

**October 12,, 2025  
American Martyrs  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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**

**Pastoral Staff  
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**America Martyrs RC Church  
  
79-43 Bell Blvd.  
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364  
Rectory: 718 + 464 + 4582  
Religious Education 718 + 464 + 6411**

**Holy Family R.C. Church  
  
175-20 74th Avenue  
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366  
718 + 969 + 2448**



### **American Martyrs Mission Statement**

We, the diverse Catholic family of American Martyrs, are spiritually centered in the Word and the Eucharist. Our warm, welcoming community creates an atmosphere for a wonderful faith experience as we gather at the table of the Lord to help each other grow in Christ and live according to His teachings. Inspired by the faith and an example of our patrons, the North Americans Martyrs, and the Blessed Mother, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we work together to spread the message of Jesus to all.

### **American Martyrs Celebrates the Sacraments**

#### **Penance**

*Every Saturday at 3pm—3:45pm (Also at anytime convenient upon request)*

#### **Baptisms**

Parents must speak to Deacon Stan one month in advance before the scheduled date.

#### **Sacrament of the Sick Anointing of the Sick**

This sacrament is available for any baptized Catholic who is seriously ill or suffering the effects of advanced age. Please call the rectory to make an appointment for a priest to come to the home, or call anytime for a sudden illness. If serious surgery is scheduled, call to arrange for the anointing before you enter the hospital. A communal celebration of this sacrament is celebrated annually.

#### **Pastoral Care to the Homebound**

We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (718) 464-4582. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Call the Parish Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

### **Pastors Advisory Board/Parish Council**

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**“Jesus did not cry out against the Father, but to him... And, in this way, he showed us that our hope can cry out, even when all seems lost.”**

**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 October 6, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455  
Pledged: \$135,795.00  
Paid: \$130,160.89  
Donors: 141 Families**







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

Msgr. John Keppler, Elizabeth Coppola, Denis Keane, Anne Kingston, 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, Jack Bradley, Dr. Miriam Lumberras 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 October 12, 2025

9am

Isabela Leszek Haraburda 33rd wedding anniversary

11:30am

Jack Bills (Requested by Ann Marie)

Angelita Aquitania (Requested by Family)

Phyllis Salamone (Requested by Family)

Monday 8:30am

Caron Chiusano (Requested by Mary Logero)

Tuesday 8:30am

Norma Bunce (Requested by Margaret + Carl)

Wednesday 8:30am

Israel Davila (Requested by the family)

Thursday 8:30am

Norma Bunce (Requested by Ron + Theresa Asche)

Friday 8:30am

Sebastiano Malaudrccolo (Requested by Diana Howrilka)

Saturday 8:30am

Mary Lou Murray (Requested by Nannette + Tania)

Saturday 4:pm

Brian Assa (Requested by Anne Marie)



There is an appointed time for everything, and  
a time for every affair under the heavens,  
A time to live and a time to die...

John Buzzone (Bill's nephew)

### The Gifts of Bread + Wine

In loving memory of  
John Buzzone

Requested by Deacon Stan + Fr. Peter



The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
In Loving Memory of John Buzzone

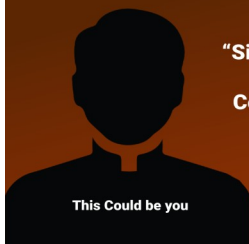
Requested by Deacon Stan + Fr. Peter

### 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  
2nd Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF  
SFC Sheldon Warren  
Rubayet Molla

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 12, 2025



This Could be you

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wonderful deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm."  
Could you be called to a new life of victory serving as a priest,  
deacon, or in the consecrated life?

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





## *A Letter from the Pastor*

### **Eucharistic Reverence**

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our reflection on the great mystery of the Eucharist, I would like to share with you two important elements of our Catholic practice: *the ringing of the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer and the way the Church envisions us to receive Holy Communion*. Both of these, though sometimes overlooked, are powerful reminders of the sacredness of what takes place at every Mass.

#### **The Ringing of the Bells**

During the Eucharistic Prayer, you may notice the altar server ringing the bells at certain moments: usually at the **epiclesis** (when the priest extends his hands, invoking the Holy Spirit), **at the elevation of the Host, and at the elevation of the Chalice.**

Why do we do this? The bells serve as a kind of “**sacred alarm clock**”: they draw our attention to the most important moment of the Mass, when the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The sound cuts through distraction, stirring our hearts to reverence and adoration. As St. John Vianney once said, “*If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.*” The bells remind us that something heavenly is happening before our eyes.

