

**July 13, 2025**  
**American Martyrs RC Church**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor**  
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**Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Very Rev. Francis K. Asagba (in residence)**

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**Mrs. Theresa Asche**  
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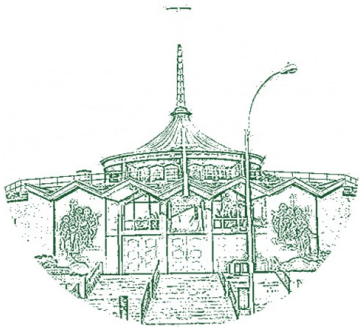
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**The Partnership Mass Schedule of American Martyrs and Holy Family**



**American Martyrs**  
**8:30am Weekdays**  
**4pm Saturday Vigil**  
**Sunday 9am + 11:30am**  
**Saturday Confession 3pm -3:45pm**

**Holy Family**  
**8:30am Weekdays**  
**5pm Saturday Vigil**  
**Sunday 7:30am + 10:30am +12 noon + 5pm**  
**Saturday Confession 4pm**



### **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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**“God doesn't need  
soldiers.  
He needs brothers.**

**And you, yes, you...  
are one of them.” .”**



**Pope Leo XIV**



**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 July 7, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455  
Pledged: \$121,770.00  
Paid: \$110,345.08  
Donors: 131 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 Paukowits, Martin Thaila, Vijay Devassy, Anita Mascoli, John Buglione, John Sheridan Jr., Tom Holloran, Vincent Sheridan, Jackson Monchal, Gloria Saavedra, Jack Goydas, John Bennett, Michael G. McLoone, Dave Tavella, Gloria Valdez, Stephen Feit, Patrick Kearney, Roberto + Raquel Barrientos, Kalyan Sham, Mike Tramonte, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Robert, Vita Mazzola, Aileen Galazin Vincent Martin, James Pagano, Jesus Fernandez, Rubayet Molla and John Buzzone

(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 July 13, 2025

**9am**

*Frank Paukowits (Requested by Catholic War Veterans)*

**11:30am**

*Robert Galazin (Requested by Steve + Valerie)*

*Jack Bills (Requested by Ann Marie)*

*Frank Paukowits (Requested by Harriet + Ben)*

**Monday 8:30am**

*Ed Myles (Requested by Nancy + Ray)*

**Tuesday 8:30am**

*Frank Paukowits (Requested by Margaret + Carl Reyes)*

**Wednesday 8:30am**

*John MacPherson (Requested by Johns Family)*

**Thursday 8:30am**

*Frank Paukowits (Requested by Knights of Columbus)*

**Friday 8:30am**

*Rose + Jesse Carlone (Requested by John L. Herast)*

**Saturday 8:30am**

*Robert Galazin (Requested by Kathy + Brian Evers)*

**Saturday 4:pm**

*Ann Romano (Requested by Judy + Gene Lengel)*



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 of Thanks for  
Joseph on his  
80th birthday**




**The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
In Thanksgiving for  
Msgr. Noone + Msgr. Doran  
(Requested by a friend)**

### 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**  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 13, 2025

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness.

Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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



This Could be you





## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family and American Martyrs,

This week, we are blessed to celebrate two beautiful feast days that hold deep meaning for our faith and our lives as disciples: the Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha on July 14th, and the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16th.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," was born in 1656 in what is now upstate New York. The daughter of a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin Christian mother, Kateri was baptized as a teenager after encountering Jesuit missionaries. Her life was marked by great faith, purity, and devotion to prayer, even in the face of misunderstanding and hardship. She died at the young age of 24, but her holiness continues to inspire us—especially as the first Native American saint. She reminds us that sanctity transcends time, culture, and place—and that holiness is possible for each one of us.

On July 16th, we honor Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order. Mount Carmel, in the Holy Land, was home to the prophet Elijah and later to Christian hermits who sought to imitate Mary's contemplative spirit and openness to God. One of the most cherished sacramentals associated with this feast is the Brown Scapular—a sign of Mary's protection and a call to live a life of prayer and fidelity to Christ. Tradition holds that Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock in the 13th century, giving him the scapular with the promise that "whoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." The scapular is not a magic charm, but a tangible reminder of our consecration to Mary and our desire to follow her Son more faithfully.

