

American Martyrs

January 31, 2021

"Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him." Mark 1:25-26

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Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Weekday Daily Mass Kateri Chapel
8:30am Monday - Saturday

Holy Days See Bulletin For Schedule

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Knights of Columbus Council #14666
First Friday Holy Hour
7:30pm American Martyrs Church

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(718) 464 - 6411

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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2021
“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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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 People of God, The Christmas trees have been taken down and the lights are stored for another year. Our Christmas Season came to a close three weekends ago, but the journey continues. The Christmas Season has given way to Ordinary Time (until we start our Lenten Season begins in less than three weeks), but there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time! Winter is upon us and spring is still a long distance off.

The different seasons of the year reflect the seasons of our lives. We all seek answers no matter our age, but it is important to raise great questions from the depths of our heart. Reflect upon the following . . .

Prayer for a Questioning Heart

*It seems to me Lord that we search much too desperately for answers
when a good question holds as much grace as an answer.
Jesus, You are the Great Questioner.*

*Keep your questions alive that we may always be seekers rather than settlers.
Guard as well from the sin of settling in with our answers hugged to our breasts.*

*Make us a wondering far-sighted questioning restless people
and give us the feet of pilgrims on this journey unfinished.*

Seasons of your Heart: Prayers and Reflections - Marcrina Wiederkehr, O.S. B.

At the same time, we can take so much for granted and the cold dark days of winter can add to the season slump. What gets us out of bed in the morning? How do we handle the daily routine of living? I share with you a wonderful vignette geared toward newly married couples, but truly applicable to everyone in any meaningful relationship—no matter the age!

Common Table Salt

A guest was asked to give a toast at a friend's wedding. At the reception, as the glasses were raised, the guest presented the couple with a beautifully decorated gift box. Inside the box was salt—common table salt. The guest then offered this toast to the couple:

“It's hard to keep a house without salt. It adds flavor and taste to just about every dish. But if you run out of toothpaste, you can brush with a mixture of soda and salt because of salt's cleansing qualities.

If you develop a sore throat, you can gargle with salt because of its healing properties.

If you're hungry, you can cure a ham or other meat with salt because of its preserving qualities.

You can use the salt to melt the ice that builds up in the winter cold; salt can also be used to put out fires that flare up.

So if you'll bring to the marriage the qualities found in salt—the cleansing quality, the healing quality, the preserving quality—

If you use it to enhance the flavor of your life together; to melt the ice that will build up and put out the fires that will occasionally flare up between you; and, of course, if you take everything with a grain of salt, you will have a long and happy life together.”

And, while I think about it, never add salt to the wound!

Reflecting on a winter day,

Fr. Peter

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**



C O L U M B I E T T E S



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

February is American Heart Month



BLOOD DRIVE

American Martyrs Church
Sunday, February 28, 2021

9:15am - 1:45pm

79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Appointments Preferred walk-ins welcome if capacity permits

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Please be aware that we **do NOT test for COVID-19**. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.



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New York Blood Center

Weekly Sacred Scripture Study Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass in the Murray Center

For more Info call:

Annabelle Villegas 917-331-1312



KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Link

When we arrive at church on Sunday morning, we are in a particular spot at a

specific time. We are mistaken, however, to think that we are just here and right now. When we walk into church and celebrate Mass together, we are linking ourselves across time and space with countless people and a long history.

"Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity together with our Pope. . . ." Throughout the world, believers are hearing the same Word and sharing in the same Bread of Life. We link ourselves with believers across the entire world. "Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sing of faith. . . ." We link ourselves with those who have died and with all the faithful saints who proved their love.

Not just here and not just now but across a universe of faith and a history of loving fidelity we link ourselves with others at Sunday Mass.



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**Join the Knights in Prayer
7:30pm Friday
First Friday of the Month
Holy Hour**

**Praying for the February's Monthly
Intentions of Pope Francis:
Violence Against Women**

**We pray for women who are victims
of violence, that they may be
protected by society and have their
sufferings considered and heeded.**

Floater and Smitty

Floater: The Golf Pro has identified that I'm standing too close to the ball...after I've hit it....

