

# American Martyrs

## November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor  
Rev. Ralph Edel, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Stan Galazin  
Very Rev. Francis K. Asagba (in residence)

### Parish Staff

Mrs. Theresa Asche  
Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Patricia Adams: Office/Business  
Mr. Jose Espindola: Parish Grounds

### 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**

Theresa Asche  
Anne Caruso  
Deacon Stanley Galazin  
John Limberg  
Ken MacPherson, *Trustee*  
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**“By removing aggression, prejudice and hatred from our communication, we help dismantle the foundations of broader social and political violence.”** Pope Leo XIV



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2025**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



**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 20, 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, Gracinda Silva, Anna Bischoff, Vita Mazzola, Vincent Martin, James Pagano, Jesus Fernandez, Natalia Bianco, Jack Bradley, Dr. Mirian Lumbreras Rick San Severino, James Jagiello, Susan Miller, Mike Tremonte, Kathy McInerney, Mary Thompson, Carol Fetchick 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 30, 2025**

**9am**

**Catherine + Fred Schreiber** (Requested by Mary Ann + Gregg)

**11:30am**

**Joan Reilly Dowd** (Requested by Aunt Connie + Uncle Tom)

**Roxanne Cury** (Requested by Jim + Gina)

**Rosa + Agustino Mascioli** (Requested by the Family)

**Monday 8:30am**

**Demetrio Santarino** (Requested by the Family)

**Tuesday 8:30am**

**Teodoro Blando** (Requested by the Family)

**Wednesday 8:30am**

**Joseph Abraham** (Requested by Chacko Family)

**Thursday 8:30am**

**Regina Fojas** (Requested by Marisa Fojas)

**Friday 8:30am**

**Concetta Berenchini** (Requested by Marisa Fojas)

**Saturday 8:30am**

**Kingsley + Srimal Balasooriya** (Requested by Mom)

**Saturday 4:pm**

**Elisha Galli** (Requested by Mary Lou Barca)



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  
Tommy Johnson

**The Gifts of Bread + Wine**

**In Thanks to the Religious  
Education Teachers**

Requested by Fr. Peter



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

Requested by 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF  
SFC Sheldon Warren  
Rubayet Molla

**First Sunday of Advent -- November 30, 2025**

**"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."  
Are you being called to grow in holiness  
as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?**

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





## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent! As you notice in our churches this Sunday, the Advent season has begun. The Advent wreath has been placed, and the first of the four candles will be lit, marking the start of a new liturgical year. Advent is a time of grace and quiet preparation to receive Jesus in the manger of our hearts. For me, it is one of the most beautiful times of the year because Advent and Christmas that follows—draws us into a spirit of peace, reflection, and wonder at the great mystery of the Incarnation.

With Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, and this year the Church will proclaim the Gospel of St. Matthew.... a profound Gospel that draws us deeply into the public ministry, teachings, and mystery of the life of our Lord.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming or arrival. This holy season invites us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah ...the arrival of Jesus, the Light who becomes one of us in all things but sin.

This past year brought us many blessings, achievements, and also changes. I believe that all we have lived—our joys, our challenges, and even our struggles—can help us renew our hope and grow in humility before God. As we enter this last month of December, let us take time to examine our hearts, to recognize how we have grown in holiness, and to see where the Lord is still inviting us to continue the work of conversion. As Catholics, we know that there is no Christmas without Jesus. He is the center of the season. Yet in recent years, I have noticed that many Catholic homes no longer display a nativity scene—or when they do, it is hidden away without much presence.

This year, I want to invite you...strongly and warmly...to place a nativity scene in your home, in a visible and prominent place. If it is large, even better. The nativity scene invites us to meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation: God who becomes man, born in simplicity and love, for our salvation.

To help bring this tradition back into our homes, we will have a beautiful series of blessings during Advent:

### Nativity Blessings in Church

- **Sunday, Dec. 7** – Bring your statue of the Blessed Mother to be blessed at all Masses, so she may take her place in your home nativity.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14** – Bring your statue of St. Joseph to be blessed at all Masses.
- **Sunday, Dec. 21** – *Bambinelli Sunday* – Bring your statue of the Baby Jesus to be blessed at all Masses, to be placed in your nativity on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.

Finally, I want to remind you of our annual collection for Christmas flowers and decorations. During the Christmas season, our churches are beautifully adorned with poinsettias, lights, garlands, and other decorations—many of which we have updated in recent years. Your generosity makes this possible. When our churches are beautifully decorated, they help lift our hearts and deepen our celebration of these sacred days.

In advance, thank you for your financial support through your Christmas offering and your help in decorating our parish churches.

