

# American Martyrs December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Sean M. Suckiel, Pastor  
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## Parish Staff

Mrs. Theresa Asche  
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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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***"I agree with St. John Chrysostom, who said that the example of the saints attracts more people to Christ than miracles."***

*Pope Leo XIV*



**Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2025**  
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**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 December 8, 2025**

**Goal: \$64,455  
Pledged: \$137,265.00  
Paid: \$134,485.43  
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 December 14, 2025**

**9am**

*Anna Smaldino (Requested by Mary Ann + Gregg)*

**11:30am**

*Vito Merola (Requested by his family)*

*Justin Zqaljic (Requested by Anna Zqaljic)*

*Margaret Schaefer (Requested by the Kathleen + Mark Flug)*

**Monday 8:30am**

*Joanne Trignano (Requested by Vincent)*

**Tuesday 8:30am**

*Chacko Family (Requested by family)*

**Wednesday 8:30am**

*John + Hedwig Sosna (Requested by Donna Sosna + Stephen Sica)*

**Thursday 8:30am**

*Roger Riso (Requested by Janet + Karen + John)*

**Friday 8:30am**

*Maria Luzmila (Requested by Anthony)*

**Saturday 8:30am**

*Nathaniel + Emma Shoule (Requested by Dad)*

**Saturday 4:pm**

*Agnes Walsh (Requested by Elsie Paukowits)*



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...

*Rev. Thomas Haggerty*

**The Gifts of Bread + Wine**

**Healing of Aileen Galazin**

*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,  
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Lisa Johnston,  
WO 1 Crystal Robles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Daniel Wolf, USAF  
SFC Sheldon Warren  
Rubayet Molla



**December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you."  
Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?**

**Have a Vocation? For more information Contact the Vocation Office  
(718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.**





## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called Gaudete Sunday or the “Sunday of Joy.” We will light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath, also known as the “Shepherd’s Candle.” Rose is the liturgical color for joy, and the priest and deacon wear rose vestments to reflect that spirit. Gaudete Sunday reminds us of the joy the world felt at the birth of Jesus, and that even in the midst of the penitential, preparatory season of Advent, there is always room for joy. The name comes from the ancient Latin entrance antiphon:

“Gaudete in Domino semper. Iterum dico: Gaudete. Dominus prope est.” “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. The Lord is near” (Phil 4:4–5).

This Sunday invites us to rejoice in the goodness, blessings, and kindnesses the Lord has given us. As we move closer to Christmas, may we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with hearts filled with joy and peace.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Reconciliation Monday – Tomorrow**

Tomorrow is Reconciliation Monday, a beautiful opportunity to prepare your heart for the life-changing encounter of Christmas. Priests will be available across the entire Diocese—over 700 churches—for Confession from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. It’s all GRACE & MERCY. Please keep us busy!

#### **Farewell Breakfast for Hector Mendez**

On Tuesday, December 16th, after the 8:30 AM Mass at Holy Family, we will host a Thank You & Farewell Breakfast for Hector Mendez, who will be leaving us at the end of the month. We are grateful for all he has done—he has made a lasting impact on Holy Family Parish. Please join us in thanking him and wishing him well.

#### **Parish Mission – December 15, 16, & 17**

Our Advent Parish Mission will take place Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Holy Family. All are welcome—come be renewed and strengthened as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

As we continue our Advent journey, let us remember that the heart of Christmas is Jesus Himself. I encourage every household to place a Nativity scene in a visible place in your home—a reminder of the beauty and simplicity of that holy night, and above all, a reminder that Christ came into the world to dwell with us, to save us, and to fill our lives with peace.

May this Gaudete Sunday truly fill your hearts with joy as we await the coming of our Savior.

Fr. Sean

**For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas,  
when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. Charles Dickens**

### **Collection for Sunday December 7, 2025**

Online \$2,633.00    In-Pew \$5,292.50    Total \$7,925.50  
Poor Box: \$181.00    Votive Candles: \$180.00  
Christmas Gift to American Martyrs: \$5,190.00



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

Dear People of God,

This weekend, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. What does this mean to some people? It's "Tree Time"

The Christmas tree hunt is over. Families were entering tents and patrolling sidewalks. They lift limbs and examine needles. They measure, they ponder, they consider, they barter.

The tree can't be too tall or too short. It needs to fit the room and the budget. It must be full yet not dense, mature but not dry. A noble fir for some. A Douglas fir or blue Spruce for others. The preferences are different, but the desire is the same. We want the perfect Christmas tree. And, oh, the special moment when we find it. When we strap it to the car. Drag it into the house and set it in the tree stand.

