

# American Martyrs

Christ the King of the Universe

November 22, 2020

## Parish Clergy

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Pastor

Rev. James W. King

Rev. Msgr. John F. Keppler,

Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Stanley Galazin

## Sunday Assistants

Rev. Msgr. John J. Bracken

Rev. George R. Cowan

Rev. Emmanuel Nartey



## Parish Staff

Ms. Patricia Adams, Business Manager

Mrs. Theresa Asche, Religious Education

Ms. Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister

Mr. Jose Espindola, Maintenance

## Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am - 12:30 pm

## Weekday Daily Mass

8:30am Monday - Saturday

American Martyrs Kateri Chapel

Holy Days 8:30am - 12 Noon - 7:30pm

## Fir. John J. Murray

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## First Friday Holy Hour

7:30pm American Martyrs Church

American Martyrs RC Church

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Oakland Gardens, NY 11364

(718) 464 - 4582

Religious Education Office

(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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### Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 22, 2020

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Moral of the Story**

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

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

*Happy Thanksgiving , you will be in our prayers, Deacon Stan Galazin, Msgr. Bracken, Fr. King, Fr. Nartey, Fr. Cowan Theresa Asche, Patricia Adams, Jose Espindola and myself. We will be praying that you have a most Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving!*

**PS... ..How about starting Thanksgiving Day off by attending the Eucharistic Celebration of Thanksgiving at 9:30am (What better way to prepare for the entire day of Thanksgiving?)**

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT  
AMERICAN MARTYRS**

**Mass of Thanksgiving will be at  
9:30am Thanksgiving Day**

**Bring an item of food to be blessed  
at Mass that you will enjoy with  
family and friends  
at the dinner table.**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
5:00 pm: Joseph Ossanna (5pm Ushers)

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:30 am: David A. Zack (Ruth Zack)  
10:30: Jack Bills, Catherine Taylor,  
Joseph, Marie & Marie deAngels (Family)  
12:30: For Faithful of American Martyrs

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Dan Kirk (Kathleen Fullam Flug)

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Vincent Pupplio (Weiner Family)

**Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Salvatore, Francesca & Antonia Falanga (Family)

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 am (Main Church)  
**In Thanksgiving to God for all of our blessings**

**Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Carmela Carbone (Daughter)

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 am: **Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans**

5:00 pm: **For the Faithful of American Martyrs**



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

**Conceso A. Polvorosa  
(Family)**

**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Delia Bo, Sister Maureen O'Connor,  
John Balitchik and Rev. Patrick Diffley**

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, Frank Pagano, Lorraine Rensch,  
Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherme,  
Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Glen Fergerson, Kathy Evers,  
Patrick Carragee, Fr. Bill Sweeney and Jack O'Grady

**Celebrating Mass at American Martyrs**

*Face Masks Are A Must*

*Please Form One (1)  
Communion Line At Each Station*

**We sanitize after every Mass.  
...PLEASE BE SAFE**

*November 15, 2020 Collection*

**Offering: November 15, 2020: \$4,474  
E-Giving: November 15, 2020 : \$1,544.50  
Total for November 15, 2020: \$6,018.50  
\*\*Weekly of November 17, 2019: \$7,064**

*Thank you for your support of American Martyrs Church.*



**American Martyrs 2020 Mass Book Intentions**

There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2020. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.

Please contact the Rectory to request a special Mass offering for your loved one.

