... then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:5
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## Pray for the Sick

Please remember the sick in our community. Pray that they may find comfort and healing in Christ, especially:

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## In Memoriam

In Remembrance, let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord.

- Bill Schampeau
- Jo Ann Scott
- Hilario Aldape

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Daily Prayers of the Church

### Adoration / Meditation Chapel

Chapel hours are:

- Mon-Wed-Fri, 6:45AM-9:00PM
- Tues-Thurs, 6:00AM-9:00PM
- Sat, 7:00AM-7:00PM
- Sun, 6:00AM-7:00PM

Contact: Jim Quilliam, adorationchapel@americanmartyrs.org

### Daily Rosary

- Monday - Saturday, 7:30AM, in the Church

### Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours)

- Monday at 5:35PM, in the Church

Contact: Dick Williams, 310-292-0996

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Devotion and Benediction)

Tuesday following the 8:00AM Mass

### Rosary for the Unborn

Wednesday following the 5:00PM Mass, followed by the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## Sacraments

### Baptism for Infants:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 1:00PM

Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required.

Call Deacon Fred Rose, 310-545-5651, for an appointment.

**Next Class is Thursday, April 17**

### Marriage:

Contact Rectory at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Celebrated throughout the year.

Call anytime in case of serious illness.

## Armed Forces

We remember those serving in our Armed Forces overseas and pray that they return safely to their loved ones, especially:

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- 1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
- SGT Keegan J. Mattick - U.S. Army
- CPT Richard Moravec - U.S. Army Rangers
- LCDR Mike Mullen - U.S. Navy
- Matthew Murphy - U.S. Navy
- SPC Robert Plaza - U.S. Army
- Cpl Max Schaffer - U.S.M.C.
- PVT Joshua Stanziolet - U.S. Army
- LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy
- PFC Dariusz Wawryk - U.S. Army
- Capt Tim Woodring - U.S.M.C.

To add someone to the list or if you know that someone above has returned home, contact 310-545-5651 | bulletin@americanmartyrs.org
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<td>Home Schoolers Sandwich Making</td>
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<td>Friday Lenten Dinner</td>
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**NOTE:** Dates and locations are subject to change without notice. Please check with the ministry to verify event.

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**Facilities:**
- **BB-SS:** Brigid/Brendan
- **BBP-SS:** Brigid/Brendan Patio
- **CH-Church**
- **CHP-Church Patio**
- **Gym:** Gym
- **HFF-Holy Family House**
- **ODH-O’Donnell Hall**
- **PH-Parish House**
- **SPC-Spirituality Center**
- **SPG-Spirituality Garden**
- **SPL-Spirituality Center Library**
- **SCH-School**
- **SHH-Sacred Heart House**
- **SJSC-St. Joseph's Chapel**
- **SK-St. Kateri**
- **SKMR-St. Kateri Music Room**

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### Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick**
- 8:00 Kieran Ike – RIP (Dr. Ike & Dr. Denis)
- 12:10 Lt. Col. John Harris – RIP (Catherine Harris)
- 5:00 William & Pauline Turner – RIP (The Geppert Family)

**Tuesday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
- 6:30 Robert Unruh – RIP (Teresita Unruh)
- 8:00 Amelia Duncan – RIP (Debra & Wayne Duncan & Family)
- 12:10 Delia Reis – Sp. Int. – (Nancy L. Pruitt)
- 5:00 Kye Hellmers – Sp. Int. (Bardy Ryan)

**Wednesday, March 19 - St. Joseph**
- 8:00 Karen Ross – Sp. Int. (Nat & La Famiglia)
- 12:10 Millie Garretson – Sp. Int. (The Altar Society)
- 5:00 Barney Johannsen – Sp. Int. (Jon & Nan Rager)

**Thursday, March 20**
- 6:30 Victor Lazzaro – RIP (Kammerer Family)
- 8:00 Jim Kelly – Sp. Int. (Nancy Kelly & Family)
- 12:10 John Eberhart – RIP (Mary Lou Eberhart)
- 5:00 Special Intention