#### **How the Church Envisions Us to Receive Communion**

Because Christ Himself is truly present in the Eucharist, the way we receive Him matters. The Church invites us to prepare our hearts through prayer, confession (if needed), and fasting for at least one hour before Holy Communion. **We should approach the altar with reverence, bowing or genuflecting as a sign of adoration.**

Communion may be received either *on the tongue or in the hand*, according to the norms of the Church. If received in the hand, the Church asks that we place one hand over the other to form a throne, responding “Amen” with faith, and consuming the Host immediately in the presence of the minister. If received on the tongue, we open our mouth and allow the minister to place the Sacred Host with care. **In either case, what matters most is that our external actions reflect our interior belief: *this is truly Jesus, my Lord and my God.***

Both the bells and the reverent reception of Communion point us to the same truth: the Eucharist is not ordinary bread and wine, but the very presence of Christ. These signs and gestures help us to worship with our whole selves mind, body, and spirit.

I encourage you this week to pay close attention to the bells when you hear them. Let them be a moment to renew your adoration of Jesus present on the altar. And as you come forward for Communion, let your “Amen” be a conscious act of faith and love.

May our reverence and devotion always reflect the greatness of the gift we receive.

United in prayer

Fr. Sean

## **North American Martyrs Novena**



**After 8:30am Mass  
October 9, 2025 - October 17, 2025**





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

Dear People of God, many years ago, St. Ignatius profoundly exclaimed:

***“Act as if everything depended on you; Trust as if everything depended on God.”***

Why do we sometimes find it so difficult to trust – to surrender – to let go? Why do many of us have an insatiable need to be in control? Or the need to be perfect? A life rooted in prayer allows us to stay in touch with God, who deeply love us. God can be trusted! However, life is difficult, and we may find it rough to trust God or any person. Why? Life can be hurtful – and who wants to hurt?

I share with you a story someone shared with me as we Respect Life from Conception to Natural Death. May we always hold all life as sacred and realize every life is a profound gift from God.

### **Pennies from Heaven**



Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house. The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live.

The husband's employer was quite generous as a host and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again so was enjoying herself immensely. As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down at the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it into his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

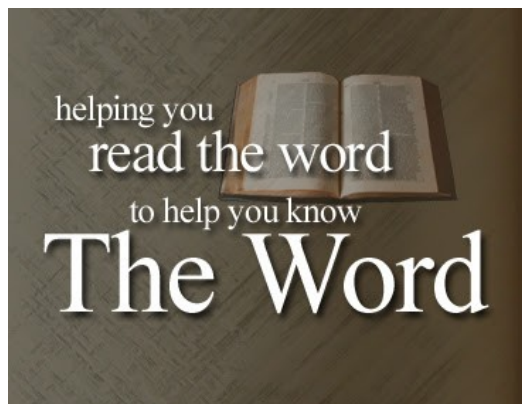
Throughout the dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? "Look at it," he said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America." "No, not that; read further." "One cent?" "No, keep reading." "In God We Trust?" "Yes." "

And if I trust God, the name of God is holy even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single U.S. coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust is in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful."

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words "In God We Trust" and had to laugh.

Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And God is patient...

**On the journey with you, Fr. Peter  
P.S. GO GIANTS and TAKE the J-E-T-S JETS, JETS, JETS with You**



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17**

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4**

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19**

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

*Background on the Gospel Reading*

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

**Knights of Columbus Sponsors  
Mass of Appreciation in Honor  
of our First Responders**

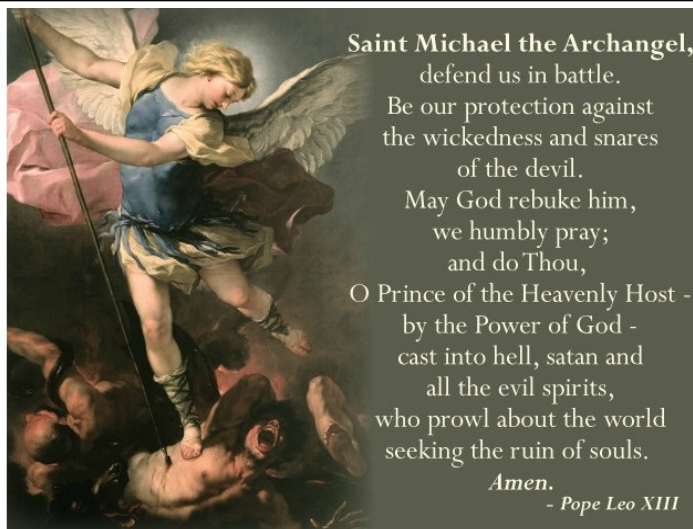
**9am Mass on Sunday, October 26, 2025**