Smitty: I would tell you my construction joke but I'm still working on it.

Floater: I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they game me the ax.

Smitty: I would tell you my autumn joke but you probably wouldn't fall for it.

Floater: 6:30 is the best time on a clock, Hands down!

Smitty: Knitting can be a good way to quilt time.

Floater: A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason, details are sketchy.

Smitty: Eyelashes are supposed to prevent things from getting into your eyes, but when I do have something in my eye it's always an eyelash. Very Eyeronic!

Floater: I was asked in a spelling bee to spell orange, and I asked fruit or color?

Smitty: I used to wonder why copper exists. But now it makes perfect cents.

Floater: Should throwing events be removed from the Olympics? Let's discuss

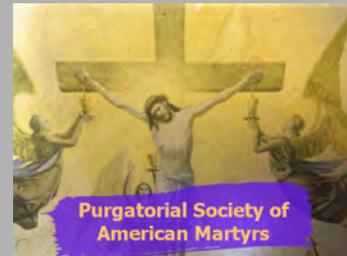
Smitty: I just found out I'm colorblind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

Floater: Last night I had a dream that I weighed less than a thousandth of a gram. I was like, Omg.

Smitty: Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're so good at it.

Floater: The doctor told me I was going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear.

Purgatorial Society



New members enrolled for February 2021

*Luis + Aida Parrales
(Sarah Parrales)*

*Carmela D'Andrea
Dominick D'Andrea*

Christina + Federico Cadiante

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.. The stipend to enroll a loved one is \$25.00 . The names of those enrolled for the first month will be published in our bulletin.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 30th
5:00 pm: Rigna Vazques (*Gina Omolon*)

Sunday, January 31st
8:30 am: The Faithful of American Martyrs
10:30am: Marian Breiter (*Joe, Lisa, Peter + Matt*)
Carmen Frank (*Barbara + Gerry Caliendo*)
Sadie Bartkowski (*Family*)
12:30pm: John Balitchik (*Deacon Stan + Mary Galazin*)

Monday, February 1st
Janet Gadell (**1st Anniversary**) (*Denise + John Tully*)

Tuesday, February 2nd
Stephen Burke (*John Burke*)

Wednesday, February 3rd
Anne Chimenti (*Rosemary Bandin*)

Thursday, February 4th
Kevin Burke (*John Burke*)

Friday, February 5th
Frankie Finn (*Kathleen + Mark Flug*)

Saturday, February 6th
8:30 am: Patrocinio Apostadero (*Jovie*)

5:00 pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs

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. 718-491-2525.
The Society will give back to American Martyrs.
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

Collection for January 24, 2021

E-Giving: \$1,169.50
Collection: \$3,336
Total: \$4,505.50

Sunday, January 21 2020: \$6,245

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American Martyrs
during these trying times in our Church life**



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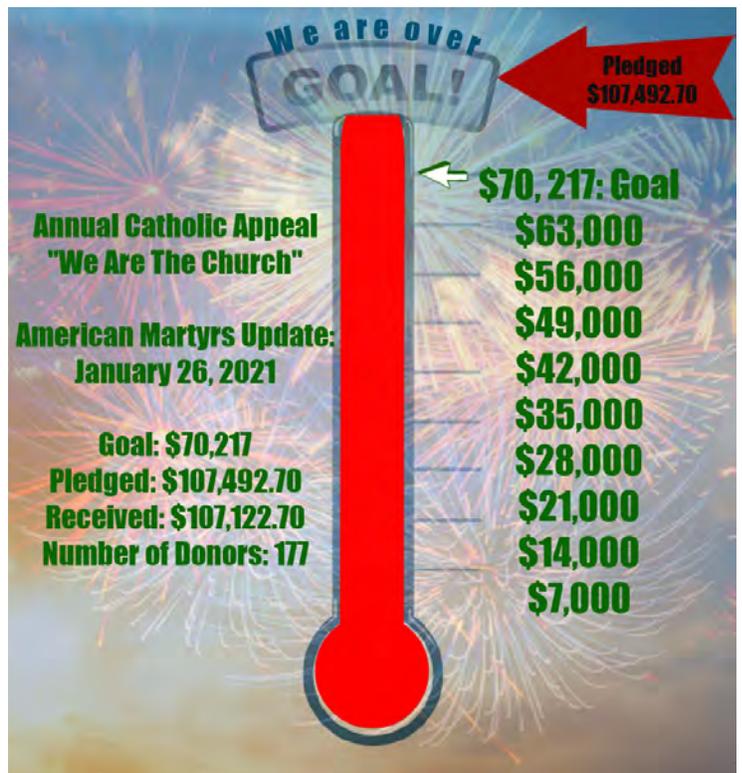
REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Rose Vecchia and Richard J. King