May this Advent be a time of grace, preparation, and renewed hope for every family in Holy Family and American Martyrs Parishes.

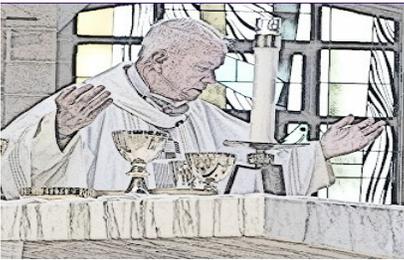
God bless you, and Happy Advent!

Fr. Sean

### **Collection for Sunday November 23, 2025**

Online \$988.00    In-Pew \$5,113.50    Total \$6,101.50  
Poor Box: \$85.00    Votive Candles: \$186.00  
Christmas Flowers Collection: \$1,917.00

**The Rectory Will Be Closed on Saturday December 6**



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

Dear People of God, our Season of Advent has begun. The liturgical colors have changed and the days continue to grow shorter. The crisp November air gives way to December's bitter winds as the barren trees brace for another long winter. Over the next few Sundays, our Advent wreath will symbolize the light of Christ overcoming the darkness of our lives. Christ, our light and our hope, is the in-breaking of God into our midst.

As we begin our Advent Season, it's easy to lose perspective and the "reason for the season." Let us not take Christ out of Christmas, and let us wrap the gifts of love, compassion, forgiveness and time for all people, especially our family and friends. For Advent is about waiting — our waiting for God and God's waiting for us. Most importantly, we make Christ present in our midst by serving and loving others — especially those who are poor.

Advent also speaks of patience and relationships — especially family. Isn't it ironic that Advent gives way to Christmas morn which is followed by the Feast of the Holy Family. I share with you this reflection... and pass it on.

### ***Family***

*I ran into a stranger as he passed by. "Oh excuse me please" was my reply.  
He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you."  
We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye.  
But at home a different story is told, How we treat our loved ones, young and old.  
Later that day, cooking the evening meal, My son stood beside me very still.  
When I turned I nearly knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown.  
He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I had spoken.  
While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said,  
"While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use, But the family you love, you seem to abuse.  
Go and look on the kitchen floor, You'll find some flowers there by the door. Those are the flowers he brought for you.  
He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue. He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise.  
You never saw the tears that filled his little eyes. By this time, I felt very small.  
And now my tears began to fall. I quietly went and knelt by his bed;  
"Wake up, little one, wake up," I said. "Are these the flowers you picked for me?"  
He smiled, "I found them by the tree." "I picked them because they're pretty like you.  
I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue." I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;  
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way." He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.  
I love you anyway." I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."*

***As we begin Advent — ask the right questions — keep perspective — don't miss the point of the beautiful Season of waiting — the gift of family — and always root life in faith in God — and sprinkle a sense of humor and patience!***

***On the Advent journey with you, Fr. Peter***

### **Blessing of the Advent Wreath at Home**

Let us now pray for God's blessings upon us and upon this wreath. Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ ou Lord. Amen



# Christmas Mass Schedule



**Christmas Eve: 4pm Vigil**

**Christmas Day  
Midnight + 9:am + 11:30am**

***First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 30, 2025***

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9*  
Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 13:11-14*  
Be prepared, salvation is near.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.



## **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

# 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 Annual Christmas Giving Tree**



**There Are Many In Need In Our Own Backyard  
With Your Help We Can Make A Difference**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR WRAPPED GIFT TO  
AMERICAN MARTYRS BY DECEMBER 14  
(WE NEED TO DELIVER THE GIFTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS)**



# **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**

**American Martyrs Rev. John J. Murray  
Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Council  
Invite You to The Songs of Christmas  
Featuring Michael Chimenti**



**Pizza + Coffee + Soda + Cookies  
Live in the Fr. John J. Sullivan Center  
6:30 pm Saturday, December 13, 2025**

**Free Will Offering to be Donated to  
Bayside Special Olympics and  
Queens Center for Progress**





## **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 Out 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!!!

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Website: [KofCAM@Weebly.com](http://KofCAM@Weebly.com)



**ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Ladies come join us tomorrow (Monday December 1st)  
1pm in the Sullivan Center for our Christmas Party.

We will serve snacks + Coffee + Cake

Join the Celebration!  
All Ladies Welcome



## THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings. Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which you can read more about in many Advent prayer books that are available.

- ◆ The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- ◆ The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- ◆ The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- ◆ The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

## Annual Christmas Mitten Drive Is Back

Merry  
Christmas



Heads Shoulders Hands & Toes

Please share your "gently" used or new adult & children  
Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Hats to warm those in need.