**We invite the men and women who serve or  
have served our parish community as  
Firefighters + Police Officer  
EMT's + Paramedics and  
First Responders  
( we encourage to attend in uniform)**

**Coffee + Bagels will be served in the  
Sullivan Centre**

**Www.KofCAM.weebly.com  
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**WE PRAY THE ROSARY**

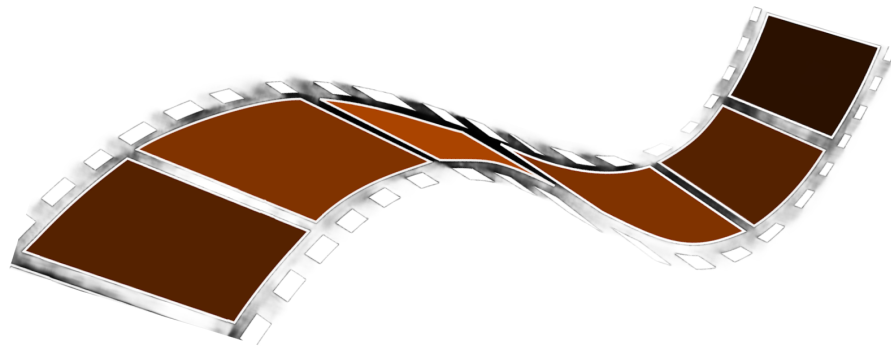


**Every morning after the 8:30 am Mass  
Our Lady of the Rosary Pray for Us**

# The Fall Film Festival Returns



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



**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**





## Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the LORD in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us.

If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## HEALING AND SALVATION

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, Your faith has saved you. The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salvation are necessary. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

## ALL GOOD GIFTS

In the past few years, many have adopted the practice of keeping a gratitude journal. Sometimes, the journal-keeper uses a book that includes prompts that guide the user's reflection. Others simply keep a list or write brief reflections at the end of their day or week, recognizing the many things for which they are grateful. The action of seeking out the blessings of life creates a habit of attentiveness. We see what we seek. When we look for things for which to be grateful, we realize that we are surrounded by blessings. This is not only a good practice for our emotional health and well-being. Recognizing our blessings and growing in gratitude for them is a deeply spiritual practice, through which we become attentive to God's presence and action in our lives. Gratitude can truly be a life-changer for us. As we grow in gratitude, we view the world through the perspective of abundance rather than scarcity. Without the habit of gratitude, we take things for granted. We get caught in an endless cycle of wanting more, rather than seeing all that we have.

## ONE OR ONE OF THE NINE

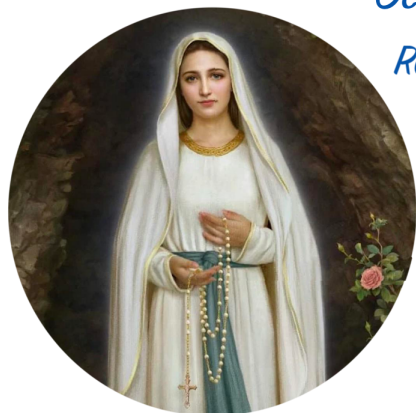
Naaman and the leper also grasped that their grateful faith should lead them to respond in praise and to make a change in their life. Naaman vowed to put his faith in the Lord; the leper returned, glorifying God and thanking Jesus. Not all responded in thankful praise, however. The leper who returned was one of ten. The other nine went about their merry way, happy to be healed, but failing to acknowledge or express their gratitude to the Healer. Are you one, like Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus, whose thankfulness leads you to faith and to faith-filled living? Or are you one of the nine, who takes for granted the gifts and blessings that surround you? For what are you grateful? What is your faithful and faith-filled response? Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