Following the morning Mass on July 16th, parishioners from both Holy Family and American Martyrs will have the opportunity to be invested with the Brown Scapular. This is a beautiful act of devotion and trust in Our Lady's maternal care. If you've never been enrolled before, I invite you to prayerfully consider taking this step on July 16th following the 8:30am Mass.

Lastly, I also want to share that I will be away from July 12–21 on a young adult service pilgrimage to Lourdes, where I will be accompanying and assisting the sick who come seeking healing through the intercession of Our Lady. Immediately after, from July 22–28, I will be attending the Napa Institute Summer Conference, a gathering focused on faith, leadership, and the renewal of the Church.

Please keep me and all those I'll be serving and learning with in your prayers. Know that you will be in mine as well. I look forward to seeing you all when I return!

United in Prayer,

### **Excuses, Excuses**



If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive. - Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Dear Faithful people of God,

### ***Please Pray for your Priests and Deacons***

*The following was written by Fr. Scottston Brentwood, O.de M.,*

On Saturday 5 July 2025, Fr. Matteo Balzano, a priest of the Diocese of Novara in Italy and assistant priest of the parish of Cannobio, was found lifeless in the home of the parish rectory. He was 35 years old. He had taken his own life.

The death of a priest, especially when it comes to an extreme and silent choice like suicide, forces us to stop, because behind the collar, behind the altar, behind the patient smile and constant availability, there is a man.... and we often forget that.

The priest is not a lone hero, nor a sacrament vending machine. He is a man who answered a radical call, who gave up so much - family, career, affections - to serve. But to serve does not mean to disappear. And consecrating oneself does not mean to become vulnerable. And yet the communities that are supposed to be family to him often turn into cages, or worse, "lion dens" and "viper dens." They become tribunals where every word is judged, every choice questioned, every defect magnified. Everything is expected from him, without granting him anything: neither the right to fragility, nor the time to rest, nor the space to simply be human.

Mission is mistaken for perfection. It is thought that being a "man of God" makes you indifferent to loneliness, to misunderstanding, to injustice. But it is not like that. The priest never ceases to be a man, and a wounded man, abandoned, neglected in his deepest needs, sooner or later collapses. And that breakdown is sometimes final. Maybe we cannot know what was going on in Fr. Matteo's heart. But we can honestly ask ourselves: how are priests treated in the communities they are sent to? Do we support them as much as we criticize them? Sometimes a kind word would be enough. A look that says "you're here and we love you". A simple yet authentic gesture, because the most painful loneliness is not the absence, but the one experienced among many, without being truly seen. Community is not a crowd. It is not an evaluation committee. It's a home. And if it's not a home for your pastors too, it's not the Church.

Fr. Matteo died alone, but he also died in the blindness of those who could not or would not see. Those who love the Church today must learn to love their priests too. Not idealizing them but being truly close to them. With kindness, with respect, with the same mercy we expect from them. They too need saving every once in a while.

*Reverend Scottston Brentwood, O. de M.,  
Our Lady of Mercy and St. Brigid  
LeRoy, N.Y.*

*FYI: American Martyrs will offer Mass on Saturday, August 23 at 8:30am for Fr. Matteo Balzano*

**July 6, 2025**

**Online \$1,418.00 In-Pew \$4,211.50 Total \$5,629.50**

**Poor Box: \$55.00 Votive Candles: \$135.00**

**Second Collection on Sunday, Summer Mission \$1,206.00**

**This Weeks Collection is for Religious Education and Youth Ministry  
Please Be Generous (as you are all the time!)**



## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2025

### First Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not remote but are already in their hearts.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 36-37*

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

### Second Reading: *Colossians 1:15-20*

Jesus is the head of the body, the Church.

### Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:25-37*

The parable of the Good Samaritan

## Background on the Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.



## The Presentation of The Gifts at Mass

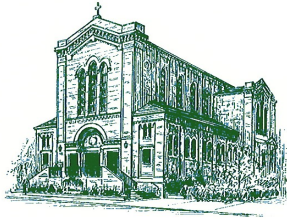
Before Mass each day the gifts of bread and wine are placed at the break of American Martyrs. If you are at Mass and the mass is being celebrated in memory of a loved one please feel free to sit near the gifts and bring them to the altar, where they will become the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are 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.

