

American Martyrs

3rd Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

Parish Clergy

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Pastor
Rev. James W. King
Deacon Stanley Galazin
Rev. Msgr. John F. Keppler, P.E.

Sunday Assistant
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am - 12:30 pm

Weekday Daily Mass is in Main Church
during the Lenten Season
8:30am Monday - Saturday

Holy Days See Bulletin For Schedule

Parish Staff

Ms. Patricia Adams, Business Manager
Mrs. Theresa Asche, Religious
Education
Ms. Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister
Mr. Jose Espindola, Maintenance

Fr. John J. Murray
Knights of Columbus Council #14666
First Friday Holy Hour
7:30pm American Martyrs Church

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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 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 4:00pm—4:45pm (Also at anytime convenient upon request)

Baptisms: The last Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m., except during Lent and Christmas Seasons. Parents must speak to Deacon Stan and are required to attend an instruction class on the second to last Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the Murray Center.

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.

Be Vigilant of Child Abuse At All Times!

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant—that we always observe the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them—at every opportunity.

For help or info call: Maryellen Quinn: Diocese of Brooklyn's Safe Environment Coordinator 718-965-7300

AMERICAN MARTYRS WEB ADDRESS

AMPARISH.ORG



Third Sunday of Easter -- April 18, 2021
“Peace be with you.” If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG
TAO Sean Reiley—USN

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

**LORD, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they
perform for us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen**

If you know of any parishioner who is currently serving in the Armed forces and would like to be added to our prayer list, please call the Rectory. 718-464-4582.

Bit's and Pieces from Mike and Mike: "Building A House's Deck... ..One Nail at a Time!"

Dear Alleluia People of God, I would like to offer food for the soul, entitled Good Words. Our Easter Season is an opportunity to see life in a new way — filled with meaning, hope and purpose rooted in the Lord Jesus. Our Easter Season is a time to rise with the Lord Jesus and spring to life like the birthing of nature all around us. Ponder, reflect and pass on to a loved one these thoughts:

Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying over the future.
God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.
All people smile in the same language.
A hug is a great gift...one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.
Everyone needs to be loved...especially when they do not deserve it.
The real measure of a person's wealth is what he or she has invested in eternity.
Laughter is God's sunshine.
Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.
It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.
Thank God for what you have and TRUST GOD for what you need.
If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you have no today to be thankful for.
Happy memories never wear out...relive them as often as you want.
Home is the place where we grumble the most...but are most often treated the best.
A person looks at outward appearances, but the Lord looks within the heart.
The choices you make today will usually affect tomorrow.
Take time to laugh, for it is the music of the soul.
If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.
Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears.
Love is strengthened by working through conflicts together.
The best thing parents can do for their children is to love each other.
Harsh words break no bones, but they do break hearts.
To get out of a difficulty, one usually must go through it.
We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.
Love is the only thing that can be divided without being diminished.
Happiness is enhanced by others but does not depend upon others.
You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.
For every minute you are angry or unforgiving, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.
Do what you can, for whom you can, with what you have, and where you are.

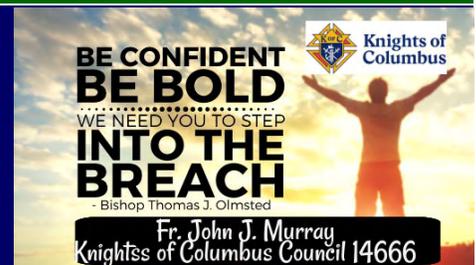
The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!Walking with you, Fr. Peter

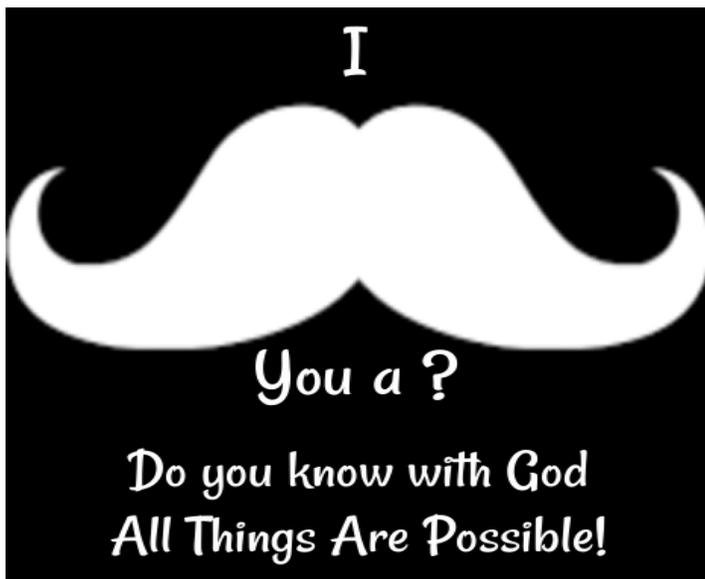
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS FR. PETER GILLEN
AS HE RECUPERATES FROM RECEIVING A NEW KIDNEY**