***"They say: 'Don't give up on your dreams, so I went back to sleep!'"*** Dr. William Buzzone

# *American Martyrs Rosary Societys Opening of the Year*

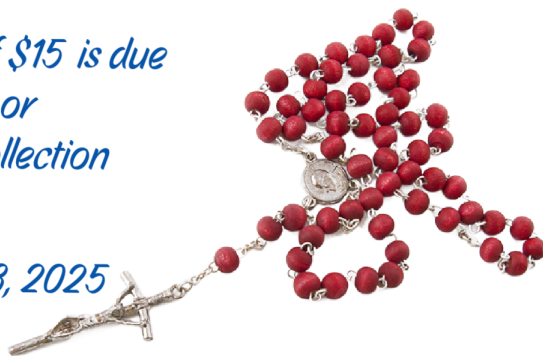
## *Happy Fall to One and All*

*We welcome all ladies to join us for coffee and cake at our meeting  
October 6th at 1pm in the Sullivan Center*



*Remember the yearly dues of \$15 is due  
and can be paid now or  
Dropped in the Sunday Collection*

*Keep Monday November 3, 2025  
Open for the  
Fall Harvest Luncheon*



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world.  
Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the  
hands with which He is to bless us now.

*- St. Teresa of Avila -*



### ***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.

### ***Are There Any Good Movies To Watch???***

Movies, music, television, and the Internet are the main sources of entertainment for your children. There is a lot of inappropriate material that their eyes and ears can pick up, so talk with your children about what is appropriate entertainment for them. If you are worried about what your children could be seeing or hearing, take advantage of parental blockage systems on your cable and internet systems. Use the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Movie Review website as your guide for what movies are appropriate. [www.catholicnews.com/movies](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies)



**MOVIES**  
to watch with your  
**KIDS**



### **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.**



# *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**

**\* Journey with us on October 21, 2025** 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)



An aerial photograph of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The image shows the large, white, domed structure with a prominent blue and gold dome. The surrounding area includes green lawns, trees, and a parking lot with several cars. The sky is clear and blue.

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

**The Parishes of Holy Family and American Martyrs are pleased to announce a joint pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. This pilgrimage is part of the diocesan pilgrimage for the Diocese of Brooklyn and will be led by Bishop Robert Brennan. The day will include : Mass with Bishop Brennan, Sacred Music Concert, Diocesan wide Multi-lingual Rosary.**

**Saturday, October 25th, 2025**

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,  
Washington D.C.**

**Departure Information**

**Holy Family Parish**

**Time: 5:15 AM**

**Cost: \$100 per person**

**Registration:**

**To register for this pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Ralph via email at [Frralph@hfamcatholic.org](mailto:Frralph@hfamcatholic.org).**



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milans Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts--first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons--to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves! --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!**

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Day in the Kateri Chapel in Rectory

**Take good care of the  
person who cuts the  
apple pie...  
...they will give you  
the biggest piece**



**Be part of the "World Wide" Movement and the  
American Martyrs The Knights of Columbus  
Fr. John J. Murray Council #14666  
Praying the Rosary Outdoors for Peace in Our World,  
in Our Country in Our Church  
Rain or Shine Every Wednesday at 6pm**





## **American Martyrs Rectory Office Hours**

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

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

**After Hours by Appointment**

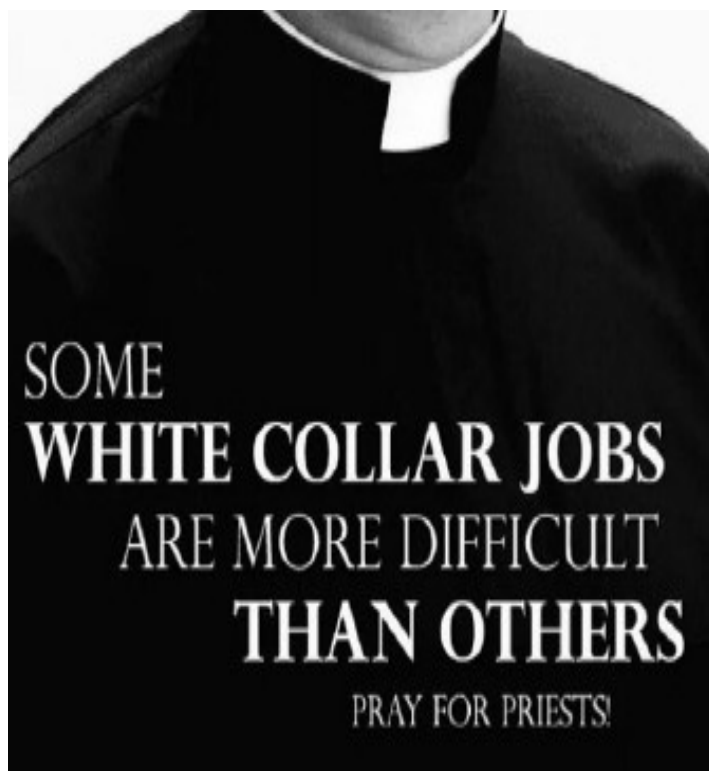
**Attention Parents of High School Students**



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!**



Out of respect & courtesy for our Liturgy and for your fellow parishioners, we ask that you please **SILENCE** your cell phones in church.



