

**AMERICAN MARTYRS AND HOLY FAMILY  
REMEMBERS SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**



**WE WILL REMEMBER THOSE  
WHO WERE MURDERED,  
THOSE WHO LOST THEIR  
LIVES RESPONDING TO  
SAVE LIVES AND THE BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN IN THE  
ARMED FORCES THAT  
CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR  
FREEDOM + PEACE**

**AMERICAN MARTYRS 7:30PM  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

### **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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Robert Shoule  
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“ And you, dear children,  
show gratitude to your  
parents: Saying ‘thank you’  
each day for the gift of life  
and for all that comes with it  
is the first way to honor your  
father and your mother” . ”

**Pope Leo XIV**

(Mass for the Jubilee of Families).



**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 September 2, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455**

**Pledged: \$128,220.00**

**Paid: \$120,527.62**

**Donors: 138 Families**



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

Msgr. John Keppler, Elizabeth Coppola, Denis Keane, Anne Kingston, Elsie Paukowitz, Martin Thaila, Vijay Devassy, Anita Mascoli, John Buglione, John Sheridan Jr., Vincent Sheridan, Gloria Saavedra, Jack Goydas, John Bennett, Michael G. McLoone, 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, Natalia Bianco, Michael O'Shaughnessy, John Buzzone, Jack Bradley, Dr. Mirian Lumbreras and Rick San Severino

(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 September 7, 2025

9am

American Martyrs Purgatorial Society

11:30am

Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (Requested by Migene Wippler)

Elizabeth Spinos (Requested by Ulzheimer Family)

Elizabeth Strab (Requested by Ulzheimer Family)

Monday 8:30am

Robert Hofmann (Requested by Christina)

Tuesday 8:30am

Jaya Chacko "Birthday" (Requested by Chacko Family)

Wednesday 8:30am

Thomas Larkin (Requested by Bobby Ruzalsky)

Thursday 8:30am

Elizabeth Anane (Requested by Nancy + Ray)

7:30pm September 11, 2001 Memorial Mass

The Men and Women Killed on September 11, 2001

Friday 8:30am

Robert Galazin (Requested by Galazin Family)

Saturday 8:30am

Living Intention of the Curran Family (Requested by McGreevy)

Saturday 4:pm

40th Wedding Anniversary of Susan + Robert Dziepic



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...

Norma Bruce  
Roxanne Cury  
Paulette Wilson

### The Gifts of Bread + Wine

In Loving Memory of

Howard Alonzo

(Requested by his family)



The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
In Thanks to the Ushers of American Martyrs

(Requested by )

### PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

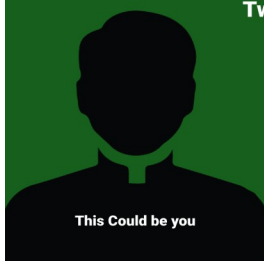


Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN,  
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG  
TAO Sean Reiley—USN  
Raymond Esquilin, CW4  
Lisa Johnston,  
WO 1 Crystal Robles  
2nd Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF  
SFC Sheldon Warren  
Rubayet Molla

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 7, 2025

"None of you can become My disciple  
if you do not give up all your possessions."  
Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest,  
deacon, sister or brother?

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







## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

As we turn the calendar to September, I want to take a moment to welcome everyone back after what I hope was a restful and renewing summer. A new season always brings with it new beginnings, whether it is our young people returning to school, our parish ministries resuming after the summer break, or simply the change of pace that comes with this time of year.

Here at Holy Family and American Martyrs, we have much to be grateful for. Our summer was filled with joyful moments of community: our Christmas in July Volunteer Appreciation Party at American Martyrs, the partnership Mets Night with fireworks, and our CYO Partnership BBQ. I am deeply thankful to all who shared their time, talent, and treasure to make these gatherings possible.

