Congratulations Class of 2019!

Deacons: Fred Rose, Derek Brown, Chris Amantea, Dick Williams • Business Manager: Bob Hodges

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: 5pm | Sunday: 7am, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5pm (and 7pm on the first Sunday of the month)

Weekday Mass: Mon/Wed/Fri: 8am, 12:10pm and 5pm | Tues/Thurs: 6:30am, 8am, 12:10pm and 5pm | Sat: 8am

Holy Day Mass: Vigil: 5pm | Holy Day: 6:30am, 8am, 12:10pm, 5pm and 7:30pm

Reconciliation: Tues/Thurs: 7am-7:15am | Wed/Fri: 5:30pm-6pm | Sat: 8:30am-9am, 4pm-4:30pm | Eves of Holy Days: 4pm-4:30pm
Confessions by request at anytime; call Rectory for appointment.

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**Parish Facilities**

**RECTORY / PASTORAL CARE**  
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm  | Sat, 10am-1pm  
310-545-5651  | 310-545-5651  | 310-424-327-9703  

**PARISH CENTER:**  
700 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Welcome Center**  
310-545-5651  
Summer hours are Mon/Wed, 8:30am-6pm  |  Sat/Fri, 8:30am-5pm  
Elevators from plaza/welcome center to Parish offices/deegan place and church walkway

**Parish Offices**  
Mon-Fri, 9am-4:45pm

**O’Donnell Hall**  
Use plaza entrance.

**St. Kateri Room**  
Use deegan place entrance or east parking lot entrance.

**Elevator to St. Kateri/upstairs rooms in Blessed Virgin Mary wing inside east St. Kateri entrance**

**Blessed Virgin Mary Wing:**  
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Ground Level - Enter from plaza.  
For the 2nd floor rooms, use either of the eastside entrances - Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Kateri:  
Our Lady of Fatima  
St. Juan Diego  
St. Mother Teresa

**American Martyrs School**  
310-546-4734  | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB 90266-4805

**American Martyrs Preschool**  
310-802-8149  | 1701 Laurel Ave, MB, 90266-4805

**Gym**  
310-802-8720  | 701 15th Street

**Holy Family House**  
Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., past Gym, through gate, and up the stairs on the left side to the front door.

**Parish House**  
659 15th Street

**Sacred Heart House**  
Use O’Donnell parking structure. Cross 15th St., and enter the schoolyard, and walk to the far side.

**Spirituality Center**  
770 17th Street  
Use O’Donnell parking structure, and walk to 17th St.

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**RESERVING A FACILITY**

Email your facility request (or for a table outside weekend Masses) including the date, time, # of people attending, purpose of the event, and a contact name, phone and email.

We make every effort to reserve a space to accommodate your needs. Church and Sacraments have priority for use of our facilities. We do not use our facilities for private parties.

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**Armed Forces**

We pray for those serving overseas in our Armed Forces, especially:

Sgt Ciriaco Ayala - U.S.M.C.
CPT Maureen Bannon - U.S. Army
LTJG Joshua Bergen - U.S. Navy
Capt Evan Bernstein - U.S. Army
Jonathan Concetti - U.S.M.C.
SGT Eric Cothren - U.S. Army
PVT Julia Cothren - U.S. Army
SGT Charles Koffman - U.S. Army
2d Lt Dominick Lucenti - U.S. Air Force
1LT Nicholas Marquez - National Guard
CDR Mike McIlroy Mullen - U.S. Navy
Brendan Quinn - U.S. Navy
LT Marissa Watson - U.S. Navy

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**Sacramental Information**

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

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Pre-Baptism instruction for parents and godparents is required.

**Next class is Sunday, July 14 at 7:00AM.**

**Adult Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist (RCIA)**

Deacon Derek & Terri Brown, RCIA@AmericanMartyrs.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults welcomes and prepares adults for full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Classes begin in September.