**Friday, March 21 (Abstinence)**
- 8:00 Cathy Zaworski – RIP (Richard & Anne Garvey-Zaworski)
- 12:10 Tom Grove, Sr. – RIP (The Roberti Family)
- 5:00 Thersia Thompson – RIP (Sue Meyer)

**Saturday, March 22**
- 8:00 Sue Baca – RIP (Mary Ann Coughlin)
- 5:00 Eric B. Euchner – RIP (Jenene John)

**Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday of Lent**
- 7:00 James F. Buescher – RIP (Chuck Fuentes)
- 8:00 Margaret Overton – RIP (Wood/Overton/Dickie Family)
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 George Newburn – RIP (Newburn Family)
- 5:00 Paul Joseph Kossitch – RIP (Patty Kossitch)
**Lenten Friday Dinners - A Parish Tradition**

Join us every Friday night during Lent for:
- Family Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm,
- Family Mass at 5:30pm, and
- Lenten Dinner in O’Donnell Hall.

**Dinner is served from 5:30 - 7:00pm.**

The menu is a simple meatless meal consisting of homemade soup, pasta, rolls, fresh fruit, crisp salad, and PB&J sandwiches for the kids. A donation comparable to what one might spend in a family restaurant is suggested - most give $5/person or $20/family. **All proceeds are given to the poor.**

- March 21: Creamy Tomato Rice
- March 28: Minestrone
- April 4: Corn Chowder
- April 11: Chili
- April 18: Baked Potato Bar

To give time and/or talent to this wonderful parish tradition, call Kristen Dorr, 310-469-2941 or Jen Rodriguez, 310-489-4324.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27, 2014**

As we prepare to celebrate this beautiful feast of God’s great mercy, consider the special fast below:

- Fast from judging others—Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from darkness—Feast on the light of Christ.
- Fast from pessimism—Feast on optimism.
- Fast from thoughts of illness—Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute—Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from anger—Feast on patience.
- Fast from worry—Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from complaining—Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from hostilities—Feast on kindness.
- Fast from bitterness—Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from anxiety—Feast on hope.
- Fast from self—Feast on a silent heart.

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**Msgr. Barry’s Lenten Retreat**

Thursday, March 20, 2014
O’Donnell Hall

ALL ARE INVITED
FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS

8:00AM Complimentary Buffet Breakfast
9:00AM Reflections from Msgr. John Barry
10:30AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:15AM Stations of the Cross
12:10PM Mass

No Reservation needed

**Sponsored by the Altar Society**
Call Dorothy Higi for more info, 310-545-2016

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**Holy Matrimony**

Congratulations:
Steve Eilers and Angie Rome

First Banns:
Aaron Michael Frees and Alexandra Pulido Gonzalez
Robert Morel and Chelsea Demiany
BABYSITTING CO-OP
All parishioners with young children are invited to the monthly meeting of the American Martyrs Babysitting Co-Op on Monday, March 24, 8:00-9:00 PM. Contact one of the leaders below for the meeting location.

The Co-Op is a group of parish families who exchange babysitting services. Imagine an evening out, or being able to run errands or go to daytime appointments without the added expense of a paid babysitter!

We overview how the co-op works and describe the many benefits of participating. You will also have an opportunity to get to know the current members and to ask any questions. Children are welcome.

MINISTRY CONTACTS: Kelly Wolschon, 310-370-9420 or Mike Kersey, 310-921-0142

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN
Wednesday, March 26
9:30–11:00AM, O'Donnell Hall

Please join us!
Bring your children, parenting questions, and your prayer intentions for fellowship in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Our guest speaker will be Samantha Barnes, founder of Kitchen Kid who will speak about kid friendly meals and present her monthly subscription box filled with illustrated recipe guides, culinary adventures and family fun delivered to your home! Babysitting provided.