Looking ahead, we enter an exciting stretch of parish life. Our Faith Formation programs begin this month, inviting our children, teens, and families to deepen their knowledge and love of Christ. Our school has reopened for another year of growth and learning. On Saturday, September 13th, we will make a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville. On Saturday, September 20th, we will host a day of renewal for all our liturgical ministers. On Saturday, September 27th, Bishop Paul Sanchez will be at Holy Family for the Diocesan Wedding Jubilee celebration. And on Sunday, September 28th, both of our parish communities will come together for our Parish Ministry Fair as we re-gather and welcome new members.

Above all, our Sunday Eucharist remains the heart of who we are, where we encounter the Lord and are strengthened for the mission He entrusts to us.

In a special way, I ask you to keep our young people and their families in your prayers as they begin this new school year. May the Holy Spirit guide them, give them courage in times of challenge, and joy in the journey of learning and growth.

As your pastor, I want to assure you of my prayers for each of you. May this new season be one of renewal in faith, hope, and love. Let us continue to walk together, two parishes, but one family in Christ, trusting always in God's grace to lead us every step of the way, under the loving care of Holy Mother Church.

United in Christ,

Fr. Sean



**Next Weekends Second Collection is the Bishops of the United States Support of Catholic Education at The Catholic University of America**

**Your support helps continue building the Catholic Education and Foundation needs of National Catholic University students**

**Thank You for your generosity and support**

**August 31, 2025**

**Online \$968.00   In-Pew \$3,578.00   Total \$4,546.00**

**Poor Box: \$466.00**

**Votive Candles: \$165.00**



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

*Dear faithful people of American Martyrs, I found the following online, there was no source to attribute or thank, but it is worth reading*

### **I'm thinking, Lord, of all the ways my life is touched, bruised, blessed, shaped and changed**

by family and by friends, by strangers passing by, by grudges and resentments,  
by others' smiles and tears, by attention and neglect, by a generous helping hand,  
by an understanding glance, by gentleness and harshness, by compassion and indifference,  
by an understanding glance or gaze, by the smallest deed of kindness done in secret and with love...

All of which causes me to wonder, how does my life, Lord, touch, bruise, bless, shape and change the lives of my family and my friends, of strangers passing by, of those I live and work with, those entrusted to my care, of those who serve my needs, of those I disagree with, of those who most annoy me, of those who lift me up, of those who need my help, of those whom I've offended...

How does my life, Lord, touch, bruise, bless, shape and change the lives of those who wait for how my life might touch and bless and shape and change them, might calm and heal and mend and free someone in need, someone alone, a troubled soul, a broken heart, someone left out, abandoned, shunned, someone with gifts who wants to share, a brother, sister, stranger, friend who waits, like me, for someone else to touch and bless, shape and change the life we've each been given... Someone who waits like me, Lord, for the smallest deed of kindness done in secret and with love...

Help us be gentle, Lord, in all the ways our lives to touch, brush, grace and bless the lives of those around us...Amen

### **See You In Church... ..Fr. Peter**

#### **A Parent's Prayer for Students**

Dear Lord, as my children leave for school, I pray you keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that's true and beautiful and good. Help them see the gifts and talents you have given them and teach them to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what's just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard my children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand, Lord, and at day's end, bring them safely home. Amen... [ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com)

#### **A Student's Prayer**

Dear God, help me remember that you're always by my side, at school and all day long. Help me be the best student I can be, using all the gifts and talents you've given me. Help me study well and often – especially when I don't feel like studying at all! Help me finish all my homework – on time. Help me listen to my teachers and coaches. Help me play fair and play safely.

