

November 16, 2025 The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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
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

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**“We must pray for that perseverance
because none of us is exempt
from difficult moments.”**

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

Updated November 10, 2025

Goal: \$64,455
Pledged: \$137,220.00
Paid: \$133,123.16
Donors: 144 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, Michael G. McLoone, Gloria Valdez, Stephen Feit, Patrick Kearney, Roberto + Raquel Barrientos, Kalyan Sham, Mike Tramonte, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Robert, Vita Mazzola, Vincent Martin, James Pagano, Jesus Fernandez, Natalia Bianco, Jack Bradley, Dr. Mirian Lumbreras Rick San Severino, Susan Miller, Mike Tremonte and Aileen Galazin

(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 November 16, 2025

9am

Dennis Sullivan (Requested by Cora + Orlando Acosta)

11:30am

Jack Bills (Requested by Ann Marie)

Roxanne Cury (Requested by Carl + Margaret Reyes)

Gaetano Antonio Miccio (Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Parathyrus)

Monday 8:30am

Roselina + Guillermo _ Ricardo + Hernan Ramirez (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto)

Tuesday 8:30am

Bhracaldo Family (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto)

Wednesday 8:30am

Patricia + Jimmy Cowan (Requested by Cecilia + Fausto)

Thursday 8:30am

John Buzzone (Requested by An American Martyrs Friend)

Friday 8:30am

Francine Colamaria (Requested by Gaetano Colamaria)

Saturday 8:30am

Jonathan Gonzalez (Requested by his family)

Saturday 4:pm

Roy D. Martinosny(Requested by Elena + James Coppola)



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...

Frank Carroll
John Bennett
FDNY Firefighter Patrick Brady

The Gifts of Bread + Wine

In loving memory of
Firefighter Patrick Brady
Requested by Fr. Peter



The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles
In Loving Memory of John Buzzone
Requested by Fr. Peter

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

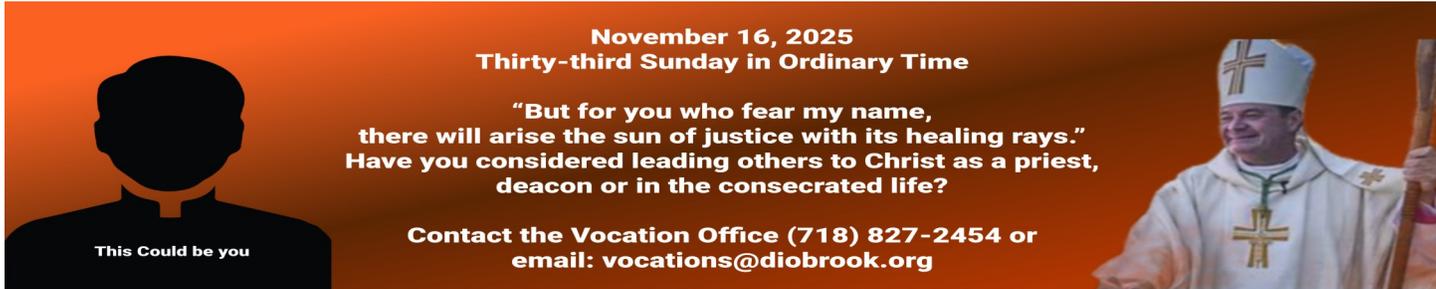


Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN,
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Raymond Esquilin, CW4
Lisa Johnston,
WO 1 Crystal Robles
2nd Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF
SFC Sheldon Warren
Rubayet Molla

November 16, 2025
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"But for you who fear my name,
there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."
Have you considered leading others to Christ 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

Dear Parishioners,

With the election of Mayor Zohran Mamdani, our city will enter a new moment of civic leadership. As Catholics, we are called to view all political change through the light of faith and prayerful discernment.

As Christians, we must always judge public life by the standard of the Gospel and the dignity of every human person. The Catholic moral life does not begin with human effort or rules... it begins with God Himself. All goodness, truth, and moral law flow from who God is: the Creator, the Lawgiver, and Love itself.

