

**American Martyrs November 23, 2025  
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



**Pastoral Staff**

**Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor**  
**Rev. Ralph Edel, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Stan Galazin**  
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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**

Theresa Asche  
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“A Bishop must not be a little prince sitting in his kingdom.”

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 17, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455  
Pledged: \$137,265.00  
Paid: \$133,588.16  
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 23, 2025**

**9am**

*Anne Sanford (Requested by Kathleen + Mark Flug)*

**11:30am**

*Ronald Iorio (Requested by Diana)*

*Roxanne Cury (Requested by Buzzone Family)*

*Raymond Mannino (Requested by Elsie Paukowits)*

**Monday 8:30am**

*Carmela Carbone (Requested by her daughter)*

**Tuesday 8:30am**

*Rev. Albert Bellantonio (Requested by the Buzzone Family)*

**Wednesday**

**8:30am:** *Marie France Etienne (Requested by Jessie Richard)*

**7:30pm** *In Thanks for the Faithful of American Martyrs/Holy Family*

**Thursday 8:30am**

*Healing of Aileen Galazin (Requested by Fr. Peter)*

**Friday 8:30am**

*Maureen + Bob Shoule (Requested by Children + Grandchildren)*

**Saturday 8:30am**

*In Thanks to Catholic War Veterans (Requested by CWV)*

**Saturday 4:pm**

*Norma G. Zoleta (Requested by Conssette Montegro)*



**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...**

**Zaida Lozano  
John Bennett  
Patrick Brady**

**The Gifts of Bread + Wine**

**Healing of Konstanty +  
Bedigna Wilkowski**

*Requested by Steve Sica + Donna Sossna*



**The Gifts of Altar Sanctuary Candles  
Healing of Aileen**

*Requested by Ray + Nancy*

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**



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

**November 23, 2025  
Solemnity of Christ the King**

**“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.”  
Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered  
as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?**

**This Could be you**

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





## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year, on behalf of the Parish Staffs of Holy Family and American Martyrs, it is our prayer that each of us in our parish family will lift a continued prayer of thanksgiving to our loving and gracious God for all that He does for us every single day.

May we never tire of discovering new reasons and new blessings that prompt us to thank God always. Holy Family and American Martyrs are truly faith-filled, thriving parishes...and that is because of you.

On behalf of our priests, deacon, and the entire parish staff, I wish you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving. We are deeply grateful for your steadfast faith, especially in these challenging times within the Church. Please be assured of our daily prayers for you and your families.

I warmly invite and encourage everyone to join us for our Partnership Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at American Martyrs, as together we give thanks to Almighty God for His abundant gifts.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM at American Martyrs and 9:00 AM at Holy Family. Following the Masses, I will bless and distribute loaves of bread with a small prayer for you to pray with your family. Please take one home and enjoy it around your Thanksgiving table. It is a simple way your priests can be present with you during your family celebration.

May you have safe travels in your comings and goings this holiday week. And may the Lord Jesus Christ, who never ceases to give thanks to His loving Father, extend His arms of blessing over each of us this Thanksgiving Day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Sean

## **The Rectory Will Be Closed on Thanksgiving and Friday Will Reopen Saturday Morning**

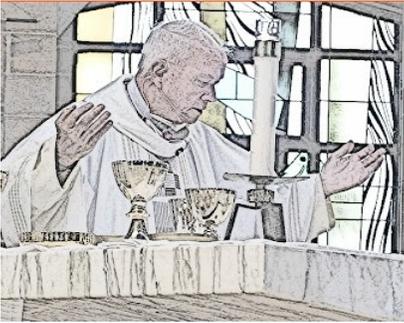
### **Collection for Sunday November 16, 2025**

**Online \$2,303.00 In-Pew 5,826.50\$ Total \$8,129.50**

**Poor Box: \$142.00 Votive Candles: \$188.00**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: \$1,346.00**





## *My Side of the Altar*

Dear People of God...

Thursday we will gather as a nation to give thanks. My Thanksgiving prayer will include all of you for all you do for our parish. I ask all of you to continue to be as generous as you have been because I know God will not be outdone in generosity!