Eternal Rest grant unto them Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace; and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. ~ Amen



Our Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized:

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 Fergerson, Kathy Evers, Tricia Zafferese Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess and Chistine Biondi





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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Friday night prayer service on the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Thank you also to those of you who attended one of the fundraiser showings of *Unplanned* in 2019.

As was mentioned Friday, in just over a year our parish raised enough money to purchase an ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, a program that began in 2009 & has placed over 1,300 machines in faith-based pregnancy resource centers. The machine that your donations helped purchase was donated to the New Life Community Health Center in Elmhurst <http://www.nlhc.org/>

Father Peter blessed the ultrasound and the machine was dedicated with a plaque that reads:

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. Jeremiah 1:5*

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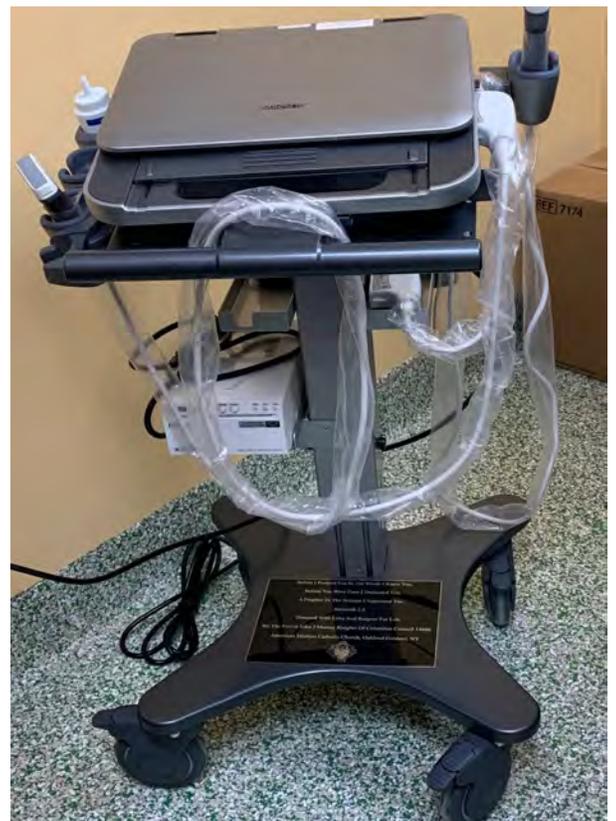
As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to respect life from conception to natural death. God lovingly created each of us & every unborn baby in His image. Thanks to advances in science & ultrasound technology, the world now knows without a doubt that conception does not result in a “blob of cells”, but rather a living human being that grows while she or he is in the womb.

Only God can change a person’s heart so please pray for women who have had abortions, women who are considering an abortion, the fathers that were involved in these pregnancies, the abortionists who end the babies’ lives, & the employees & volunteers who work at these abortuaries. “For nothing will be impossible with God.” Matthew 25:40

The number one cause of death in the US & worldwide is abortion & by a huge margin. Not heart disease, not cancer, not accidents. Abortion. We live in a state where it is illegal to have your cat declawed, but when it comes to killing a baby there are very few restrictions. The unborn need more educated advocates.

Please consider joining the Respect Life ministry here at American Martyrs (email KofCAM14666@gmail.com) & maybe also participate in one of the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants <http://www.helpersbrooklynny.org/> monthly prayer vigils.

Pray works and prayer is the answer.



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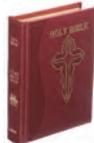
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