Help me be honest when I'm tempted to cheat. Help me always tell the truth. Help me be kind to everyone at school and to treat others as I'd want them to treat me. Help me make good friends and help me be a good friend to others. Help me see how I can help others and to ask for help when I need it myself. Help me love and respect, trust and appreciate my parents and be honest with them. Help me remember that you're with me always, Lord, and that you'll never leave my side. Amen. [ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com)

#### **A Teacher's Prayer**

Dear God, a new school year is about to begin and my classroom door will soon open to the students you've assigned to my care... Open my mind and heart to each of them and especially to the ones who will challenge me the most...Help me challenge my students, all of them, to study, to learn, to grow in knowledge and even a little wisdom... Help me remember, Lord, how young my students are: give me patience to help them grow up and insight to know the help they need...Help me understand that sometimes my students may not understand me: help me be clear in all I say and do...

My students don't know the burdens and worries my heart brings to the classroom, Lord, so help me remember how anxious and how heavy my students' hearts may be...Keep me from favoring any particular students, Lord, except for those who need my help the most...Let my choices and decisions in the classroom be fair and just, honest and true...Send your Spirit to fill me with gifts of knowledge and understanding, counsel and wisdom...Lord, open my mind and heart to my students' parents, especially those who'll challenge me the most...Help me challenge parents to challenge their children to study, to learn and to grow...Teach me to teach as you would, Lord: with understanding when I need to be firm, with gentleness in all things and with patience 'til the last bell rings... Amen. [ConcordPastor.blogspot.com](http://ConcordPastor.blogspot.com)

## **VIRTUS Training for Volunteers Who Are NOT Certified for Compliance**

The parishes of Holy Family and American Martyrs are hosting a mandatory VIRTUS training session for all adult volunteers who are not certified. This essential training will be held **6pm on Thursday, September 25th, 2025**, in Sullivan Hall at American Martyrs.

This training is mandatory for all adult volunteers who are not VIRTUS trained. Your cooperation is vital in ensuring a safe environment for everyone in our parish communities.

### **For Volunteers Who Received an Email from Fr. Ralph:**

If you received an email from Fr. Ralph within the last several weeks, please ensure your VIRTUS account is fully up to date. This includes completing all required Training Modules, signing the Code of Conduct, and having an up to date background check. **No further action is required.**

### **For Volunteers Who Have NOT Received an Email from Fr. Ralph:**

If you have not received an email from Fr. Ralph, it indicates that your VIRTUS account may be inactive or that you have not yet completed the required training. **This session is for you.**

All adult volunteers must be in compliance with VIRTUS training requirements by October 1st, 2025. Failure to comply by this date will result in an inability to serve at the parish until you are certified.

We appreciate your dedication and commitment to our parishes. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this crucial training session. Further details regarding specific dates and times within the week of September 22nd will be announced shortly.

If you are unable to attend the session at American Martyrs training in the Diocese can be found at this link. You will also need to use this link when the date for American Martyrs to register

**[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)**

**WE PRAY THE ROSARY**



**Every morning after the 8:30 am Mass  
Our Lady of the Rosary Pray for Us**

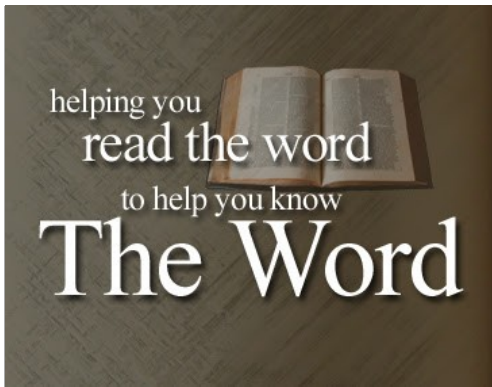
**Attention Parents of High School Students**



**There will be a special program beginning late September for High School Students who have not received Baptism, First Communion and or Confirmation.**

**If interested please contact Deacon Stan at the rectory (718 - 484 - 4582) for more information and to register.**

**THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM!**



**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 7, 2025**

**First Reading:** *Wisdom 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17*

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

**Second Reading:** *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong.

Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross.