### **Here is a great view of being just plain Thankful!**

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

### **Moral of the Story**

Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving, you will be in our prayers, Fr. Sean, Deacon Stan Galazin, Fr. Ralph, Theresa Patricia, Diana, Monica, Jose and myself. We will be praying that you have a most Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving!

PS... ..How about starting Thanksgiving Day off by attending the Eucharistic Celebration of Thanksgiving either Wednesday evening at 7:30pm or on Thursday morning at 8:30am (What better way to prepare for the entire day of Thanksgiving?)

**Enjoying fall with you and I'll see you in Church**  
Fr. Peter



**THANKSGIVING AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

**JOIN US AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30PM PARTNERSHIP MASS**  
**OR ON**  
**THANKSGIVING DAY AT 8:30AM**



# AMERICAN MARTYRS

Merry  
Christmas



# CHRISTMAS FAIR & MARKET



**Saturday December 6th 10am - 3pm**  
**Sunday December 7th 9am - 3pm**



*Vendors, White Elephant Table, Unique items, Tasty Foods, Raffles & More*

**216-01 UNION TURNPIKE**  
**OAKLAND GARDENS, NY 11364**





# **American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans Post 1772**

## **Breakfast with Santa Claus**



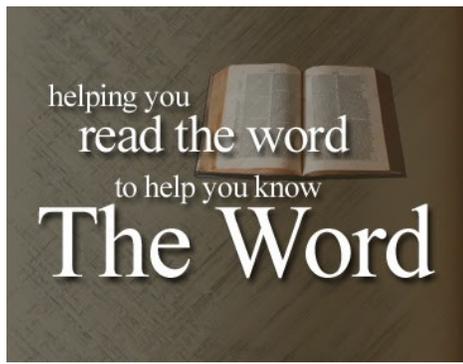
**All Welcome To Attend  
Gifts for Children, Pictures with Santa  
Face Painting and Coloring Contest.**

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

**10am December 13, 2025**

**In The Sullivan Center**

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



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday, November 23, 2025

**First Reading:** *2 Samuel 5:1-3*

David is anointed king.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5*

Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 1:12-20*

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 23:35-43*

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

### **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.**



**CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
DONATE + CELL PHONES + TABLETS + MP3 PLAYERS (Any Condition)... Power Cords as Well**



**Backup and Erase All of Your DATA Turn off the "Find My iPhone feature if it is an iPhone  
Your Donation provides helps Active Troops and Emergency Funding for Veterans in Need**



**Drop of in the Collections Boxes in Church or at the Rectory  
Fr. John J. Murray - American Martyrs Knights of Columbus  
WEBSITE ADDRESS: [www.KofCAM.weebly.com](http://www.KofCAM.weebly.com)**





## ***KNIGHT of COLUMBUS***

As Catholics' we are called to help others the Knights of Columbus (KofC) at American Martyrs serve our parish and our community we invite you to join us at American Martyrs Church :

At American Martyrs Church : Knights serve as Ushers, Lectors and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Knights have established or helped to establish Rosary services, Eucharistic Adoration services and spiritual reflective services one of our talented brother knights crafted both the wooden Cross that our parish venerates each Good Friday in the church as well as the outdoor Stations of the Cross that have come in to use in our Lenten worship.

Knights serve on the Parish Advisory Board as religious education teachers and helpers as sports program coaches and administrators and even as bingo volunteers.

Knights support Catholic education by organizing and sponsoring a free Catholic high school entrance exam prep course annually.

Knights support our other parish ministries through monetary donations : American Martyrs Outreach reaches the Rosary Society, Catholic War Veterans Post 1772 , the religious education program and the Columbiettes.

Beyond our parish American Martyrs knights: pray at Abortion clinics and march for life. We cloth the naked by supplying winter coats for kids, we feed the hungry through food collections at various local supermarkets and at American Martyrs thanks you parishioners for your donations, we also feed the hungry by volunteering at Marguerites Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima in Elmhurst. One of our brother Knights coordinated with Archbishop Molloy High School so that the students can volunteer at the food pantry, we support the education of seminarians both spiritually and monetary through a KofC program.