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. —Theodore Roosevelt



*Floater and Smitty  
American Martyrs in House Comedians  
Thanksgiving with Floater and Smitty*

**Smitty:** Why did the turkey cross the road? (It was the chicken's day off!)

**Floater:** Why did the turkey cross the road twice? (To prove he wasn't chicken!)

**Smitty:** What's the most musical part of a turkey? (The drumstick!)

**Floater:** Where do you find a turkey with no legs? (Exactly where you left it!)

**Smitty:** What do you call it when it rains turkeys? (Foul weather!)

**Floater:** Which side of a turkey has the most feathers? (The outside!)

**Smitty:** Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey because it is always stuffed.

**Floater:** What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving? (The letter "g"!)

**Smitty:** If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does turkey come from? (A poul-tree!)

**Floater:** What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? (The turkey!)

## American Martyrs



## Religious Education News

**PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MEETING OF ALL PARENTS (ONE PARENT FROM EACH FAMILY MUST ATTEND) TUESDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 7PM. MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHURCH TOPIC: ONLINE REMOTE LEARNING**

We will remain remote until the Diocese of Brooklyn's Faith Formation instructs us otherwise.

Parents of 1-6, please make sure your child clicks on submit when they finish their assignment.

The submit icon is green at the top of the page on the right hand side. This enables the teacher to see they did their assignment

7<sup>th</sup> grade students will log-on and get their assignments, then email their work back to Mrs. Asche at [taasche@amparish.org](mailto:taasche@amparish.org) (answers only)

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue to meet in the Murray Center Sunday morning at 8:45 and attend 10:30 Mass as a class.

Parents of Confirmation classes **PLEASE check your emails for any updates on Confirmation.**

All assignments will be posted from Sunday till Saturday each week.

**If you have any questions Mrs. Asche by phone (718) 464-6411 or [taasche@amparish.org](mailto:taasche@amparish.org)**

Dear God,  
I am thankful for my family  
because I love them and they  
take good care of me.  
I am also thankful for my pets  
because I know they are safe  
with me.  
I am thankful for God for  
loving us and creating us.  
Mason



**FREDERICK & QUINN-FOGARTY FUNERAL NEWS**

YOU'RE INVITED to our "SAFE & DISTANCED" PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR WITH COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH & GIVEAWAY BAG. SAT, DEC. 5th at 11:30AM Making funeral arrangements unprepared or uninformed can make an already stressful situation, even more difficult. Being informed on what to expect after a loved one passes and realizing there is a more effective approach to this inevitable life experience, empowers you to make smart decisions that offers you and your loved ones significant emotional, financial and long-term benefits. The seminar is hosted at FREDERICK & QUINN-FOGARTY Funeral Home – 192-15 Northern Blvd. Flushing, NY / "RSVP a MUST" / Please call Nicole at (718) 357-6100 or email Nicole.Esposito@sci-us.com to reserve your space.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development - November 22, 2020**

This collection allows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the ability to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve December 24**  
**3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and Midnight**

**Christmas Day December 25**  
**8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm**

**Help Me To Remember...  
 ...Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.



Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666  
Church of American Martyrs

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**Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil Saturday Morning December 19, 2020**

Please consider attending the Helpers of God's Precious Infants ([helpersbrooklynny.org](http://helpersbrooklynny.org)) Pro-Life mass Saturday morning 11/21 at 7:30AM at St. Mary's of Long Island City located at 10-08 49th Avenue in Long Island City. After the mass, if you choose to participate, there is the opportunity to join the 10-15 minute Rosary procession to abortion provider Planned Parenthood where we will continue to pray the Rosary with our masks on before processing back to the church. 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.

**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**

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**Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn**

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The Society will give back to American Martyrs.

**Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups**

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[nycalanon.org](http://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



Don't forget to set your scales back ten pounds this week

**KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME**

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*Adore*

To adore is not merely to admire, although we use the word "adore" in this loose sense. When I adore someone or something, I center my life on this person or thing. To adore is to worship. To adore is to hold in awe.

Each human being will adore someone or something. We have a drive within us to center our lives this way. Faith tell us that only God is worthy of our adoration, but people can adore the false gods of money, pleasure, status, and even their own convenience.

Every time we kneel before the altar at Mass, we profess our commitment to adore God alone, our true center. "We adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, O God, almighty Father."

**What will get you to Heaven?  
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**Just Do It!**

**Do What is Right!  
And Heaven Will Be Open**

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