We revel in this moment. Only a few people have won the U.S. Open, completed a marathon, or qualified as Rhodes Scholars. Fewer still have positioned a Christmas Tree so that it doesn't lean.

Throughout the weeks before getting our trees we prepare. We read articles, attend family seminars while have a few Thanksgiving after dinner drinks, swap ideas and share secrets. We are bonded by the desire to avoid the tragedy of Christmas Season: a leaning tree.

One year I barely escaped. I placed the tree in the stand, stood back, and sighed at what I saw. The dreaded tilt. I crawled under the branches and began adjusting the screws until the tree stood as straight as a wet noodle. I stepped back and admired my engineering skills. I choked back tears of joy. I am blessed, I am the best at putting up Christmas trees. Angels began to sing in the rectory living room, the blast of trumpets was graceful. The White House called to congratulate me, and Pope Francis called to complement the Christmas Tree. I strung the lights and hung the decorations. It was a wonderful night.

Then disaster struck. The tree started to lean again. The decorations shook, lights shifted and again I ran to the rescue.

This time I placed the tree on its side, removed the stand, and saw the root of the problem. Just six inches above the cut line was a right turn. The tree was crooked! Once upon a time in a forest, this tree had been a leaner! And now, here it was in the rectory living room, in perfect sight, in front of my own eyes, learning again!

What's a person to do? As I was retrieving a saw from the garage (sheet rock saw,) it occurred to me: I'm not the first man to deal with this issue. God faces this situation on a continual basis. Don't we all have our share of unattractive bents?

I know I do. Just this weekend I avoided returning a call to a parishioner because most of the time conversations with him generate more whine than on the shelves of a Liquor store. I saw his number on caller ID and groaned. And I'm the pastor! I'm supposed to love the sheep, feed the sheep and care for the sheep. And I avoided this sheep. (I eventually called. He wanted to thank me for words I spoke in a homily a while back.) And then there is the deadline issue for this weeks bulletin. I wondered if I'd make, who would be mad at me because some news didn't make the early deadline. Why does the bulletin publisher demand early deadline during holiday seasons. Don't they know it takes time and space for a fragile soul like mine.

Would that I stood as straight as a Redwood tree, but I don't. and since I don't, I find a kindred spirit in the Christmas tree. I think you will find the same. What you do for a Christmas Tree, God does for you!  
God picked you.

Do you purchase the first tree you see? Of course not. You search for the right one. You walk the rows. You lift several up and set them down. You examine them from all angles until you decide. This one is perfect. You have a place in mind where the tree will stand in your house and not just any tree will do.

God does the same. He knows just the place where you'll be placed. He has a barren living room in desperate need of hope, warmth and joy. A corner of the world needs some color. God selected you with that place in mind.

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



“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.” **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10*

The Lord will save his people.

**Second Reading:** *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.



### Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifested in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

**Advent Reconciliation**  
**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**9am - 11am & 2pm - 8pm**



# **American Martyrs Christmas Mass Schedule**



**4pm Christmas Eve**  
**12am Midnight Christmas**  
**9am Christmas Day**  
**11:30am Christmas Day**

# 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>

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\*\*\*\*\* 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

# Christmas Giving Tree



**Thank You To All That Helped Make This Years Giving Tree Successful!**

**On Monday We Will Be Delivering The Presents So That The Presents Arrive At Their Final Destination By Christmas Day**



**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**



## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## *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.

### *Third Week of Advent*

A third candle—a pink one—is lit on the Advent Wreath for the third Sunday of Advent. This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born. The Advent season is now half over, and Jesus' coming—both his first coming, liturgically, and his second coming, historically—is nearer now than it was two weeks ago.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS.  
YOUR TIME HELPED MAKE THE FAIR A TOTAL SUCCESS**



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



### *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)

### **The Prophet's Profit**

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist, who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament, suffered in the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, they had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, and they believed that the people must obey God's commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God's promises would always be kept.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope, hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened. So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health. Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God's promises will be kept and God will give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10). Tom Schmidt, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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

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

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

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



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

**TIME:** 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)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** or if you are not a regular attendee, please call Annabelle Villegas 347-871-8644 or email [AgapeLove@latinodirect.com](mailto:AgapeLove@latinodirect.com) to confirm there have been no changes to the schedule.

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**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.

# The Mitten Drive is Back!



We are again collecting gently-used or new Mittens, Gloves, Scarves and Hats for children and adults. There will be boxes at the entrances of our Church starting December 17 thru January.