These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

**POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES**

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with timid deliberations and unsure plans. Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to let the good you do be voluntary. Jesus instructs great crowds traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**Integrity**

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. — C. S. Lewis



**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.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**Holy Family, Fresh Meadows**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin promptly at 11:30AM. All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary. We encourage all married couples to attend this beautiful celebration of love and fidelity. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop.

*Please call the rectory at 718-464-4582 to register.*





# *A Journey to Divine Mercy with St. Faustina*

American Martyrs cordially invites you to ***A Journey to Divine Mercy with St. Faustina***, in video and discussion format.

Our focus this year will be on prayer. Not the type of prayer you may be familiar with but the type of prayer that called the Saints to the depths of contemplative communion with our Lord:

- *"Prayer is still a little-known means; however, it is the most effective way to re-establish peace in our souls because it allows us to get ever closer to God's love."*  
**St. Maximilian Kolbe**



- *"When it is well done, it moves the Divine Heart and makes Him always more inclined to grant our requests."* **St. Padre Pio**
- *"Great is the power of prayer – a queen, as one might say, has free access always to the King, and able to obtain whatever she asks."*  
**St. Therese of Lisieux**
- *"Give me a man of prayer and he will be capable of everything. He may say with the apostle, 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me.'"* **St. Vincent de Paul**
- *"For whatever the virtue you see, pray. And pray in this way" by reading in the Book of Life, that is, in the life of the One who is God and man, Jesus Christ."* **St. Angela of Foligno**

**TIME:** The 2025/2026 session begins Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 mass and ends at 11am. Sessions are held every third Tuesday of the month and weekly during Lent. Refreshments are available.

**LOCATION:** American Martyrs RC Church, 79-43 Bell Blvd  
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364 in the Fr. John J. Murray Center (rectory side door)

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**



St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center  
Will be offering **FREE** speech and hearing  
evaluations from September 8, 2025 - December 4, 2025

Call the center at 718 - 990 - 6480 to schedule an appointment  
The Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY





## PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of Gods people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate. In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was full, conscious, and active, a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered. --James Field, 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

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.



## HOLY FAMILY



## FRESH MEADOWS

Do you know that Saint Francis of Assisi, himself, founded the Secular Franciscan Order more than 800 years ago? He loved God intensely and wanted lay men and women, single and married, to experience the Joy of Living the Gospel Message ~ through practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Today Secular Franciscans number over 350,000 worldwide.

As "popular" as Saint Francis is ~ with his love of all creation, many people are unaware of his deep spirituality. He did not feel called to be a priest, but his love for the Holy Eucharist, along with that of Our Blessed Mother, are the bedrock of Franciscan Spirituality.

In truth, he is the Saint Par Excellence for our world today! Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Saint Francis of Assisi and held him up as a "Paradigm of Peace", Laudato Si being His masterpiece!

Here, in our parish, (718-969-2448) we are blessed to have our own Holy Family Franciscan Fraternity which gathers at 7:30PM on the third Thursday of the month in Saint Francis Hall. Our next meeting will take place on Sept. 18th.

For more information about Secular Franciscans:  
<https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/frequently-asked-questions/>

# THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT IRISH FAIR OF NEW YORK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

*Holy Name of Jesus*

245 PROSPECT PARK WEST, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

*Mass at 9:00 AM – Fair Begins 11:00 AM*

## *Main Stage Featuring:*

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THE CANNY BROTHERS BAND  
SLAINTE



## *Traditional Irish Music By:*

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## *We are PROUD To be Honoring:*

Niall Murphy

*Cheif Brehon*

Genna Cottingham

*Colleen Queen*

Father Jim Cunningham

*Captain Timothy Stackpole Memorial Award*

Monsignor James J. Kelly

*Father Mychal Judge Memorial Award*

Father Christopher Ryan Heanue

*Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Memorial Award*

Sister Helen Kearney CSJ

*St. Bridgid Award*

Anne Garvey

*Paul O'Dwyer Memorial Award*

Christie Canny

*Kathleen Slattery - Woman of the Year Award*

Thomas Sullivan

*Irish Man of the Year*

Paddy McCarthy

*The Bard of the Fair*

Patrick Steffens

*Jerry Forrest Memorial Award*

Patrick Brennan

*Thomas Phelan Award*

Bridie Mitchell

*Celtic Cross Award*

Lieutenant Brian Leary Jr.