**Marriage**

Contact Rectory at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

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**Daily Prayers of the Church**

**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Mon-Fri, 7AM-8PM | Sat, 7AM-5PM | Sun, 1PM-5PM

For off-hour access contact TBritton@AmericanMartyrs.org

**Daily Rosary:** Mon-Sat, 7:30AM

**Morning Prayer:** Tues after 6:30AM Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Devotion & Benediction):**

Tues after 8AM Mass

**Rosary for the Unborn:** Wed after 5PM Mass, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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**Pray for the Sick**

Please pray for the sick in our community that they may find comfort and healing in Christ, especially:

Jack Fulkerson  
Helene Grik  
Rachel Hamilton  
Janet Murphy  
Kathy O’Mara  
Blake King  
Peter Champagne  
Davis Warren  
Greg Stratton  
John Gutt  
Veronica McLoughlin  
Gabriella Lopez

**Matthew Leon  
Martha Crobbet  
Jared Coelho  
Jack Radville  
David Weber  
Sheri Skulick  
Stephan Jagatisch  
Maura Harrington  
Jake Ruhl  
Ed Wagner  
Nikki Andrews

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**In Memoriam**

Pierre Lavedan  
Betty Johnson

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

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**Holy Matrimony**

**Second Banns**

Robert Chickey and Stefanie Durate

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**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrated at various times throughout the year. Call the Rectory anytime in case of serious illness.

**Mass Intentions**

Request in person at the Welcome Center.

**Prayers for the Sick and Deceased**

Contact the Rectory with the names of family members who are ill or deceased.

**Funeral Planning**

Contact the Rectory to arrange Funeral or Memorial Services.

**Bereavement Support**

Deacon Chris & Yvonne Amantea

camantea@AmericanMartyrs.org  |  yamantea@AmericanMartyrs.org

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## This Week

### MONDAY, June 24
- 7:00PM HFH Al-Anon Meeting

### TUESDAY, June 25
- 5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting
- 9:15AM StMT Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
- 3:30PM PH Legion of Mary
- 7:00PM SCH Women’s AA Meeting
- 7:30PM StMT Al-Anon Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, June 26
- 10:00AM OLMM Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe

### THURSDAY, June 27
- 5:30AM PH Men's AA Meeting
- 9:00AM OLMM Career BridgeBuilders Workshop

### FRIDAY, June 28
- 11:15AM SpC Silent Meditation
- 3:00PM SpC Matthew 25 Saturday Blessings

## Next Weekend

### SATURDAY, June 29
- 10:00AM HFH AA Women’s Meeting
- 7:30PM SCH AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, June 30
- 10:00AM SpL Spiritual Library (until 4:00PM)
- 6:30PM OLMM Fr. Joe’s Theology Roundtable

## Mass Intentions and Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- **Readings:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

### TUESDAY, June 25
- **Readings:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

### WEDNESDAY, June 26
- **Readings:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

### THURSDAY, June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria
- **Readings:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gn 16:6b-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 16:21-29

### FRIDAY, June 28 - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- **Readings:** Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
- **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

### SATURDAY, June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul
- **Readings:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

### SUNDAY, June 30
- **Readings:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**Mass Intentions:***
- 8:00 Father’s Day Novena
- 12:10 Bob Kalinowski † (Joyce Newburn)
- 5:00 Neva Galinas † (Firman & Galins Family)
- 6:30 Tom Murphy † (Don & Edna Murphy)
- 8:00 William Lim † (Nelson Cabal)
- 12:10 Dr. Tom Condon † (Peggy & Jeff Grant)
- 5:00 Doris Campain † (Bob Sikonia Family)
- 8:00 Melinda Schatz (Joyce C. Payne)
- 12:10 David Barry † (Rick & LouAnne de la Sota)
- 5:00 Anh Hong Chau † (Randy Urista)
- 6:30 Michael Fuerstinger † (Dave & Dottie Arias)
- 8:00 Francis (Bud) Freitas † (Kretzmer Family)
- 12:10 John Kleinfeldt † (Tom Klimasz)
- 5:00 Annabelle Gurbach