MINISTRY CONTACTS: Allison Saba, 310-890-7198 or Stephanie Garcia, 310-383-3635

LORD, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Ps 33

HISTORICAL MINISTRY
Do you love history?
Have you ever examined the American Martyrs’ stained glass windows and seen the stories represented in each one?

Are you open to learning more about the Historical Ministry? We have a variety of activities that you can fit into the nooks and crannies of your life, on your schedule.

Intrigued? Call Mary Hornickel, 310-466-3820.

VIRTUS - PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
VIRTUS awareness training program in prevention of child sexual abuse is a requirement for all adults in contact with children on our parish campus.

Parents in AMS and AMPreschool are required to attend the course to volunteer, and parents in Sunday Preschool, SRE, Lifeteen and sports programs are also encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1:00 - 4:00PM, Sts. Brigid /Brendan Room
Register by contacting Patti Williams, 310-546-4734 or pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org

55 PLUS
Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday, April 1 at 9:00 AM in St. Kateri to hear our speaker, Byron Walls from California Crime Fighter, who will present a humorous talk on street crimes, home protection, car safety, etc

Following the talk the 55 Plus members will make sandwiches for St. Lawrence Brindisi in O'Donnell Hall. WE NEED MORE HELP WITH THE SANDWICHES. Afterwards there will be games by Judy.

Hosting this month are Barbara Reilly and Betty Young; if you have questions call Barbara at 310-542-7149.

Our May speaker will be from Guide Dogs of America. Everyone is welcome to attend.

USHERS’ EASTER ASSIGNMENT DINNER
The annual Ushers’ Easter Assignment Dinner will be on Thursday, April 3 in O’Donnell Hall.

Social time is 6:00-6:45 PM and dinner will be served at 6:45 PM. Join us for fellowship and to sign-up for your choice of Easter Masses.

Please RSVP if you are coming to the dinner. If you are not attending, let us know before the dinner which Masses you prefer.

RSVP to Dee & Chuck, 310-676-5381 / CKilmer@aol.com or DeeKBear@aol.com.

CAREER BRIDGEBUILDERS - UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
Find details for the following workshops at the American Martyrs website or Career BridgeBuilders LinkedIn
- Interview Skills & Rehearsal - Friday, March 21
- Win – Win Negotiations - Friday, March 28
- Linked-In Unleashed - Friday and Saturday, April 4 & 5

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Andrea Krych, careerbridgebuilders@americanmartyrs.org

Get connected to us on LinkedIn

MONDAY MORNING STARTERS
9:00-10:30AM, in the Parish House
CONTACT: Andrea Krych, careerbridgebuilders@americanmartyrs.org
Stewardship Reflections

I imagine most of us have a somewhat "dark" image of Lent. After all, it’s a time that leads up to the crucifixion of our Lord and it asks us for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On the other hand it seems there is a bright side of Lent and that brightness is Love. It was Christ’s love for us that led Him to the Passion and to the cross on Calvary. Love is an essential part of stewardship. As the Lord says many times "Love your neighbor as you love yourself".

I was recently struck by the lyrics of a rock group on a classic rock station. Their song’s refrain was "Someday love will find you, break those chains that bind you . . . " Now I doubt they were singing about a Godly love, however, we are all exposed to a love that we don’t have to seek out. God’s love is all around us; it’s just a matter of accepting it. But many of us don’t because of the chains that bind us. The chains around our heart might be anger, pride, resentment or another human feeling. We need to break these chains to feel God’s love.

We hear many suggestions on how to approach the Lenten Season: give up something, do something to help others, and so on. Why not also spend some time breaking the chains that bind you? Give up the anger and resentment; reconnect with family and friends. Living Love, living Stewardship will get you closer to God and, as you become closer to God, you will get closer to your family and your Parish community.