As Knights we collect used cell phones to benefit soldiers and eyeglasses for those in need. We make monetary donations to numerous other organizations among them : Sisters of Life, the Bridge to Life, St Baldrick's Foundation, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, natural disasters relief funds, the Annual Catholic Appeal, the Salvation Army, the Lustgarten Foundation, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the list goes on.

The KofC was also formed to protect the well being of Catholic families, which it also does through providing members and their families with top quality life insurance, annuities and other financial products.

Our council was formed in 2008 through the effort of then Pastor Frank Schwarz. In 2015 the creation of a women's group occurred under the umbrella of the knights at American Martyrs. Our very successful Columbiettes group was formed, which reflect the same principles, methods and goals as the Knights.

As much good work as we try to do, we would be able to help more people with you involved. Do not let commitment scare you off. The amount of time you commit is up to you .

We have one meeting a month. Show up when you are able to. You can attend meetings via ZOOM. You will have the opportunity to form meaningful friendships with people who live their faith along the way. You don't have to be a parishioner at American Martyrs Church to join either group. PLEASE JOIN US!!!

[KofCAM14666@gmail.com](mailto:KofCAM14666@gmail.com)

(631)505 -1312

[websiteKofCAM@Weebly.com](http://websiteKofCAM@Weebly.com)

# 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!!

Handicap accessible



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

**December 4<sup>th</sup> -December 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$85 adults, \$30 Child**

RSVP to Annabelle no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Or For More Info

[AMCcolumbiettes@gmail.com](mailto:AMCcolumbiettes@gmail.com) / Call or Text 347-871-8644



Zelle payments now accepted and  
confirmation code is emailed

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

**BEFORE Dec 4th**

Adults: \$65

Child: \$30

**Dec 4<sup>th</sup> thru Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>\*\***

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: \_\_\_\_\_ First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults (ages 15+) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children (ages 6-14) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Infants (0-5;Free) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 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

## Respect Life and Family Ministry at American Martyrs

### Publicly Pray the Rosary for Our Country

Wednesday evenings 6pm – outdoors at American Martyrs (Union Turnpike + Bell Blvd.

### Marguerite's Pantry - Saturday Morning December 20,2025

Please volunteer at Marguerite's Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima 25-02 80th St. in East Elmhurst. Set-up begins at 9:00 AM which is when the greatest number of volunteers are needed. They are usually finished distributing bags of food to their 300-500 families by early afternoon. Even if you can come for an hour or two that would help. It is not necessary to show up at the exact start time or stay until the finish time although they could always use a few extra bodies at breakdown time as well. Many hands make light work so please just show up if you can and when you can for as long as you can.

### Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigils

Saturday 11/18 @ 7:30am St Mary's, 1008 49th Ave, Long Island City and Saturday Nov. 29 @ 8:00 am Our Lady of Sorrows, 104-11 37th Ave, Corona

For more information: <http://www.helpersbrooklynny.org/> or <https://kofcam.weebly.com/respect-life.html>



### ***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.

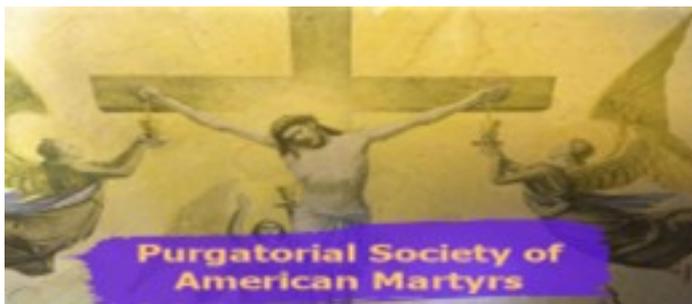
### ***Purgatorial Society Enrollment in December 2025***