*Fr. John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council 14666
"Into the Breach"
Catholic Men's Faith Reflection
Thursday, April 29th at 7:30pm*

Please consider joining other parish men in strengthening your faith by joining a Zoom meeting on Thursday evening, 4/29 at 7:30PM. This is open to men of all ages. The group will begin by watching one of the short 12-minute videos from the Into the Breach collection <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> followed by a moderated conversation about how to apply the principles in our own lives and how to support each other to grow in virtue and take action to serve Christ and others.

Coffee, donuts, and whatever else you might have in your own home will be available during the Zoom call. Please email kofc14666fm@gmail.com to register or with any additional questions.





† EASTER DUTY

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2021) to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Sunday, May 30, 2021).

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Rise

The organ begins to roll out the *Alleluia* Gospel Acclamation. On cue, everyone rises. We all get up, and we look like we are expecting something. And we should. The words, the teaching, the ministry

of Jesus are about to be proclaimed in the Gospel. That is momentous and worth rising for. The Word of life and hope is coming to us.

Each time we rise up, we also anticipate the end of time which is the fulfillment of our hopes and dreams. Jesus said, "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

News from the Fr. John J. Murray Council #14666 Knights of Columbus



Marguerite's Food Pantry - Saturday April 24, 2021

Please consider volunteering along with the men of Father John J Murray Council 14666 Knights of Columbus at Marguerite's Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima 25-02 80th St. in East Elmhurst. Set-up begins at 9:00 AM which is when the most 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. Many hands make light work so please just show up if you can and when you can for as long as you can.

This is a chance to bear witness to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Bring your pre-teens or teens or a neighbor if you can. Maybe give them the opportunity to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-corporal-works-of-mercy.cfm>

Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil – Saturday, May 22

Please consider attending with the members of Father John J Murray Council 14666 Knights of Columbus and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants (helpersbrooklynny.org) Pro-Life mass Saturday morning 5/22 at 7:30 am at St. Paul & St. Agnes at 234 Congress St. in Brooklyn. After the mass, if you choose to participate, there is the opportunity to walk 10-15 blocks as we pray the Rosary together outside of Planned Parenthood at 44 Court St. Prayer is our greatest tool as Catholics as we do our part to protect and advocate for the unborn so please invite a friend or family member to attend as well.

Youth Ministry Invitation

Have some fun, unwind and get engaged with your faith.

April 23rd: Are You Stressed Out? Ways to Deal with the Stress in Your Life.

Most teens deal with lots of stress in their lives. Family, school, friends and many other things can add varying levels of stress. This session for youth will look at common stressors and give them the tools they need to address and cope with the stress in their lives. Murray Center

All sessions have icebreakers and games. In person sessions have snacks. Grades 7th through 12th Grade

Fridays at 6:30 p.m., dates above

**To register, please e-mail: youthministryam@gmail.com Attn: Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister
For questions, please call: Cynthia Macias (646) 361-6681**

"A Continued Shout-Out of Thanks"

Thank You to Charlie Vietro and Mike Chimenti for making the Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday a prayerful Novena (9 days of Prayer) and Day of Prayer

P.S. Please excuse me if I forgot anyone... ..my mind is toast at this time... ..Fr. Peter

You cannot be generous too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.