## Traveling this summer season?

Why not bring in those small soaps, shampoos etc. that are supplied by your hotel to American Martyrs to benefit those in need. We can get these items to soup kitchens, food pantries, or specialized housing.

We'll have a basket under the table in the Narthex to gather these items. Let's remember those less fortunate as we travel this year. Thank you!





**Saint Brendan Roman Catholic Church**  
**1525 East 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230**  
**Phone (718) 339-2828 • Fax (718) 339-5951**

June 16, 2025

Rev. Peter J. Rayder  
American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church  
79-43 Bell Blvd  
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

Dear Rev. Peter J. Rayder,

We would like to invite the community of American Martyrs to join us, St. Brendan's Parish in celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the passing of Rev. Peter D. Gillen, former Pastor of St. Brendan's, with a Memorial Mass and small reception afterwards.

The Memorial Mass will be on:  
Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

On behalf of our Parish Administrator, Rev. Lukasz Trocha, we would appreciate it if you could announce this information to your Parish family, as there might be some members who would like to attend, given that Rev. Peter Gillen was previously assigned to American Martyrs and served as Parochial Vicar.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the rectory at the number listed above.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Samuel K. Korkordi  
Parochial Vicar

## **GLUTEN SENSITIVITY**

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





## PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the baptism of the bells, recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting farflung visitors, the bells voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells.

Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing! -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!**

## St. Michael the Archangel

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.



## PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE



Every morning after the 8:30 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed. Please join us in this very powerful prayer for peace.

## WISDOM

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around. -Anonymous

## HAPPINESS

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself. -St. Bonaventure







THE FEAST DAY OF  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT  
DURING 8:30AM MASS



Registration Continues for the 2025/2026 School Year the Entire Month of June

(Late Fee of \$30 Per Family After June 30, 2025)

Please Call Mrs. Theresa Asche in the Religious Education Office  
For More Information @ 718-464-6411

PS: Keep the Children of American Martyrs in Your Prayers for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer



**HOLY FAMILY & AMERICAN MARTYRS PARTNERSHIP**

**NEW YORK METS**



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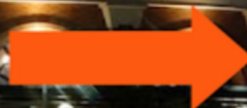
**SEATTLE MARINERS**

**CITI FIELD**

**Friday, August 15th @7:10PM Game**

**Fireworks Night**

**Please RSVP**



Join Holy Family and American Martyrs for a fun-filled evening at the ballpark!  
Celebrate our parish partnership with a night of fellowship, food, and baseball as the Mets take the field!

Tickets: \$50.00 each  
(Includes seating in a reserved section with parishioners from both parishes.)

Reserve your spot today! Scan the QR Code to sign up

OR call the Holy Family or American Martyrs Rectory Office to reserve your ticket.

Let's root, root, root for the Mets—together as one partnership family!

Space is limited, so don't wait!



# Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

**New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

**We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life.** Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

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## Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit [bit.ly/veto-pas](https://bit.ly/veto-pas) or use the QR code.





## American Martyrs Food Pantry is Extremely Low and in Need of a BOOST



Please Consider Donating Boxes of Pasta + Cereal and Canned Food

Please Drop off Food Inside American Martyrs Before Mass into the Shopping Cart

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

**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.

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 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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### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as the image of the invisible God, the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question Who is my neighbor? Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about being neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving all people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

### LAW AND ORDER

Have you ever listened to someone giving a specific person a dose of reality and realized that you were also intended to get it? In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to a know-it-all who seems to be baiting him, trying to see if Jesus has the theological wherewithal to be the great teacher he was said to be, asking about the requirements in the Law to gain eternal life. Jesus turns the tables and asks this lawyer, this expert, how he himself would answer the question. The lawyer states the obvious answer from the Law about loving God and ones neighbor. But Jesus asks for more: Who is my neighbor? Does the Law answer this question?



In Deuteronomy, Moses spoke to the Israelites about the new Law, the Ten Commandments. At the time of Jesus, those ten laws had bloated into more than six hundred, requiring interpretation so that people could be obedient but unencumbered by the inevitable inconsistencies of such a vast set of regulations. Instead of the Law, Jesus answers with one of the most famous stories of all time: the good Samaritan. Here is where the plot thickens.