**Gino** (Enrolled by )

**Patrick Brady** (Enrolled by Fr. Peter)

**John** (Enrolled by )

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



# THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father,  
We are thankful for all Your blessings,  
goodness and mercy on us.  
We are thankful for all the people in  
our lives who make our life meaningful  
and beautiful. Thank You for watching  
over us and getting us all here safely.  
Let Your blessings be upon everyone  
here today. May we be protected and  
all our prayers be answered.  
In Jesus mighty name.  
*Amen*  
THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER



# *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 December 16, 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)

## ***DID YOU KNOW????***



Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We’ve already seen how on Saint Martin’s Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of “Saint Martin’s Wine,” the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin’s Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too. Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all! **Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.**



**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a Holy Year, keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words and of his kingdom there will be no end were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptisms waters, we are anointed with chrisam as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service. --Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

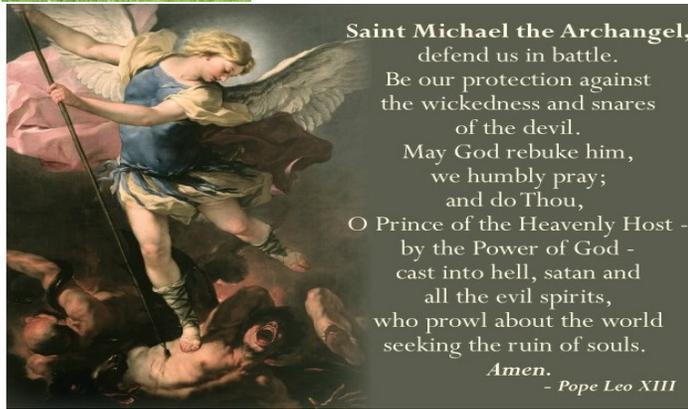


***Traveling Madonna within our Parish of American Martyrs Rosary Society***

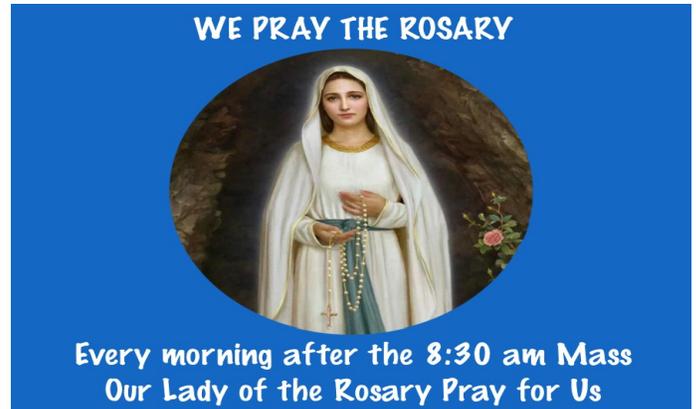
The purpose of this Virgin Mary statue is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of peace and hope. The Rosary Society has been passing the statue of Mary through the parish. In this difficult time, as we pray for peace, anyone interested please call Margaret Reyes at 718 217-7110.

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!**



Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against  
the wickedness and snares  
of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do Thou,  
O Prince of the Heavenly Host -  
by the Power of God -  
cast into hell, satan and  
all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
*Amen.*  
- Pope Leo XIII



**WE PRAY THE ROSARY**

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

Today I Am  Thankful For

- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who are patient with mand my random, odd, annoying ways...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who bear with me graciously when I'm cranky, tired and grouchy...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who fill in for me when I've got too much to do...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who have my back without my even knowing...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who sustain me when I'm powerless and weak...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people I work with every day and who make my work a joy...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, I for people who don't even know how great a gift they are to me...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for all the hidden, unseen folks who keep my world together...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who appreciate me and don't take me for granted...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for people who pray for me every single day...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for you: my rock, my strength, my hope, my shelter and my shield...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for all the untold ways you lead me through each day and help me make it through the night...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for your mercy and forgiveness and for all my second chances...
- Today I'm thankful, Lord, for all the ways you love me and walk right by my side..
- Today I'm thankful and to you, Lord, I give all the praise and glory!