Planned Giving

Don’t cancel life insurance you no longer need!
By naming American Martyrs as beneficiary, you’ll provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well.
For information, contact Bob Hodges at 310-545-5651 or bhodges@americanmartyrs.org

Pastoral Care

Beginning Again
Our group offers a welcoming and healing atmosphere for those experiencing separation and divorce.
The next meeting is Tuesday, March 18 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Holy Family House. The topic is "Purpose."
For more information call Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651.

Stephen Ministry

Do your problems shine so brightly that you fall in fear before them?
In today’s gospel, three disciples fall on the ground in fear at the sight of the transfigured Jesus. Problems sometimes seem so big we’re struck with fear by them or we get paralyzed so we can’t work through them. It can happen to anyone. Wouldn’t it be helpful to have someone to talk to and maybe to pray with during that time? A Stephen Minister can be your confidential companion to help you stand up and deal with the difficult times of life. We’re here to support you with your unique needs.
Leave a message on our confidential phone line, 310-545-8244. Deacon Dick and Patti Williams will meet with you to explore whether a Stephen Minister may be a good fit to help you!

Care Notes Can Help You Cope
Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics that change frequently, such as:
Making a Family Way of the Cross
A Lenten Journey Through Grief
Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.

"Love your neighbor:" - Jesus Christ
Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge or a contribution this year! If you have not yet done so, please take a Together in Mission envelope that you can find in the pews, the vestibule and the Parish Center.
If you wish to donate by credit card, you may use our Faith Direct online provider.
• Log into your account and add your gift to the Together in Mission appeal.
• If you are not signed up for Faith Direct, this is a perfect opportunity to do so and make both your Together in Mission gift and your parish gifts through Faith Direct.
• If you would like to make a "one-time gift" by credit card, Faith Direct also allows you to do this in (up to 5) monthly payments.
Find the "one-time gift" link on our website.

God bless you for your generous gifts to those in need.
**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

**SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, May 17, 8:30AM**

**2014 WALK FOR LIFE (to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center)**

The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance presents its 27th Annual *Walk for Life-Every Step Matters* on Saturday, May 17, 2014 starting at 8:30AM at beautiful Veterans Park in Redondo Beach, just south of the Elks Lodge.

This year American Martyrs is teaming up with St. James Parish.

To sign up, go to: www.ministrysync.com/event/?e=6079 and join the “AMCStJames” Team!

**Need Miscarriage Support?** Have you had a miscarriage and want to give hope to those couples going through one now? Respect Life Ministry is developing a new couples Miscarriage Support Group. To participate, contact Jessica Perry, jessica.suzanne.perry@gmail.com, 310-704-4983.

**Do you or do you know someone who needs healing from the pain of abortion?** Do not continue to live in shame, fear or numbness. Contact Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries, 877-467-3463, or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

For information about the Respect Life Ministry, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 | steven.michael.perry@gmail.com

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**MOTHERS OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**An Evening with Fr. Richard Leonard**

**Thursday, March 20 6:30PM in St. Kateri**

Many of you will remember Fr. Leonard from his very popular and insightful visit to American Martyrs in 2012 where he gave a number of presentations around his book *Where the Hell is God?*.

The evening will include a catered dinner, drinks and presentation by Fr. Leonard. There is no fee for the evening, however M.O.Y.C. is accepting donations towards the purchase of study desks for children living in a battered women’s shelter as well as a Catholic high school scholarship for a St. Lawrence of Brindisi graduate.

Please RSVP by March 18 so that food and adequate seating can be provided. Find the RSVP link at the AMC website.

I discovered that most Catholics, and many Christians, have an impoverished view of prayer: it is basically about asking for someone or something somewhere. This workshop will explore how our tradition is endlessly interesting in naming the context, images, types and styles of praying. Based on my new book “Why Bother Praying?” this presentation is about how our prayer can be deeper, richer and real!  -- Fr. Richard Leonard

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**MATTHEW 25 USED BIKE PROJECT**

This past Christmas the Matthew 25 *Used Bike Project* was able to provide 36 refurbished bikes to children of St. Lawrence Brindisi, our sister parish. It was a joyful event to watch the children receive the bikes and it was due to the generosity of AMC parishioners.

