

American Martyrs ~ April 24, 2022



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Parish Clergy

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

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey
Rev. James Devine

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am - 12:30 pm
8:30am Weekday Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday in Main Church
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
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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.

FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED

Masks are no longer required indoors due to the expiration of the mask mandate, however, please continue to take necessary preventive measures to ensure safety and good hygiene.

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.

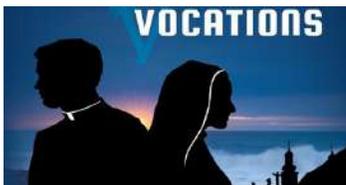
Holy Matrimony: Call the Parish Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

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

ROSARY SOCIETY

On Monday, May 9, we will hold our Annual "Day of Recollection". We begin with Mass at 11 am. New members will be inducted. A lunch will be provided. Dues are \$15. Please call Carol at 718-61-0896 or Diana at 718-740-0643., or Barbara at 718-465-0585. There will be a collection of baby items for Bridge to Life. Come Join us!



Sunday April 24, 2022

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission 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
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,

AMERICAN MARTYRS WEB ADDRESS : AMPARISH.ORG

Remember in your Prayers the Sick of American Martyrs

Michael Arriaga, Roberto Barrientos, Iride Bubek, Rose and Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Lorraine Rensch, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Irene McGrath, Frances Burgess, Maria Criscuolo, Chistine Biondi, Rosemary Mollo, Ramon Dickson, Thomas Lafleur, Luis D. Vargas, C.J. Marino, Mary Carroll, Eleanor Kelly, Thomas Holloran, Pauline Purcha, Tara McGraw, Msgr. John Keppler, Fr. Peter Rayder, Joseph Zicari, Dawn Briante, George Adamonis, Bill Krug, Caroline Bonacci

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Sunday, April 24 ~ Divine Mercy ~
8:30am: Stephen D. Adams (Family)**

10:30am:

Dennis Asche (Family)

John F. Stewart (Asche Family)

Rev. Edward Bottino (Barbara & Jack)

12:30pm The Faithful of American Martyrs

Monday, April 25

**8:30am: Elizabeth "Betty" Marsillo
(Ed Pearce)**

Tuesday, April 26

**8:30am: Sandra Coste (Healing)
(Montevirgen Family)**

Wednesday, April 27

8:30am: Marie Dornagon (Maria)

Thursday, April 28

8:30am: Teresita Delos Santos (Family)

Friday, April 29

8:30am: Michael Kearney (Joan Kearney)

Saturday, April 30

**8:30am: Intentions of the CWV
5:00pm: The Faithful of American Martyrs**

The Gifts of Bread and Wine
are offered In Loving Memory of



**Sheila Still
From American Martyrs Parish**

**REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
OF AMERICAN MARTYRS**

Sheila Still

Msgr. Raymond J. Kelly

Marie (Kim) Wong



*God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and
there shall be no more death nor crying, neither
shall there be any more pain, for the former
things are passed away. Revelation 21:4*

Upcoming Events At American Martyrs

- BINGO is back! Every Tuesday at 6 pm
- First Sunday of every month - Pray the Rosary at 10:00 am in Church before the 10:30 am Mass
- Sun. April 24 - CWV—Spring Fair
- Sun. May 1 - Communion Breakfast
- Sat. May 7- Defensive Driving - Call Marty to register. 631-360-972
- Sat. May 7 - 9 am Greenway Clean-way day
- Mon. May 9 - Rosary Society Day of Recollection - 11 am

The Collection for April 17, 2022

E-Giving: \$2,052.50

Collection: \$7,486.00

Total: \$9,538.50

This week's second collection will be for the
Catholic Home Missions.

April 24 , 2022 — Sunday of Divine Mercy

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.



While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

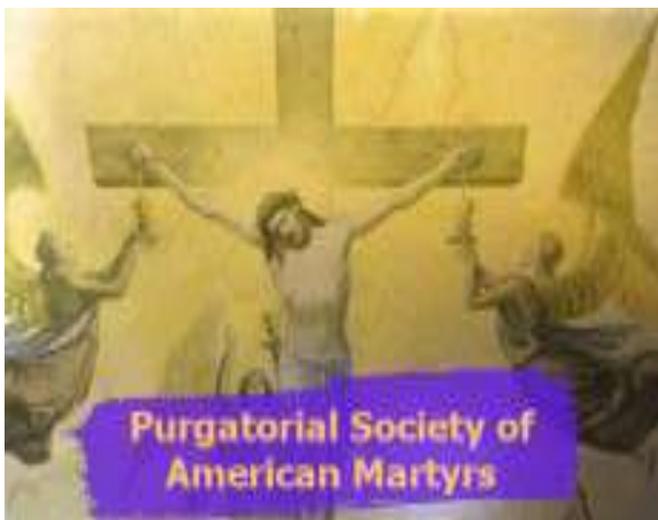
Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

St. Faustina writes in her diary that Our Lord spoke to her, saying: ***“Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.”*** Take part in prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy while in a spirit completely detached from sin. Recite the Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus. All the faithful implore God’s mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.