"I am, You are, We are the Church together"



**American Martyrs
2021 Annual Catholic**

**Appeal Update
April 12, 2021**

Parish Goal: \$66,706

Pledged: \$45,700

Received: \$34,490.83

Donors: 94



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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Saturday, April 17th
5pm: Frank Sanseverino (*Wife*)

Sunday, April 18th
8:30 am: Kunjamma Peter (*Sebastian Family*)

10:30am: Moscato Family (*Marianne + John Pinto*)
Regina + John Keating (*Keating Family*)
Harry Mills (*Sally, Frank + Liam*)

12:30pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs

Monday, April 19th
Patricia Whitmarsh (*Spouse*)

Tuesday, April 20th
Dorothy Bianchini (*Patricia Merola*)

Wednesday, April 21st
John + Linda Limberg
50th Wedding Anniversary (*Margaret*)

Thursday, April 22nd
Adele + Edith Calandra (*Marie*)

Friday, April 23rd
Stephen D. Adams (*Family*)

Saturday, April 24th

8:30 am: Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Anna + Frank Smaldino (*Mary Ann + Greg*)

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine
are offered for intentions of*



*Linda + John Limberg
50th Wedding Anniversary
(Deacon Stan + Fr. Peter)*

**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
OF AMERICAN MARTYRS AND IN OUR FAMILIES**

**AS WE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF
MARIA NOMI KOUDIS
KATHERINE GUARNERI
THERESA CAMPASI**



REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Collection for April 11, 2021

E-Giving: \$1,992.50

Collection: \$5,686.00

Total: \$ 7,678.50

**Thank You for your support of
American Martyrs during this difficult time.**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Arriaga, Barbagallo Family, Roberto Barrientos, Iride Bubek, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrorocco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Lorraine Rensch, Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Glen Ferguson, Kathy Evers, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi and Fr. Peter Gillen



FIRST PENANCE

Congratulations to all our children who received their First Penance this past week.

We are proud of all of you. Know our prayers and love are with you on this Joyous Day!

May you always walk with the Lord Jesus holding you by your hand!

And Yes you will be in our prayers as you receive your First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1, 2021



Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666
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Lenten Baby Bottle Update

As of Monday, April 13 we have collected \$4200 for the Sisters of Life in their Ministry of

Helping unwed Mom's!

Please continue to drop off Baby bottles at the rectory or sacristy ...

...every penny will go to support unwed moms as we here at American martyrs pray for and respect life from Conception to natural death...

...We talk the talk and we walk the walk here at AMERICAN MARTYRS



COLUMBIETTES

News from The American Martyrs Columbiettes :

"A Catholic Organization for Women"

We warmly invite ladies age 18 + Up

To Join Our Awesome Council

For info please call Deneille Loprete @ 917-414-3753

Devotion to St. Anthony

Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass

March 16 - June 8



St. Anthony, through your teaching and preaching you bore witness to the loving presence of God in all of creation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus

Will minister to the elderly in their own homes.

Call 718-888-7708.

Catholic Charities Home-base Program

assists those with housing crisis,

Call 718-674-1000 for more info

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Donate your old Car, Truck or Van - running or not.

Call: 718-491-2525.

The Society will give back to American Martyrs.

Open AA Meetings

Sullivan Center Monday Evenings 8:30pm-9:30pm

Closed AA Meetings

Wednesday Evenings 8:30pm-9:30pm

Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups

Hope, help, and happiness are attainable.

212-941-0094 nycalanon.org

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals

Call 718-357-4903 for more information.

Nar-Anon Never Alone: Call for info 718-217-0364.

National Suicide Prevention Help line: -1-800-273-8255

Healing After Abortion: Sisters of Life at: 866-575-0075

Weekly Sacred Scripture Study

Tuesday After 8:30am Mass In the Murray Center

For more Info call: Annabelle Villegas 917-331-1312



Floater and Smitty

"We're lost, but making great time!"

Floater: I don't know why people say you can't tell how animals would vote. Take possums for instance. I always found them middle of the road.

Smitty: Becoming a mortician can be a grave undertaking.

Floater: I grilled a chicken for 2 hours last night and it still wouldn't tell me why it crossed the road.

Smitty: My horse took me to worship with some other horses on a hill. They started singing AMAZING GRAZE

Floater: There's a new book about a group of insects who live in a European city. It's a Rome ants novel.

Smitty: Making car payments is the lease of my worries.

Floater: My pet rodent doesn't have a name. He's anonymouse...

Smitty: I had a hen that could count her own eggs. She was a Mathemachicken.

Floater: If a blacksmith hammered your autograph out of red hot steel, did he just... ..forge your signature??

Smitty: William Shakespeare might have broken a leg while horseback riding. Tibia or not tibia, that is equestrian.

Floater: When a cougar gets so old that she needs a hearing aid She becomes a Def Leppard

Smitty: I had a hen that could count her own eggs. She was a Mathemachicken.