Therefore, we as Christians can affirm efforts that promote justice, compassion for the poor, affordable housing, and care for the vulnerable. All of which are key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. At the same time, we must remain cautious and discerning when policies conflict with essential moral truths.... Especially those that concern the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the family, and the protection of religious freedom.

Our Faith is not confined to the walls of the church, it shapes how we live, how we act, and how we engage in society. To be a faithful citizen means to bring the light of the Gospel into the public square: our conversations, our community service, and even our political decisions.

Let us pray for Mayor Mamdani and all who serve in public office, that they may lead with wisdom, integrity, and respect for the common good. May we, too, do our part as faithful citizens: building bridges of charity, defending truth, and keeping Christ at the center of our civic life.

United in prayer

Fr. Sean

**SCHEDULE OF
THANKSGIVING MASSES**

7:30pm Wednesday Evening
8:30am Thanksgiving Day



My Side of the Altar

Dear People of God,

I know the computer age is flying by as we look to the future but could this be possible at American Martyrs in the future?

Church Services in 2035

PASTOR: The Lord be with you!

CONGREGATION : And with your spirit

PASTOR: Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.

P-a-u-s-e.....

Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands.

Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God

"S-i-l-e-n-c-e

As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready.

You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.'

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- + Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- + Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- + Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

*The holy atmosphere of American Martyrs becomes truly electrified as
ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!*

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements

- ◆ This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- ◆ Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.
- ◆ You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this week for counseling and prayers.

And Jesus wept....

***God bless as
I am on the journey with you,
Fr. Peter***

Collection for Sunday November 9, 2025

Online \$1,608.00 In-Pew \$5,436.50 Total \$7,044.50

Poor Box: \$70.00 Votive Candles: \$169.00

Archdiocese of the Military Collection: \$1,951.00

American Martyrs in December

November 30 First Sunday of Advent

December 3 Wednesday Holy Hour

December 5 First Friday Holy Hour

December 6 +7 Christmas Fair

December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 10 Wednesday Holy Hour

December 10 Confirmation

December 13 Catholic War Veterans Breakfast with Santa

December 13 Christmas with Mike Chimenti

December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

December 15 Reconciliation Monday

December 17 Wednesday Holy Hour

December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas Day

December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus + Mary + Joseph

December 31 New Years Eve with the Columbettes

January 1 New Years Day

AMERICAN MARTYRS CHRISTMAS FAIR



SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH 10AM - 3PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH 9AM - 3PM

218-01 UNION TURNPIKE OAKLAND GARDENS, NY 11364200



American Martyrs

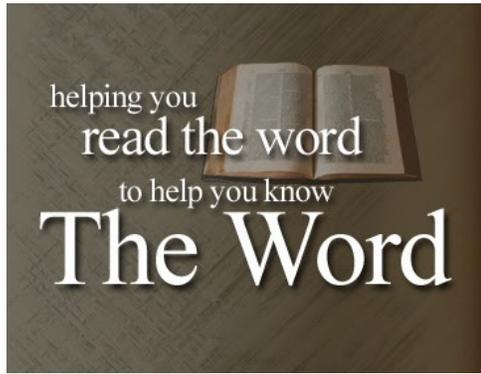

CHRISTMAS
— FAIR —

Saturday December 6th 10am - 3pm

Sunday December 7th 9am - 3pm

VENDORS WANTED

Call Theresa at 718-464-6411



**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 16, 2025**

First Reading: *Malachi 3:19-20*
The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9*
Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*
Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:5-19*
Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

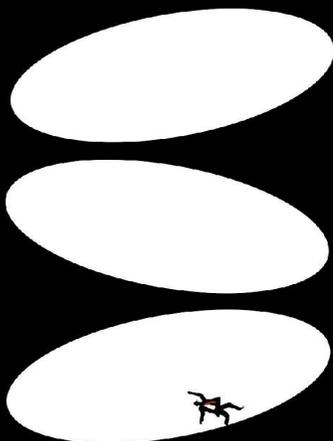
To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Douglaston Community Theatre presents