These items will be donated each week to a Salvation Army family shelter to help those in need of warm clothing.

## WE PRAY THE ROSARY



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

## THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?  
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.  
It has eyes to see misery and want.  
It has ears to hear  
the sighs and sorrows of others.  
—St. Augustine

This is the  
**season**

This is the  
**reason**



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)

**Schedule for the Lectors and  
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 20/21**

**Lectors**

**4pm Vigil:** Anne Marie Wright

**9am:** Jillian Minarik

**11:30am:** Valerie Day

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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

Lillian Santos + Barbara Froehlich

**9am:** Juan Mendez + Michael Shoule  
Fortune Tramonte + Nancy Flowers + Steven Caruso

**11:30am:** Bernie Liu + Linda Limberg  
Johanna Zafferese + Diana Iorio

**Acolyte/Altar Servicers Schedule  
SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 20/21**

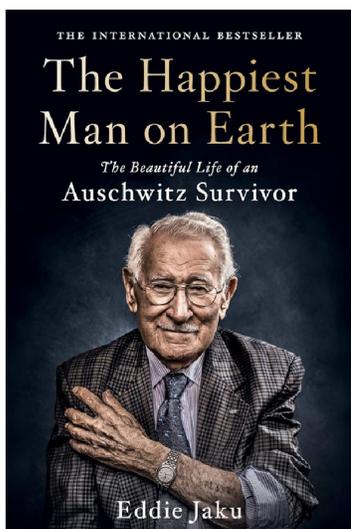
**Saturday 4pm VIGIL**  
Sophia + Landon + Jose

**Sunday 9AM**  
Leo + Adrian + Julianna

**Sunday 11:30AM**  
Omar + Madison + Brooke

Next Meeting for the Book Club  
Will Take Place in the Murray Center  
Monday January 12, 2026 at 7pm

The Book to Read is...



**Rosary Societys  
Altar Linen Schedule**



**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  
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### Thoughts of Floater and Smitty

**Floater:** If a bee is bothering you, don't swat it or run away, just stare at it. Because seeing is bee leaving.

**Smitty:** "Floater, why is it that every time I put you on the potty, you cry?" Floater, "It's my potty and I'll cry if I want to!"

**Floater:** Last week, I ran a marathon in Northern Sweden. I realized that I had gone way off course as soon as I crossed the Finnish line.

**Smitty:** What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.

**Floater:** What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me, and we'll go places!

**Smitty:** Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!

**Floater:** Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar? He got 25 days.

**Smitty:** What did the gingerbread man say after all the cookies were eaten? It's so hard to bake new friends!

**Floater:** I bought my son a fridge for Christmas.

I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.

**Smitty:** Kids said they wanted a cat for Christmas.

Normally we have turkey, but ok.

**Floater:** What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"

**Smitty:** Why did the Little Drummer Boy put his drum to bed? It was beat.

**Floater:** What do you call an old snowman? Water.

**Smitty:** What do you give a snowman with a fever? A chill pill.

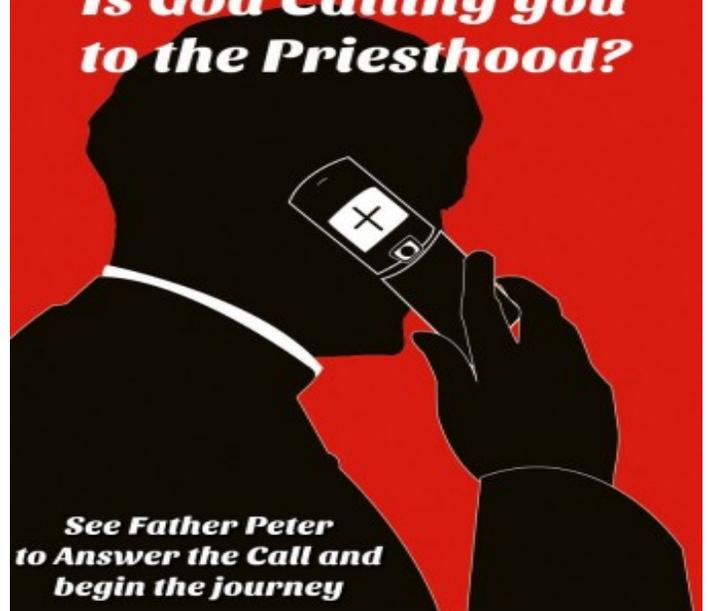
**Floater:** What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? A cookie sheet!

I burned the turkey on Thanksgiving, and just like that, I'm free from hosting Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner forever

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