If you have a gently-used bike that you’d like to donate, we will start collecting them now and continue all year so our partner can start working on them and be ready for Christmas 2014.

If you would like us to pick up your gently-used bike, please contact Tony Fadale, 310-542-9696 | a.fadale@verizon.net

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**ONGOING HEARTS FOR THE HUNGRY**

**ST. FRANCIS CENTER:** 1st Saturday of every month, 9:45AM - 3:00PM (next trip is April 5)

Contact: John Harder, 310-634-2101 | john.harder.3rd@gmail.com

**ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI:** 2nd Saturday of every month, (next trip is April 12)

Contact: Frank Valdez, 310-926-6940 | frank.valdez@utexas.edu

**SANTA MONICA:** last Saturday of every month, 7AM - noon (next trip is March 29)

Contact: Michael Concannon, 714-852-2112 | michael.concannon@bovislendlease.com

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Natural Family Planning has been used successfully by couples in American Martyrs to achieve pregnancy. Most think about preventing pregnancy when considering NFP. However, the knowledge learned in NFP can be very useful in understanding a couple’s fertility and helping to improve the chances of becoming pregnant. Learn the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP on **Monday, March 24** from 7:00-9:00PM in the Parish House.

Call Ben or Jean Lochtenberg for reservations or information, 310-374-6236 | 00pM.

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**WHO WILL HELP IF YOU DO NOT?**

Do you have some time after dropping off the kids? Or work from home and could spare a couple of hours a month? Can you drive someone to Mass? Sometimes we just need a bit of help whether we’ve broken a foot or need some labs tests run. Others may not drive any longer and need a ride to Mass.

*And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* Col 3:17

**MARTYRS ANGELS** provide parishioners with rides to doctor appointments, the grocery store and to Mass on the weekends. If you would like to be an Angel or if you need a ride, call Jenny Attanasio at 310-545-5651.
**DIVE-IN UNIVERSITY SERIES SOUTH**

There is one more week for this multi-parish faith formation series.
**Monday - Thursday evenings March 17 - March 20**

See the calendar of courses at [www.diveinuss.org](http://www.diveinuss.org).
Each course is $5 and includes one free guest; you may pay at the door.

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**We remember…**

Our celebration of the Eucharist has its roots in the rituals of the Jewish Passover celebrations.

You are invited to attend a **PASSOVER SEDER MEAL**

**Wednesday, April 2, 6:30PM**

O’Donnell Hall

Our catered meal will include the ritual foods of the Seder, charoses, parsley, maror, matzoh, egg, as well as chicken, rice pilaf, green vegetable, salad and dessert.

Cost is $20 per person. Reservations are limited.
Register online at americanmartyrs.org or find the registration form at the Parish Center.
For more information, contact Terri Brown, 310-379-6299 or Katie Wargnier, 310-947-2282.

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**Upper Room Spiritual Library**

Open on Sundays, 10AM-4PM
770 17th Street, on the 2nd floor of the Spirituality Center

Are you looking for an inspiring or devotional book to help you on your faith journey? Visit the "Upper Room" and see where the Spirit may lead you.

**A few of the over 1,350 titles available for check-out:**

A Five Year Bible Study Program - Dr. William Creasy
Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life - Norris, Kathleen
Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith

Information and Contacts: Anna Jung, 310-374-0863 or Millie Maloney, 310-938-3125

Seek in reading and you will find in meditation; knock in prayer and it will be opened to you in contemplation. - St. John of the Cross

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**Faith Formation**

**Belonging: “Come Unto Me”**

Contemplative Prayer Lenten Retreat ≈ Open to All

**Tuesday evenings of Lent beginning March 11 7:30PM - 8:30PM**

St. Joseph’s Chapel at the Spirituality Center (use Pacific Ave. entrance)

Each of us longs for belonging. Our basic search is what drives our lives. Jesus very clearly, in simple terms, defines belonging, invites us to him, and shows us the way. For these evenings during Lent, we are invited to pause in prayer to examine our lives more deeply in the light of God’s unfailing grace.