*The Round Tower Award*

Bishop Ray's Blog

Finding Meaning in Each Day

**Blog Address: [www.bishopraymondchappettoblog.com/](http://www.bishopraymondchappettoblog.com/)**

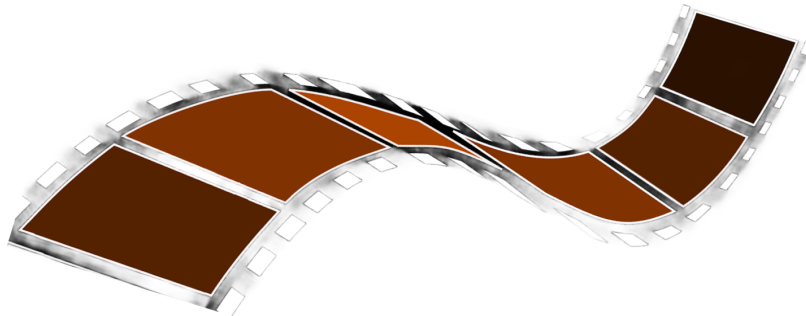
  
PRAY FOR  
SEMINARIANS

Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for our future priests

# The Fall Film Festival Returns



**Hosted by Fr. Robert Lauder, Deacon Stan Galazin,  
American Martyrs and Holy Family**



**Friday, October 3: The Mortal Storm**

**Friday, October 10: Casablanca**

**Friday, October 17: A Man for All Seasons**

**Friday, October 24: On the Waterfront**



**Movie begins at 7:30pm in the Sullivan Center**

**The Church of the American Martyrs**

**79-43 Bell Blvd, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364**



**Plenty of Parking and Handicap Accessible**





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## Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
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- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

American Martyrs Parish  
79-43 Bell Boulevard  
Bayside, NY 11364  
Monday, September 15, 2025  
10am-2pm

Join the Luigi Pirandello Lodge 2875 and the Holy Family Bishop Catanello Knights of Columbus 14520 for a night of great fun, entertainment and friendly wagering on Saturday 20th



Luigi Pirandello  
Lodge 2875  
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## Night at the Races

Wooden Horse Style DERBY PARTY  
Reservations are recommended as seating at the door will be limited.  
For more Info call: Carin Powierski  
(516) 924-3778 to RSVP and for information



## **GLUTEN SENSITIVITY**

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

### **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 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



**American Martyrs Annual Women's Retreat  
San Alfonso Retreat House  
Long Branch, NJ**

**Join the women of American Martyrs on their  
Yearly Retreat October 10th - 12th**

**Call or see Theresa Asche for more information  
718 - 464 + 6411**

## **Day of Recollection for Liturgical Ministers**

*Hosted by American Martyrs & Holy Family Parishes*

**Saturday September 20th, 2025**

**Join us for a special Day of Recollection beginning with Eucharistic Adoration at 10:00 AM.**

**Following Adoration, Fr. Ralph Edel will offer a reflection.**

**The day will conclude with a shared lunch.**

**Holy Family Parish**

**175-20 74th Ave Fresh Meadows, NY 11366**

**Kindly RSVP at the rectory office of either parish or by emailing:**

**\*\*Fr. Ralph Edel — \*\*[fralph@hfamcatholic.org](mailto:fralph@hfamcatholic.org)**

**All EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers, and Ministers of Consolation are encouraged to attend.  
Come together in prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we grow in our shared ministries**

**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13/14**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** John Sullivan