***Thank you!***

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page. --St. Jerome

## **GLUTEN SENSITIVITY**

**AMERICAN MARTYRS HAS GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS  
PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF BEFORE MASS BEGINS SO WE  
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## **NOTHING BUT GOD**

I need nothing but God,  
and to lose myself in the heart of God. --St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY OCTOBER 18/19**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** Anne Marie Wright

**9am:** Getulio Cury

**11:30am:** Valerie Day

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

Lillian Santos + Barbara Froehlich

**9am:** Bobby Shoule + Theresa Asche  
Michael Shoule + Jillian Minarik + Anne Caruso

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Stephen Barry  
Maureen Henry + Emily Ledesma

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY OCTOBER 18/19**

**Saturday 4pm VIGIL**

Landon + Madison + Brooke

**Sunday 9AM**

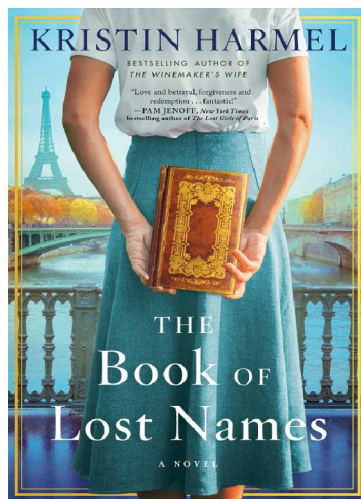
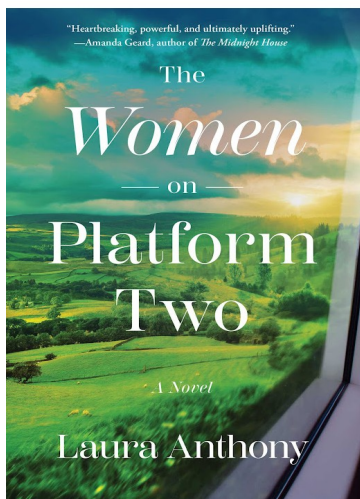
Lilly + William + Leo

**Sunday 11:30AM**

Omar + Edward + Katarina

*Next Meeting of the Book of the Month Club  
Will Take Place in the Murray Center  
Monday October 27, 2025 at 7pm*

*Books to read...*



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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**Rosary Societys  
Altar Linen Schedule**



October 12: Nancy Hill  
October 19: Mary Galazin  
October 26: Carol Fortune  
November 2: Nancy Marchi  
November 9: Nancy Hill  
November 16: Mary Galazin  
November 23: Carol Fortune  
November 30: Nancy Marchi

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### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** Looking back at all the successes & failures in my life, I can't help but be proud that at least the potty training thing stuck.

**Smitty:** Every time I hear a chef on tv say that you can easily make this from items already in your pantry, I assume they're going to make something with ramen noodles, potato chips and various Little Debbie's.

**Floater:** 85% of Americans don't know how to do basic math. Thank God I'm part of the other 45%.

**Smitty:** Not to brag, but I own an island. It's in my kitchen, but still...

**Floater:**

**Smitty:** Why are ghosts so bad at lying? Because you can see right through them.

**Floater:** As I put my car into reverse this morning... I thought to myself..this takes me back.

**Smitty:** When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill I'm afraid of the light.

**Floater:** What are you going to be this Halloween? I'm going to be on someone's nerves

**Smitty:** As I put my car into reverse this morning... I thought to myself..this takes me back.

**Floater:** My job does this cool thing where if you do your work well, you get to do someone else's work too.

**Smitty:** People see me spending money and think I'm rich. Bro, I'm just irresponsible.

**Floater:** Not only do I have a couple screws loose, I've lost the screwdriver, too.

**Smitty:** A waitress asked me if I wanna box for my leftovers. We went three rounds before she knocked me out..