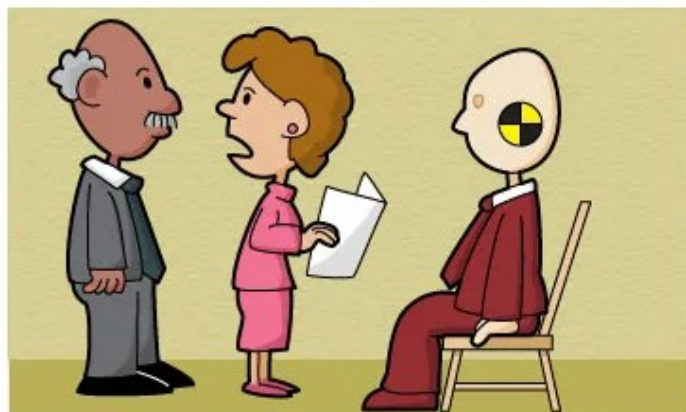
## **Did You Know ???**

**From 9am - 3pm Monday - Friday  
The Kateri Chapel of  
American Martyrs Open for  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *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.



K.Spear

"This church bulletin should be safe.  
I tried it on the crash test dummy."

**Congratulations to all our children who received their  
First Holy Communion yesterday.  
We are proud of all of you. Know our prayers and love are with you on this Joyous Day!  
May you always walk with the Lord Jesus holding you by your hand!  
We as a parish will keep all of our children in our prayers**

**May the American Martyrs Pray and Protect our Children**



Join Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio on a  
10-day Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with the

## Diocese of Brooklyn October 28–November 6, 2025



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## Mary of History

### The Historical Mary Robert P. Maloney



#### Why focus on the historical Mary in Advent?

There are three reasons. First, her history brings her nearer to us. While there is an alluring quality to the gorgeous Madonna depicted by medieval artists, this first-century Jewish woman living in a peasant village was much more like billions of people today than the women in those beautiful paintings. Though her culture was quite different from that of our 21st-century post-industrial society, it was not unlike that of women in thousands of villages as they exist today in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Her daily life and labor were hard. With Joseph, she raised Jesus in oppressive circumstances, struggling to pay the taxes by which the rich became richer at the expense of the poor. As with the vast majority of people in world history, most of Mary's difficult life went unrecorded.

Second, her holiness lies in persistent, faithful listening to God's word. Even though in canonizing saints the church has customarily emphasized martyrdom, asceticism, renunciation of family and worldly possessions, or lifelong dedication to the poor, today we recognize more and more that holiness consists mainly in persevering fidelity in the midst of everyday life. This is what the "historical Mary" exemplifies. As events unfolded around her, often to her surprise, she had to figure out continually what God was asking of her. She looked for the word of God in people and events, listened to that word, pondered it and then acted on it. She doubtless repeated again and again what she said to Gabriel, "Be it done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Day by day she lived a "pilgrimage of faith," to use the words of Vatican II. She found energy in her trust in the God of Israel and in her solidarity with the growing community of Christians who experienced the promise of life in the death and resurrection of her son.

Third, today we recognize Mary's Magnificat as a rousing freedom song of the poor. Mary, the lead singer, epitomizes the lowly of Israel, those marginalized by society, for whom there is "no room in the inn" (Luke 2:7). God is her only hope, and she sings the divine praises with exuberant confidence. While it may be difficult to imagine this revolutionary hymn coming from the mouth of a Madonna painted by Caravaggio, it is easy to envision it issuing from the lips of the historical Mary. Galilee was the spawning ground for first-century revolts against a repressive occupying power and its taxes. The Christians of Jerusalem, who with Mary were the nucleus of the post-resurrection church, suffered from real hunger and poverty (see Gal 2:10; 1 Cor 16:1-4; Rom 15:25-26). With the members of this community, Mary believed that God can turn the world upside down; that the last are first and the first last; the humble are exalted, the exalted humbled; those who save their life lose it, those who lose their life save it; those who mourn will rejoice, those who laugh will cry; the mighty are cast down from their thrones, the lowly lifted up. She and they were convinced that in God's kingdom the poor are first, and the prostitutes, publicans and outcasts of society eat at the table of the Lord.