**Vigil:** 8:00 Ine Nguyen Thinh † (Chuong & Kim Tran)
- 12:10 Helene Grik † (Lois Kumm)
- 5:00 Joseph Plunkett † (Morley Family)

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- 7:00 Jim Buescher † (Bobbi Buescher)
- 8:00 Dennis Schramm † (Margaret & Eugene Brull
- 9:30 For the Parishioners, Living and Deceased
- 11:30 Richie Meidling † (Deirdre Wilson)
- 5:00 Patrick O’Callaghan † (Don Ruane)

**NOTE:** Dates and locations are subject to change without notice. Please check with the ministry to verify event.

**Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29**

**PRAY** that the religious dimension of the common good will receive due recognition in our political culture, and for the conversion of the hearts of those seeking to remove religious symbols from public life.

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**FACILITIES:**
- CH-Church
- ChP-Church Patio
- GYM-Gym
- HFH-Holy Family House
- ODH-O’Donnell Hall
- ODK-O’Donnell Kitchen
- OLF-Our Lady of Fatima
- OLMM-Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- PH-Parish House
- Plz-Welcome Center Plaza
- SpC-Spirituality Center
- SpG-Spirituality Garden
- SpL-Spirituality Center Library
- SCH-School
- SHH-Sacred Heart House
- SJC-St. Joseph’s Chapel
- SK-St. Kateri
- StJD-St. Juan Diego
- StMT-St. Mother Teresa
- WC-Welcome Center

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Stop by the Welcome Center to see our new Spiritually Inspired Jewelry Collection. We have a wide variety of necklaces and bracelets, and specifically items for First Communion, Baptism, and Confirmation.

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Bring Grace Back to Politics

Sunday School
We are always looking for new teachers! Come rediscover the beauty of God’s creation through the eyes of a child.

Questions? Please contact us!
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**Coffee & Donuts in O’Donnell Hall**

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**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS NEXT WEEK.**

**Seniors Brunch**

Social Seniors Brunch is **Next Sunday, June 30 at 1:00PM** at Olive Garden Restaurant (2610 Sepulveda Blvd. in the Manhattan Village Mall.)

RSVP to Mary Lou, 310-545-2360 or Magda, 323-447-0565.

**Tell Your State Senator to Vote "No" on SB 360**

The Bishops of California are urging Catholics to oppose SB 360, a California bill that seeks to force priests to disclose information heard in the Sacrament of Confession. We know that can never happen. Priests will never disclose what they hear in confession.

We are asking all Catholics to tell your state Senators that we oppose the government interfering in our right to practice our faith. You are asked to call your CA Senator to oppose SB 360. See the Archdiocese website for more info, www.la-archdiocese.org or KeeptheSeal.com.

**Call your CA Senator today.**

**Peter’s Pence Collection Next Weekend:**

Next week we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Please be generous. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

**Upcoming Workshops - Career Bridge Builders**

*All are welcome; there is no fee.*

Please RSVP: text 310-779-6099, or to the email below.

**Tips to Rock That Interview & Networking**

**Thursday, June 27, 9:00–11:00AM**

Top tips to rock that next interview and land a job offer. We will discuss the do’s and don’ts.

**Create Focus in Your Job Search**

**Thursday, July 11, 9:00AM–11:00AM**

If you are in transition or considering a career move, now could be the right time. Before you update your resume, get back in touch with your personal self, strengths, values and passions. Set personal boundaries and create focus in your life.

**Career BridgeBuilders Networking Group**

**Tuesday, July 16, 9:00–11:00AM**

Whether you are considering a career change or in the middle of a job search, launch your search with Career BridgeBuilders. Participants will network, discuss challenges, share best practices to energize your search.

**Making Social Media and LinkedIn Work For You** - Walt Kasha

**Part 1** - Thursday, July 18, 7:00–9:00PM

**Part 2** - Thursday, July 25, 7:00–9:00PM

The event of the summer. Explore the power of social media, LinkedIn and other web based tools in your job search. Participants will learn the basics of LinkedIn and how to make it your personal recruiter, expand your network, and enhance your online image.