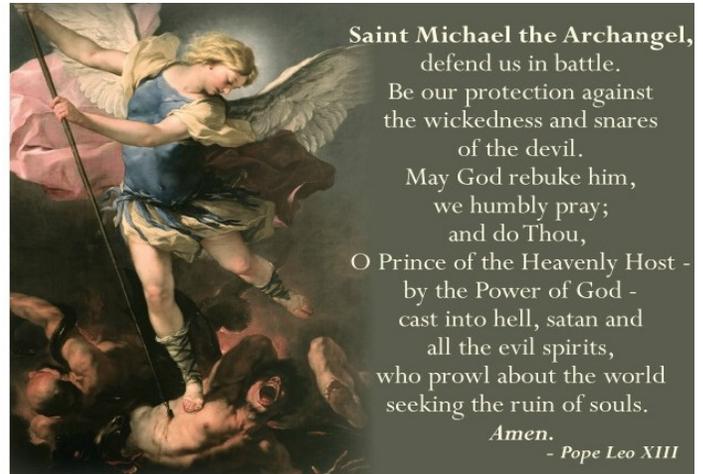
**DEATH OF A SALESMAN
A PLAY BY ARTHUR MILLER**



Nov 7 @ 8pm
Nov 8 @ 8pm
Nov 14 @ 8pm
Nov 15 @ 2pm & 8pm
Nov 22 @ 8pm
Nov 23 @ 2pm

ZION CHURCH PARISH HALL
243-20 Church Street, Douglaston, NY
For tickets call 718-885-4795
or email dougcommthtr@gmail.com
\$20 cash or check ONLY

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.



WE PRAY THE ROSARY



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



American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Post 1772

Breakfast with Santa Claus



**All Welcome To Attend
Gifts for Children, Pictures with Santa
Face Painting and Coloring Contest.**

**Bagels, Ham, Cake, Coffee, Tea
Juice and Desserts**

10am December 13, 2025

In The Sullivan Center

Adults - \$10 and Children 10 and under \$5



CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

DONATE + CELL PHONES + TABLETS + MP3 PLAYERS (Any Condition)... Power Cords as Well



**Don't Forget Backup and Erase All of Your DATA
Turn off the "Find My iPhone" feature if it is an iPhone
Your Donation provides calling cards for
Active Troops and Emergency Funding for Veterans in Need**

Drop off in the Collections Boxes in Church or at the Rectory



Be a Blessing to One in Need



**Donate 'Gently' Used Blankets and Coats
Drop off in Church or Rectory**

New Year's Eve Party

Hosted by American Martyrs Columbiettes

Hot Buffet, Dancing, Beverages, BYOB
Dessert, Champagne Toast

8:00 PM to 1:00 AM

**79-43 Bell Boulevard
Bayside, NY 11364**

(Sullivan Center-Church parking lot entrance)

DJ J Antonio
returns!!

Early Bird Special available – purchase *before* December 4th
\$65 Adults (ages 15+), \$30 Child (Ages 6-14), Free (0-5)

December 4th -December 23rd - \$85 adults, \$30 Child

RSVP to Annabelle no later than December 23rd

Or For More Info

AMColumbiettes@gmail.com / Call or Text 347-871-8644



Annabelle payments now accepted
with emailed confirmation code

American Martyrs Columbiettes – New Year's Eve Tear off – 8pm to 1am

BEFORE Dec
4th

Adults: \$65
Child: \$30

Dec 4th thru Dec
23rd

Adults: \$85
Child: \$30

Make Checks payable

to:
American Martyrs
Columbiettes

Mail cash/checks to:
American Martyrs Church
c/o Annabelle for NYE
79-43 Bell Boulevard
Queens, NY 11364

Date: _____

Full Name _____

of Adults (ages 15+ _____

Children (ages _____

of Infants (0-5; _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

***** Tickets not sold at the door. ***** If confirmation code is not received via email within 3 business days,
call Annabelle 347-871-8644



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 November 18, 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)



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the worlds end, but they have

thus far been disappointed.

Nothing lasts forever is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world. --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!