**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29/30**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** Christine Markou

**9am:** Jillian Minank

**11:30am:** Diana Iorio

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4pm:** Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica

Lillian Santos + Terry Marchia

**9am:** Mary Ann and Gregg Schreiber

Theresa Asche + Katie Caruso

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Maureen Henry

Johanna Zafferese + Emily Ledesna

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29/30**

**4:00pm Saturday**

Landon + Sophia + Jose

**9am Sunday**

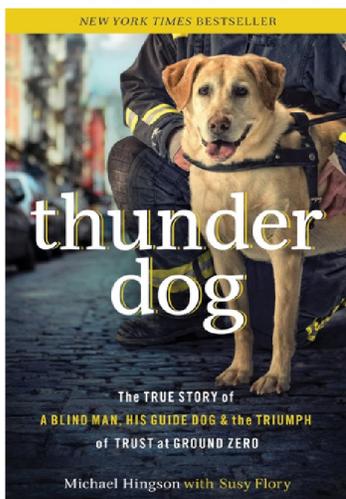
Brooke + Madison + Vladimir

**11:30am Sunday**

Edward + Katarina + Omar

**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**

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Carol 718 + 631 + 0896**



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May God who has offered healing and strength through the hands of the His only Son, Our Lord, and through Christ's many servants grant me the favor of His healing hand through the intercession of His servant, **Father Vincent Capodanno**, priest, missionary, and chaplain, who always sought to heal and comfort the wounded and dying on the field of battle.

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### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** Just before sweet potatoes are mashed they become very quiet. This is known as "the silence of the Yams."

**Smitty:** At first I was against brain transplants, then I changed my mind.

**Floater:** My wife gave me an envelope marked. " Not to be opened until 2026". Inside was a list of reasons why I can't be trusted to carry out simple instructions.

**Smitty:** I've discovered I've got a superpower, I can melt ice cubes just by looking at them....it takes a while though...

**Floater:** If I invite you out to dinner do not bring any money as I will not let you pay the tab. The thing is that you must run when I start running

**Smitty:** As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

**Floater:** Welcome back to invisibility class. It's pretty disappointing to see so many of you here.

**Smitty:** They are having a bad posture contest at work, I have a hunch I might win.

**Smitty:** I told Floater he's a baseball nut; he says I'm way of base.

**Floater:** I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.

**Floater:** The other day I yelled into a colander and I strained my voice.

**Smitty:** My friend said his dog could retrieve a stick from 5 miles away. Seems a bit far-fetched to me.

**Floater:** I celebrated last night with a couple of "Adult Beverages, Metamucil and Ensure."

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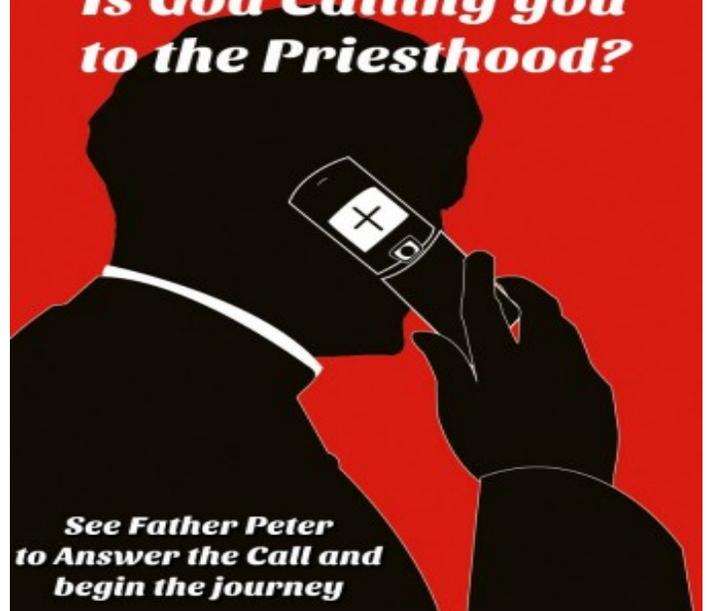
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