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



On his way to Jerusalem, to the cross, Jesus and his disciples had recently passed through Samaria and found no welcome there, due to animosity between the two peoples. Jesus' disciples wanted vengeance. So Jesus tells the story of how two strict adherents to the Law ignored the man who needed help, probably because of a slavish interpretation of the Law. A stranger from Samaria, who was seemingly little more than a heathen, treated the man with kindness and compassion. (Hey, disciples, did you hear that?)

Moses tried to tell the Israelites that the Law was already in their hearts. Jesus wanted the lawyer and the disciples-- and us--to realize that the heart of the Law is a matter of our own hearts. That is where we know our neighbor— everyone. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY JULY 12/13**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** Christine Markou

**9am:** Huguette Volmar

**11:30am:** Maureen Henry

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

Terry Marchia + Barbara Froechlich

**9am:** Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica

Nancy Flowers + Michael Shoule

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Johanna Zafferese

Valerie Day + Linda Limberg

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY JULY 12/13**

**Saturday 4pm VIGIL**

Landon + Sophia + Jose

**Sunday 9AM**

Lilly + Madison + Brooke

**Sunday 11:30AM**

Katarina + Edward + Omar

**Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club  
Will Take Place in the Murray Center on  
Monday Evening September 15 at 7p**



**The Summer Books**

**Rosary Societys  
Altar Linen Schedule**



July 13: Nancy Marchi

July 20: Nancy Hill

July 27: Mary Galazin

August 3: Carol Fortune

August 10: Nancy Marchi

August 17: Nancy Hill

August 24: Mary Galazin

August 31: Carol Fortune

If you are unable to do a week 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:** I was the best man at my brother's wedding in Paris. At the reception, I raised my champagne glass and said, 'Eggs, cinnamon, bread, and maple syrup. 'It was a French toast.

**Smitty:** I went to the bookstore yesterday, saw a book that said "how to solve 50% of your problems". So I bought two.

**Floater:** Hard to believe I used to be 8 pounds 8 oz. I really let myself go!

**Smitty:** It was a sad and very disappointing day when I learned that my Universal Remote Control did not in fact control the Universe. Not even remotely.

**Floater:** A man is suing Smart Water for not making him smart I'd like to formally announce my lawsuit against Thin Mints.

**Smitty:** At least it's not snowing outside. Imagine shoveling snow in this heat!

**Floater:** I got my shot for shingles today. Just to be safe, I also got one for vinyl siding too!

**Smitty:** I asked God, "Why are you taking me through troubled waters?" He answered, "Because your enemies can't swim."

**Floater:** Ever heard a rumor about yourself and been like, 'I did what?!'

**Smitty:** Just got 30 minutes of cardio trying to pick up an ice cube from the kitchen floor.

**Floater:** Studies show that people with high IQs tend to be lazy, or something like that. I didn't read the whole article.

**Smitty:** When I finish eating something, I have to show my dog my empty hands like a magician and say 'all gone.'

**Floater:** I saw on the news that they're suggesting people check on the elderly due to the heat. I'm usually up by 6am..Bring donuts.

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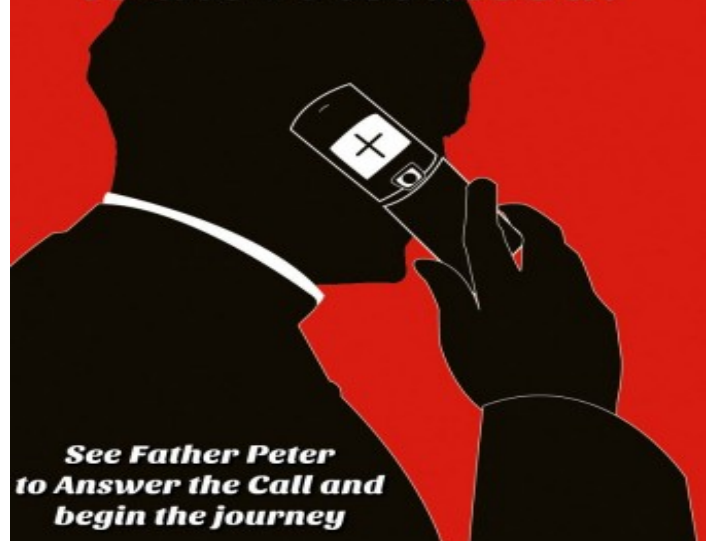




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