The intent of this retreat is to provide a thorough, personal examination of conscience in one’s own time, with the structured support of a weekly contemplative prayer group, leading to a deeper commitment to Christ, within and beyond our faith community.

Join us for two 20 minute periods of silent prayer, closing with “Our Father”. At the end of the hour, we will be given reflection questions with brief instructions for our personal "at home" meditation. Handouts will be available for missed sessions. Newcomers are always welcome.

Please join us once, often or always, for the Love of it!
For further information, call Donna Ennis 310-545-7920

“There is a way to examine yourself and find within you the source of peace and light, where before only shadows have been seen. This examination grants the assurance of peace and serenity to you and to those who are around you, by grace. . .”

Mother Marie des Douleurs, Benedictine Sisters of Jesus Crucified

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**Ongoing Faith Formation & Enrichment**

**BIBLE STUDIES**

**Sunday’s Readings In Context**

Wednesday, 7:30-9:00PM in the Spirituality Center
Contact: John D’Isacco, 310-546-1302

**Tuesday Morning Scripture Group**

Tuesday, 9:15-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
Contact: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:**

Tuesday evening, 7:30-8:30PM, in the Spirituality Center Chapel
(770 17th St, please use Pacific Ave. entrance)
Contact: Donna Ennis, 310-941-1349

**MONDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING**

Monday, 9:00-11:00AM, in the Spirituality Center
Contact: Sharon Law, Sharon582@verizon.net | 310-963-9484

**MONDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP**

2nd and 4th Monday, 7:00-8:30PM, in the Spirituality Center Chapel
Contact: Sharon Law, 310-963-9484

**PEACE MEDITATION**

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00-8:30PM in SS. Brigid/Brendan Room
Contact: Avito Moniz, 310-430-5257 or Beverly, 310-376-2056

**SPIRITUAL LIBRARY (The Upper Room)**

Open Sunday, 10:00AM-4:00PM, in the Spirituality Center, 2nd floor
Contact: Anna, 310-374-0863 or Millie, 310-938-3125

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Contact: Jenny Attanasio for referral, 310-545-5651
**American Martyrs Youth Ministry**

**Every Tuesday Night - Teen Tuesday!**
Sit back, hang out, pray, and build community. Evenings may include scripture study, Catholic Trivia games, or praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary.

**Tonight - Year 2 Confirmation (Bring Your Sponsor)**
Meet in O'Donnell at 3:30 PM. All Confirmation Candidates will attend the 5:00 PM Mass following our meeting.

**Next Sunday, March 23 - 5PM Life Teen Mass & Life Night**
All High School teens are invited to attend our Life Teen Mass & Life Night. These are nights of games, activities, prayer and inspirational talks.

If you are interested in joining Life Teen, contact Monica Leon at mleon@americanmartyrs.org

Find us on Facebook at American-Martyrs YM

**Contact:** amym@americanmartyrs.org

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**Families in Faith**

As our Lenten season continues, AMS and SRE students are collecting new stuffed bunnies for the Good Shepherd Center for families escaping domestic violence. Donations of bunnies are welcome in the SRE office, in the Faith Enrichment Center.

AMS Students pray Stations of the Cross on Mondays at 2:15 PM in the Church.

SRE students will pray together on March 18/19 during their usual class time.

**SRE Classes**
March 16
March 18/19
March 23
March 25/26

**First Communion Workshop** for First Communicants and their parents is Saturday, March 22, 9:00-11:00 AM.

**Loaves and Fishes Project**
Each week AMS and SRE students will contribute to the food collection for the poor through contributions of:
- March 18/19 class or March 20 Mass – Rice (one box)
- March 25/26 class or March 27 Mass – Beans (one small bag)
- April 1/2 class or April 4 Mass – pasta (one box or small bag)

Contact: Patti Williams, Director of Religious Education 310-546-4734 | pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org

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**Scrip Corner**

ShopwithScrip.com - this is Scrip done smart AND green!