All sessions are in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room.

For more information: Andrea Connolly, careerbridgebuilders@AmericanMartyrs.org or check out our group on LinkedIn

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**Scrip, etc**

We are open all Summer, see our hours below or contact us and we can arrange a pick-up time for you.

Thank you to all the parishioners who support our scrip gift card program. We operate year-round so please use us as your gift card resource - holidays, birthdays, anniversaries - we have something for every occasion.

The bonus is that your purchases support our schools, religious education, and parish ministries.

**Don’t forget about Scrip for your summer travel?**

**Airlines:** American 6%, Delta 4%, and Southwest 4%

**Hotels:** Hilton 2%

**Cruise Lines:** Carnival, Celebrity and Princess, 6-8%

**Everything Disney:** Parks, cruises and hotels, 2%

**Summer Hours are:** Weekdays, 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Sunday, 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Special Orders or Other Info: Contact the Scrip office at 424-327-9608 | ScripDesk@AmericanMartyrs.org

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Thank you to all who have pledged or contributed to Together in Mission.

If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a commitment this year.

You can give with the envelopes, through our online giving partner, Faith Direct (faithdirect.net) or Text-to-Give.

Pastoral Care

Beginning Again - Separated or Divorced

We offer a welcoming and healing atmosphere for those experiencing separation or divorce.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 7:00-9:00pm in the Holy Family House. The topic is “Letting Go.”

Questions? Jenny Attanasio, 310-545-5651

All are Welcome at American Martyrs

God made me.
My soul is made in His image.
I am whole because I am His.
Can you turn your back on God’s child?
Protect all life!

We meet monthly to build understanding and support.
All ages our welcome to join in our dialogue on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in St. Mother Teresa room.

Questions? Colleen Finnegan, metwou@pacbell.net

Stephen Ministry

Deacon Dick & Patti Williams, 310-545-8244

Feeling crushed by student loan debt?

Wondering if you’ll ever own a house like your parents did?
Young adults today face many challenges that can drain the fun out of life. Would it help to have someone who understands struggle to support you on your journey?

A Stephen Minister is someone who can be there with you as you work through life challenges. We’re there for as long or as short a time as you need.

Leave us a message at 310-545-8244 or email us at StephenMinistry@AmericanMartyrs.org

Care Notes Can Help You Cope

Check out the Care Note rack in the Church vestibule. There are many topics, including Care Notes for Teens:

Bye-Bye, Bully
Walking With God Through Grief and Loss

Please deposit donations in the Poor Box.
Matthew 25 meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Please join us to see how you can get involved in service!

There is no July meeting due to the 4th of July holiday.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 6 in the Parish House.

Matthew 25 collects items for its outreach ministries around LA

All of our projects are in need of small travel size items

- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap, wet wipes, hand sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Sunscreen
- Kleenex
- Women’s pads
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Razors & shaving cream

You may leave items IN THE LOCKERS at the bottom of the stairs in the parking garage, or at the Welcome Center.

Ongoing Outreach with Matthew 25

Contact: Matthew25@AmericanMartyrs.org
PJ Murphy, 310-430-5676

LA Catholic Worker:
2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of every month, 7 AM - 1:00 PM
Contact: Diane Dumond, dumonddiane@gmail.com (Tuesdays)
Paul Jacoby, pjJacoby2@verizon.net (Thursdays)

Hearts for the Hungry

Saturday Blessings: Every Saturday to downtown LA
Contact: PJ Murphy, 310-430-5676
pjmurphy90266@gmail.com

St. Francis Center: 1st Saturday of every month
Contact: Matt Conway, matt.conway.1618@gmail.com

St. Lawrence of Brindisi: 2nd Saturday of every month,
Contact: Jim Quilliam, jimquilliam@outlook.com

Santa Monica: last Saturday of every month, 7 AM - 12 Noon
Contact: Michael Concannon, 714-852-2112
michael.concannon@bovislendlease.com

Life & Family Ministry

The Life and Family Ministry includes education, activities, support and service in the following areas:

- Abortion & Crisis Pregnancy
- Natural Family Planning
- Zellie’s Girls - Spiritual growth & support for mothers
- Post-Abortion Healing
- Adoption & Foster Care
- St. Joseph’s Fathers - Supporting fathers in spiritual growth
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Miscarriage & Stillbirth
- Couple-to-Couple - Connecting couples for spiritual mentorship
- Exceptional Children
- Family Education
- Elder Care and End of Life

Ministry brochures are in the vestibule of the Church.