Rev. John J. Murray + American Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council #14666 Month of May Food Collection for the Food Pantry at American Martyrs + St. Kevins



On Saturday November 8, 2025
We Collected 491 pounds of Food and
Received \$377 in Donations



Thank You to all the Volunteers... ..You did a beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy...
...in Feeding the hungry by Providing food to those who are in need.

American Martyrs Rosary Societys News



*The Rosary Society wishes to thank
all those who attended, supported and
donated to the Harvest Luncheon.*

It Was A Great Success!!!

*Congratulations to the 50/50 Raffle Winner
Kathy Harap*



*Ladies keep December 1,2025 open for our
Annual Christmas Party*

**Schedule for the Lectors and
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
SATURDAY/SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22/23**

Lectors

4pm Vigil: Anne Marie Wright

9am: Paul Williams

11:30am: Linda Limberg

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4pm: Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica

Mary Ann & Gregg Schreiber

9am: Nancy Flowers + Jillian Minarik
Fortune Tramonte + Annie Caruso + Steven Caruso

11:30am: Bernie Liu + Diana Iorio
Johanna Zafferese + Stephen Barry

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule
SATURDAY/SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22/23**

Saturday

4:00pm

Landon + Sophia + Jose

Sunday

9am

Isabella + Julianna + Omar

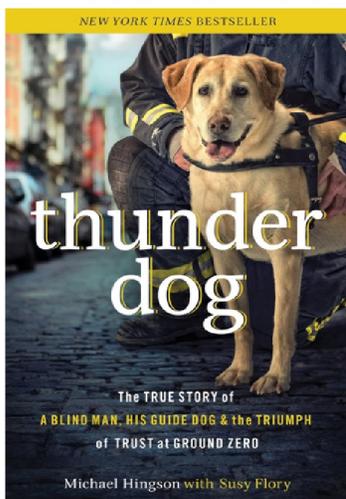
Sunday

11:30am

Edward + Katarina + Brooke

**Next Meeting for the Book Club
Will Take Place in the Murray Center
Monday December 1, 2025 at 7pm**

The Book to Read is:



**Rosary Societys
Altar Linen Schedule**



November 2: Nancy Marchi

November 9: Nancy Hill

November 16: Mary Galazin

November 23: Carol Fortune

November 30: Nancy Marchi

**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.

**American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans
Post 1772 ON GOING RECRUITMENT**



**If you served in the United States Military PLEASE Consider joining our Post.
FOR MORE INFO CALL RAY 917-515-9102**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 14666



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COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL # 14666



For more information call Anne Caruso 347 - 626 - 9802
"A CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN"

Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

Floater: When people say, "You look so familiar," I respond with, "Were we in prison together?" is always a conversation stopper

Smitty: I went to school for magicians but failed the final exam
They were all trick questions

Floater: My grandmother reached 100 yesterday! That's the last time I get in the car with her when she's late for BINGO!

Smitty: I really don't understand why iPhone chargers aren't called Apple Juice but ok..

Floater: When I was a kid, I used to love making sand castles with grandma. But then my dad hid the urn.

Smitty: I usually don't talk about expensive trips I take but I just got back from the Stop -n- Shop

Floater: Getting my wife a matching belt and bag for her birthday. We'll have that vacuum working again in no time.

Smitty: I'm thinking about getting a pet to take with me jogging . Maybe a turtle.

Floater: I broke my finger last week... ..on the other hand I'm ok.

Smitty: My cell phone accidentally took 10 minute video of my shoes yesterday. It was some pretty good footage.

Floater: I'm the type of husband that will help my wife look for the candy bar I already ate.

Smitty: My dad was born a conjoined twin but separated at birth. So I have an uncle once removed.

Floater: To any one I offended in 2025... ..work on yourself so I don't have to do it again in 2026!

Smitty: Just spent 45 minutes on the treadmill... ..tomorrow my goal is to turn it on.

Floater: Did a cartwheel yesterday thinking it was like riding a bike. It's not.

Looking to Help???

Bridge to Life Needs Diapers!

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

Please Leave Diapers @ Entrance to American Martyrs

Feed the Hungry

Is God Calling you to the Priesthood?

See Father Peter to Answer the Call and begin the journey

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