**9am:** Paul Williams

**11:30am:** Stephen Barry

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4pm:** Barbara Froechlich + Lillian Santos

Mary Anne + Gregg Schreiber

**9am:** Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica  
Jillian Miniarik + Gertulio Cury + Steven Caruso

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Johanna Zafferese  
Emily Ledesma+ Terry Marchia

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13/14**

**Saturday 4pm Vigil**  
Brook + Madison + Jose

**Sunday 9am**  
Lilly + Adrian + Omar

**Sunday 11:30am**  
Edward + Katarina + Sophia

**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 Society's  
Altar Linen Schedule**



September 7: Nancy Marchi  
September 14: Nancy Hill  
September 21: Mary Galazin  
September 28: Carol Fortune  
October 5: Nancy Marchi  
October 12: Nancy Hill  
October 19: Mary Galazin  
October 26: 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 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 remember when I used to be able to sleep in one position comfortably. Now I rotate like a gas station hot dog all night long.

**Smitty:** While cooking I asked for a sign from above if I was making it right...that's when the smoke detector went off.

**Floater:** It's getting a bit silly now... Every time I finish eating, I have to show my dog my hands. I feel like a blackjack dealer.

**Smitty:** I scrape gum from the sidewalks and resell it. I just need your help getting it off the ground

**Floater:** I was told today not to open an e-mail with the subject: 'knock, knock. It might be a Jehovah's witness working from home.

**Smitty:** I accidentally gave my wife a glue stick instead of lipstick. She's still not talking to me.

**Floater:** And to my children I leave my collection of grocery bags that I store inside of a grocery bag.

**Smitty:** I am going to start a taxi service for seniors and call it oldsmobile

**Floater:** Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter

**Smitty:** Cars these days have too many gadgets. I drove in reverse and it played a video of somebody getting run over by a car.

**Floater:** My wife thinks I'm nosey. I just wished she'd say it to my face instead of writing it in her diary.

**Smitty:** Did you hear about the lady who fell in love with a ginger ale salesman. She was schwepped off her feet.

**Floater:** Nobody has seen the Zamboni driver. But I'm sure he'll resurface eventually.

**Smitty:** I ate a kids meal at McDonald's today. His mom got really angry at me.

**Floater:** Stood waving to my neighbor for 10 minutes this morning before realizing she was cleaning her windows.. And how's your day going?

**Smitty:** I was diagnosed with Sausagephobia... I fear the wurst.



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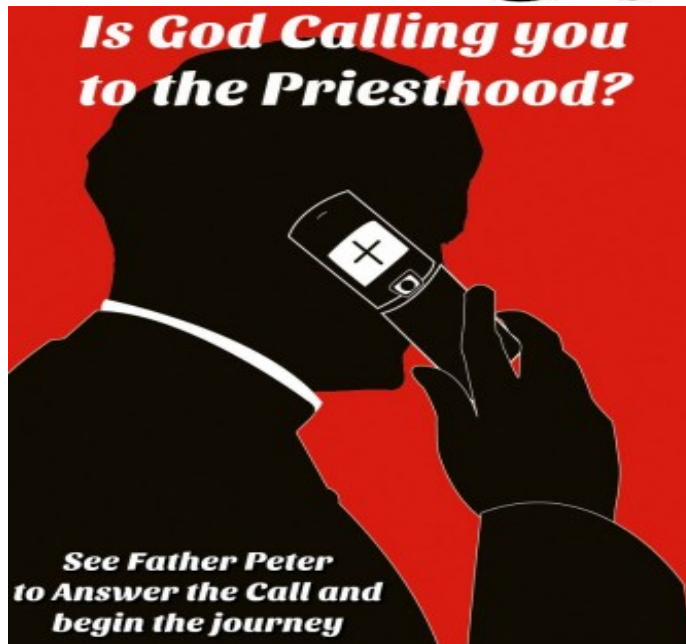

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**See Father Peter to Answer the Call and begin the journey**