***Purgatorial Society
New Members enrolled for April
Joseph & Anna Yandoli***

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.

American Martyrs Church
Father John J. Murray Parish Breakfast

All are welcome. Please join us

Sunday May 1, 2022

after the 10:30 mass in the Sullivan Center (church lower level)

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. NO
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

Delicious hot breakfast – Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes, French toast, Coffee, Juice

Age 13 and up = \$20 per person Age 7 - 12 = \$10 per person 6 and under - Free

Buy tickets after mass or complete stub below and leave it at rectory WITH PAYMENT.

Please R.S.V.P. By no later than Tuesday April 26, 2022

Pay cash or make checks payable to: American Martyrs Church.

Any questions? Call 718-464-6411

SUBMIT THIS STUB WITH YOUR CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO: AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH

Father Murray Parish Breakfast Sunday May 1, 2022 11:30am

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age 13 and older: Number of tickets _____ at \$20 each = \$ _____

Age 7 to 12: Number of tickets _____ at \$10 each = \$ _____

6 and under: Number of tickets _____ Free

() Cash () check

Please try to sit me with: _____

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

PRESENT:

SPRING FAIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

9 AM – 3 PM

**AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH
BELL BLVD AND UNION TURNPIKE**

COME AND SHOP WITH US. DIFFERENT KIND OF VENDORS TO CHOOSE FROM.
SHOP FOR MOTHER'S DAY, GRADUATION, FATHER'S DAY OR SPECIAL DAY.
PLENTY OF PARKING AND HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

COME AND SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS!!!



Please visit: Www.annualcatholicappeal.org to view the
2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Video.

Traveling Madonna

The purpose of this Virgin Mary statue is to bring the graces of Fatima and Our Lady's message of peace and hope. For the past 9 years, the Rosary Society has been passing the statue of Mary through the parish. In this difficult time, as we pray for peace, anyone interested in joining the rotation, please call Margaret Reyes at 718 217-7110.

In these unsettled times, praying the Rosary is important. Please join us on the first Sunday of the month at 10 o'clock to pray as a group. All welcome !

Rectory Office Hours

Mon—Thurs 9am –12 noon & 1pm—4pm

Saturday's 9am—12 Noon

All Other Hours by Appointment

Please go to our website: AMPARISH.ORG to
read the bulletin for information and events
going on in our Parish .

American Martyrs Catholic War Veterans
would like to thank everyone who attended
our Breakfast With The Easter Bunny event. It
seemed everyone had a good time. We would
like to thank Ann Marie Bills for her generous
donation that was used to pay for the event.



The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL has begun with mailings to every registered parishioner at American Martyrs and throughout the diocese. Once again we look forward to a successful pledge drive at American Martyrs hoping to surpass our assigned goal which is **\$66,706**. With the participation of every parishioner we are guaranteed success!

As of 4/1822 ~ \$29,220. has been pledged.

Received: \$16,386.

A total of 69 Parishioners have already responded. Thank you for all that you do for American Martyrs.

CWV SPRING FAIR

Come join us for our Spring Fair on Sunday April 24, 9 am to 3 pm.

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.

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**

Floater: I can't believe how many basic historical facts most people don't know For example most people don't know that Louis Armstrong was the first man on the moon.

Smitty; Just incase you don't have a date for Valentines day, it's the 14th of February.

Floater: For her birthday I took my wife to an orchard where we stood looking at trees for half an hour.. Not the Apple Watch she was expecting apparently.

Smitty: I was thinking about u... ..it's an interesting letter.

Floater: Chatting to my wife while see was cooking our dinner and she suddenly shouted " just for once I would like to cook dinner in silence" so I went and took the batteries out of the smoke alarm.

Smitty: I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eye's. I now have Heinzsight.

Floater: sometimes it takes me all day to do nothing.

Smitty: my wife wanted me to take her somewhere expensive for her birthday. so I took her to the gas station



Greenway Clean-way Day

Let's work together to clean up the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path")

If you enjoy walking, jogging, biking, hopping, skipping, or jumping along the wonderful Greenway that we all share, then please join us on

***Saturday, May 7th, 2022 at
9:00AM (shine or rain)***

Sponsored by: The Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council at American Martyrs Church, Bayside, Queens and the NYC Partnership for Parks

*For more information contact us at
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