*Next we continue to "Focus on the Historical Mary."*

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. 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 you may call: Maryellen Quinn, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, 718-965-7300



#### **Purgatorial Society Enrollment in May 2025**

**Gilda Versales** (Enrolled by Olivia)  
**Rosita Capistrano** (Enrolled by Olivia)  
**Sarah Rosario Henao** (Enrolled by Vivian + Children)  
**Robert Galazin** (Enrolled by American Martyrs Parish)

**The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in 12 monthly Masses (starting on the month of enrollment) offered on the First Sunday of every month at the 10:30am Mass.**



douglaston community theatre presents

# A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

by arthur miller



MAY 1 @ 8PM  
MAY 2 @ 8PM  
MAY 9 @ 8PM  
MAY 10 @ 2PM  
MAY 10 @ 8PM  
MAY 17 @ 8PM  
MAY 18 2PM

Zion Church Parish Hall  
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Douglaston, NY 11363  
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The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate  
Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event

24th Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event  
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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://sistersofstdominic.org/2025 luncheon>



Thursdays' from 11am - 3pm in the Sullivan Center  
for a few fun filled hours to socialize, play cards,  
and celebrate holidays, birthdays and occasional excursions.  
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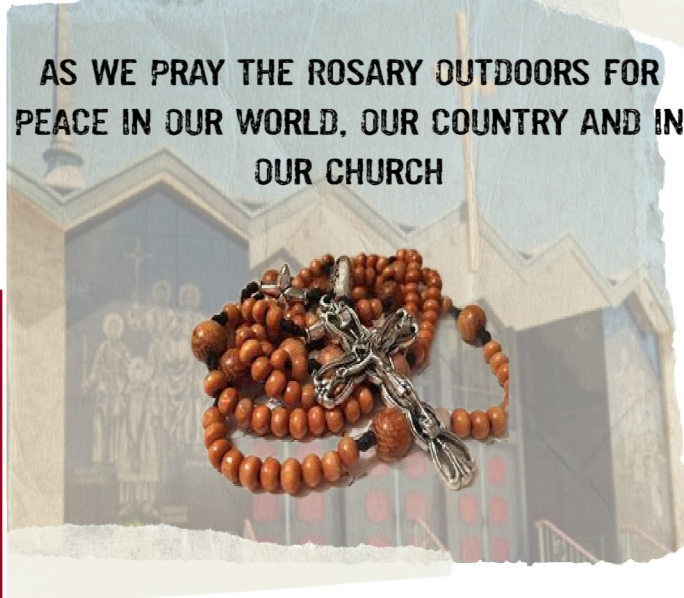
## ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY FREE SPEECH AND HEARING EVALUATIONS

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.

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



**Rev. John J. Murray American Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council #14666**  
**Monthly Food Collection for the Food Pantry's of American Martyrs**



**Saturday, April 26 the Knights of Columbus**  
**collected 200 pounds of food and recieved \$296 in donations.**

**The collection goes to the Food Pantry of American Martyrs and St. Kevin's**  
**Thank You to all those that volunteered to help "Feed the Hungry"**

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Holy Family / Bishop Ignatius Catanello**  
**Council #14520**  
**Is Hosting a Blood Drive @ Holy Family Church**  
**Monsignor Mahoney Hall**  
**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**8:30am to 2:30pm**  
**175-20 74 Ave. Fresh Meadows, NY 11366**



**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

**For More Info Please Contact**  
**Grand Knight, Peter Koch @3475817078 or Itcolpj@aol.com**

## 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**



**Donate EYEGLASSES (and sunglasses)**  
**and HEARING AIDS**

**(hearing aids, new batteries, cases and chargers accepted)**

**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY ONLY**

**Place items in the boxes at the church entrances**

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### ***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 Tuesday May 6 and June 10

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

### **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  
MAY 10/11**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** Nestor Diaz