Place them in the boxes as you enter church and we will do the rest!

Mitten Drive is during the entire Christmas Season!!!



## WHY IS ADVENT IMPORTANT

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community. This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks we take in the sweeping panorama of time – from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Tired of doing the same "Old-Thing?"

Join the Leisure Club and We Can Do the Same "Old-Thing" Together!

We Meet on Thursdays from 11am - 3pm in the Sullivan Center  
(Sullivan Center is Heated, Air Conditioned & Handicap Accessible)

**Leisure**  
American Martyrs Leisure Club

# 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

**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 6/7**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** John Sullivan

**9am:** Michael Shoule

**11:30am:** Stephen Barry

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

Lillian Santos + Terry Marchia

**9am:** Fortune Tramonte + Anne Caruso + Getulio Cury

Juan Mendez + Nancy Flowers

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

Johanna Zafferese + Linda Limberg

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 6/7**

**Saturday 4pm**

Sophia + Landon + Jose

**Sunday 9am**

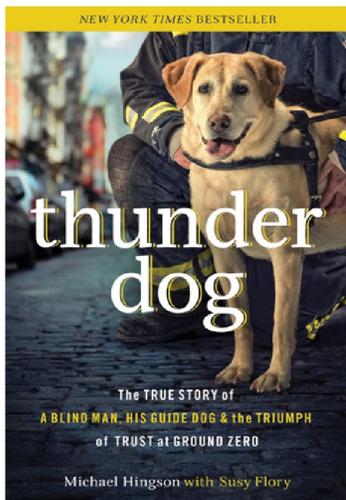
Isabella + Vladimir + Lilly

**Sunday 11:30am**

Madison + Brooke + 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 30: Nancy Marchi**

**December 7: Nancy Hill**

**December 14: Mary Galazin**

**December 21: Carol Fortune**

**December 28: 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**



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FR. JOHN J. MURRAY/AMERICAN MARTYRS  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 14666



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FR. JOHN J. MURRAY/AMERICAN MARTYRS  
COLUMBIETTES COUNCIL # 14666



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

### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** My son, the avid fisherman, has begun dating a mermaid. He met her on-line.

**Smitty:** I can't believe that viruses and bacteria would just invade my body without permission. That makes me sick.

**Floater:** I asked my dog what two minus two is. He said nothing.

**Smitty:** According to my chocolate Advent Calendar there are only 4 days till Christmas.

**Floater:** The difference between me and Superman.... He has Super Vision and I require Supervision.

**Smitty:** My wife just opened my car door for me. Would have been a nice gesture had we not been going 70mph.

**Floater:** A saw on Amazon a book "How to Solve 50% of your problems, so I bought 2.

**Smitty:** I call it an elevator, but my British friend calls it a life. I guess we were just raised differently.

**Floater:** Me and fish are alike. We both get into trouble when we open our mouths.

**Smitty:** Just checked my home insurance policy. Apparently if my blanket is stolen at night I won't be covered.

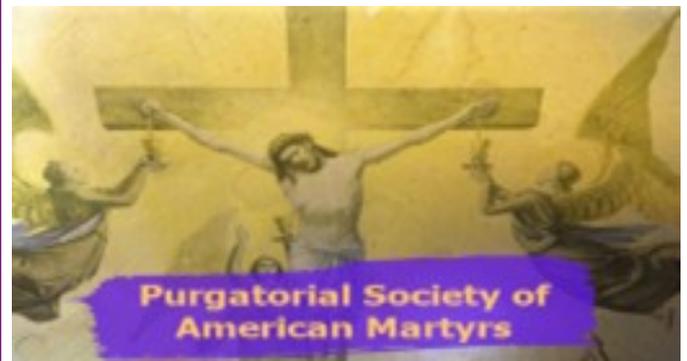
**Floater:** I knew the Psychic was no good the moment she accepted my check.

**Smitty:** I'm just saying that asking a taxi driver how much it would cost to go somewhere is, in my opinion a fare question.

**Floater:** I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

**Smitty:** They say once you retire you will travel more. What they don't tell you is its to doctor's appointments.

**Floater:** I should have known better that to flush my wooden shoes down the toilet. Now it's clogged.



### Purgatorial Society Enrollment in December 2025

**Robert Hofmann** (Enrolled by Susan + Robert)  
**FDNY Firefighter Patrick Brady** (Enrolled by Fr. Peter)  
**Frank Carroll** (Enrolled by American Martyrs Ushers)  
**John Bennett** (Enrolled by Jeanne + Bill Buzzone)

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