Reload your gift cards online (Starbucks, ARCO, Chevron, CVS, GAP, Domino’s Pizza, Hyatt, Mobil and more.)

Or you can order ScripNow certificates that you print at home (Amazon, Dell Computer, Home Depot, iTunes, Lands End, Overstock.com and more.) or send as an egift at no extra charge!

Sales Hours: Weekdays, 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM (Fridays till 1:00 PM)
Sunday, 7:45 AM - 11:30 AM.

**Special Orders or Other Info:** Contact the Scrip office at 310-545-5651 x289 | scrip@americanmartyrs.org

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**Monday, April 14, 2014**

15th Annual American Martyrs Golf Classic
Palos Verdes Golf Club

PVGC course renovation is complete!

More ocean views ~ new greens ~ new challenges

- Monsignor Barry & Miss Connelly’s dare devil helicopter golf ball drop
- More food & beverage on the course
- Bigger and better raffle prizes
- New auction items

Don’t golf? Don’t worry – be happy!
Join us for Dinner, Cocktails & Live/Silent auction

**Sponsorship Opportunities and Golf Questions:**
Susan Petroni, suepetroni@verizon.net

**Auction Donations:** Molly Jahn mjahn805@yahoo.com and Jen Zieger jenzieger@mac.com

**Registration is open.**
Find the link at AmericanMartyrs.org

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**Safeguard the Children**

Keeping your child’s personal information personal

If your children give out personal information over the Internet, not only is it easy to track, it is tough to completely remove. Emphasize to them how important it is that they keep personal information private. Make sure that they have a strong username and password that does not reveal anything personal. Encourage them not to give out their e-mail address, if they have one. If your children tell you that they have given out personal information online, contact your Internet Service Provider or the site where the information is posted to see what you can do to have it removed.

For more information, visit [www.NetSmartz.org](http://www.NetSmartz.org)

For particular help, call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.
**GYM ACTIVITIES**

**SENIORS EXERCISE** - Community is welcome!  
Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00 AM

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:00-10:00 AM.  
All players welcome, from beginners to advanced.  
Tuesdays are instructional and Thursdays are free play.  
**CONTACT:** Rocky Wade, rockyvball1@hotmail.com

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S COED VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday evenings 8:00-10:00 PM.  
Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.  
**CONTACT:** John Wargnier  
310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@americanmartyrs.org

**GYM & FIELD RENTALS**  
For information about renting the Gym, call 310-802-8720  
For field rentals, call 310-802-0729 x287.

**GYM & FIELD RENTALS**

**BEYOND OUR PARISH**

**Come one and all Domers! Sunday, March 23, 9:30AM Mass**  
The Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles will be at American Martyrs for its monthly Traveling Mass on Sunday, March 23 at 9:30AM celebrated by Monsignor Barry.  
Several reserved rows for Notre Dame alumni and their families will be held in the front of the church.  
Wear your Notre Dame attire and arrive early to greet others.  
All are welcome at coffee and donuts afterwards where we will have a small section of tables for the group.  
**May the luck of the Irish be with you!**

**ACCW DISTRICT MEETING - Tuesday, March 25, 9:30AM -1:30PM**  
The Southwestern District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a District Meeting at St. Anthony Parish in El Segundo. The day includes a speaker, Rev. Norman Supanchek: “God’s Love for Us”, Mass and lunch.  
$10 per person, PREPAID, by March 22 deadline, payable to Cecelia S. Hernandez, 4257 W. 140th St, Hawthorne, CA 90250.  
For information contact Judy Parnin, 310-374-9804.  
**Every Catholic Woman is a member of ACCW and there are NO DUES!**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA - March 28-30 in Torrance**  
A WWME Weekend will help spouses enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. Your don’t need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend!  
The next weekend is March 28-30 in Torrance. Other weekends in 2014 are August 8-10 and November 7-9.  
**INFO AND REGISTRATION:** www.ilovemyspouse.net | 424-777-WWME.

**BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974 REUNION**  
The Reunion is planned for July 2014.  
Send your contact information to bmhs74@gmail.com to receive an invitation or further information.

**LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR OUR NEW AMERICAN MARTYRS SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM**  
We are looking for parishioners of all ages who are on FB, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and other social media sites to share their time and talents with AM.  
Also looking for individuals with experience in graphic design, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign or other design software - both for ongoing and occasional projects.  
**CONTACT:** Anne Riordan, ariordan@americanmartyrs.org

**OFFICE OF NEW EVANGELIZATION RECOMMENDS “SON OF GOD”**  
The Office of New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles recommends to the faithful of the Archdiocese the upcoming feature film, SON OF GOD, the first major motion picture in 50 years to vividly bring to life the story of Jesus from his birth to his resurrection.  
This film can serve as an evangelization tool to help us share the message of the Gospel that we are all sons and daughters of God through Christ our Lord. Let us take this opportunity to help bring others into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to bring Christ closer into our own hearts this Lenten Season. For more information on the movie SON OF GOD and how to support the film, visit http://seesonofgod.com/.

**WOMEN’S RETREAT AT THE SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE - April 25-27**  
A wonderful gift for yourself or for that special woman in your life. Join other AMC women for a Retreat for those 18 yrs. and older. This retreat offers a restful atmosphere allowing you to come closer to God, deepen your prayer life, and return home consoled, strengthened and spiritually refreshed.  
**NEW Commuter option! 1 Day (Saturday), 3 meals /snacks - $45.**  
Full Weekend is 2 nights/3 days/5 meals/drinks/snacks.  
For reservations or more information, contact Nancy Turner 310-679-5239 or Mary Kay Quilliam, 626-289-1353 or www.sacredheartretreathouse.com

**DAY RETREAT AT ST. ANDREW’S ABBEY - Tuesday, April 29**  
You are invited to a Day Retreat at St Andrew’s Abbey in Valyermo, CA, on Tuesday, April 29  
The day will include a reflection, followed by Mass at noon, and then luncheon in the Refectory. $30 per person includes morning drinks and lunch. Non-refundable $10 deposit is due by Monday, April 7.  
For more info, call Mary Hornickel or John D’Isacco, 310-546-1302.
To ourselves, we seem many, but to God we are very few. We distinguish peoples and nations; to God, this whole world is one family. 

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Loaves and Fishes, a month long food drive sponsored by AM Life Teen, is taking place during the entire month of March. All items collected will be given to our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi in Watts. Please shop mindfully for the people who utilize this food pantry.

On Saturday, April 12, please join us for our 2nd Annual “Faith in Action: American Martyrs Day of Volunteering” sponsored by the Social Justice & Outreach Commission.

Some of the projects are:

- a Habitat for Humanity home restoration,
- a Heal the Bay beach cleanup,
- visits to a senior center,
- collecting items for Good Shepherd Shelter,
- making sack lunches for a visit to a “Hearts for the Hungry” destination,
- collecting items for Downtown Women’s Center,
- visits to an animal shelter.

See our website, americanmartyrs.org for details on the projects and to sign-up.

Contact: Tom Hoffarth, sj0@americanmartyrs.org.

American Martyrs Catholic Community

Alive in Christ

Fr. Radcliffe will also speak for the next three days with (2) sessions each day, morning and evening, on the same topic

Monday, March 17
God Alive in Our Love
Tuesday, March 18
Living Our Faith, Inspiring Our Contemporaries
Wednesday, March 19
Living the Leadership of Our Baptism: Following Pope Francis’ Example

Morning sessions are at 9:00AM, in St. Kateri Room
Evening sessions are at 7:30PM, in the Church