**9am:** Michael Shoule

**11:30am:** Maureen Henry

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4pm:** Mary Ann + Gregg Schreiber

Iris Diaz + Barbara Frochlich

**9am:** Theresa Asche + Fortune Tramonte

Steve Carouse + Getulio Cury

**11:30am:** Linda Limberg + Terry Marchia

Bernie Liu + OValerie Day

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY MAY 10/11**

**Saturday 4pm VIGIL**

Omar + Landon + Sophia

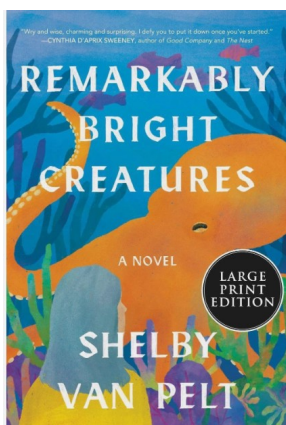
**Sunday 9AM**

Lilly + Isabella + Vladimir

**Sunday 11:30AM**

Edward + Katarina + Jose

**Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club  
Will Take Place in the Murray Center on  
Monday Evening June 2 at 7pm**



**The Book of the Month is  
Remarkably Bright Creatures  
By Shelby Van Pelt**

**Rosary Societys  
Altar Linen Schedule**



May 4: Mary Galazin  
May 11: Carol Fortune  
May 18: Nancy Marchi  
May 25: Nancy Hill  
June 1: Mary Galazin  
June 8: Carol Fortune  
June 15: Nancy Marchi  
June 22: Nancy Hill  
June 29: Mary Galazin

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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### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** If I go to jail my wife will get me out! She never lets me finish a sentence!

**Smitty:** If I'm ever on life support, unplug me, then plug me back in. See if that works.

**Floater:** Now that I'm older I have finally figured out what I want to be. Younger!

**Smitty:** You know you're old when you're entering birth year online and have to spin that thing like you're on Price is Right.

**Floater:** My wife tells me I can be an idiot sometimes. I think it's pretty cool of her to give me permission like that.

**Smitty:** The invention of the shovel was ground breaking, but it was the invention of the broom that truly swept the nation.

**Floater:** Taller people sleep longer in bed.

**Smitty:** It turns out when you're asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own.

**Floater:** 8 billion people on earth and somehow Fr. Peter is the best driver!

**Smitty:** The salesman told me, "This sofa will sit 5 people without any problems." I asked 'where am I going to find 5 people without any problems?'

**Floater:** As I look back on my life, I'm seriously impressed that I am still alive.

**Smitty:** I made a chicken salad last night, apparently they prefer grain.

**Floater:** when the dentist married the manicurist they fought Tooth and Nails.

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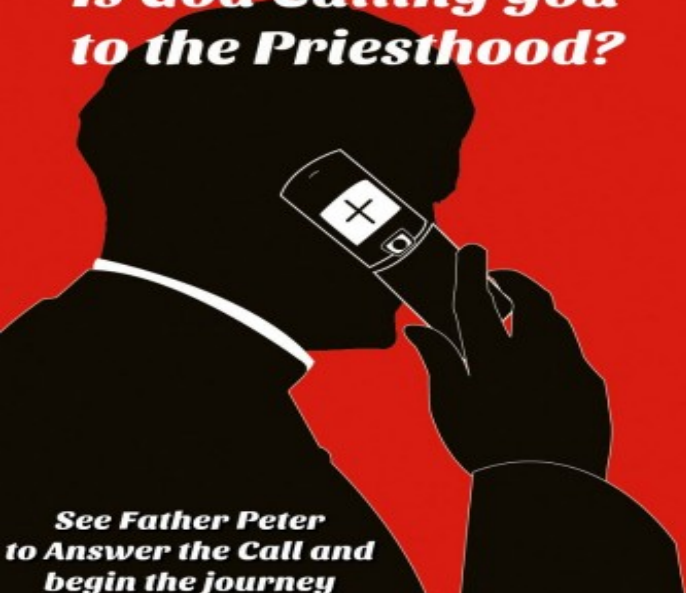


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