For information about Life and Family Ministry, contact Steve Perry, 818-800-5653 LifeandFamily@AmericanMartyrs.org

Knights of Columbus

We have a beautiful Knights of Columbus Hall for rent for your event - it can accommodate up to 150 people for a sit down dinner.

Catering and full bar services are available. Available to all. Discount for events hosted by a Knight of Columbus.

For info and a quote go to www.kofc4567.org and fill out the rental information.
"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

Dear God, Love is not always easy. Bless our family so that all we say and do starts and ends with Love. Guide our hearts and minds so that we always place the needs of our family first, and that Love permeates all of our intentions.

St. Mother Teresa

**Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe**
Next Sunday, June 30 at 6:30pm
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal room

Please come and join in the conversations, and discussions, and questions and answers, and share your thoughts - all which are about our faith.

Speak up and share and learn from each other.

Fr. Joe can set us straight and help us to understand the teachings and substance of our Catholic faith. Each week, the participants in the roundtable will select a "general" subject for the next meeting.

Questions? Contact Herman Cenci, 310-594-2001 or Lee Dolley, 310-977-7704

**Faith Enrichment & Prayer**

When we pray, we join a steady stream of prayer that began more than 2,000 years ago. With our world around us constantly in a state of flux, there is a special grace in knowing there is a place that is sacred and unchanging, a place where we can go to be renewed in the love that is ours by way of God’s grace.

We all have gifts differing. There are many pathways to prayer.

**Bible Studies**
Tuesday Morning Scripture Group
Tuesdays, 9:15-11:00am, in the Spirituality Center
Contact: Alvin Fletcher, 310-379-5241

Sunday Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe
Wednesday, 10:00-11:30am, in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

**Monday Morning Faith Sharing** (on Summer break)
Mondays, 9:00-11:00am, in the Parish House
Contact: Joanne Dispoto, jodispoto@gmail.com | 310-344-5833

**Silent Meditation**
Friday, 11:15-12:00noon, in the Spirituality Center Chapel
(Please use Pacific Ave. entrance.)
Contact: Beverly Busby, 310-376-2056

**Spiritual Direction**
Contact: Jenny Attanasio for referral, 310-545-5651

**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

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Visit the UPPER ROOM in the Spirituality Center, 770 17th Street, M.B. † Sundays, 10am - 4pm

The AMCC collection of 2500+ faith-based books, CDs and DVDs, is available for easy check-out.

See the complete list on the AMCC website under EXPLORING MY FAITH

Questions? Anna Jung, 310-374-0863 or Millie Maloney, 310-938-3125
**Faith Formation**

**Youth Ministry**

**Teen Tuesday Bible Study** - every Tuesday, 2:00-4:00pm in Holy Family House, all high school teens are invited.

**Summer Conferences are coming!**

Great retreat opportunities hosted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and held on the beautiful campus of UCLA (City of Saints) or hosted by Franciscan University and held on the USD Campus (Steubenville San Diego).

Each weekend conference (3 days/2 nights) is filled with speakers, worship, prayer, and Mass, all in the company of thousands of other teenagers from across the country. These are truly life changing experiences and all high school aged teens are invited to join us!

- July 26-28 (Steubenville San Diego)
- August 2-4 (City of Saints Teen Conference)

**Families in Faith**

Is your Child Entering First Grade in September?

Time to register for SRE!

Use the online application to join a class to prepare for the sacraments and make new friends in our parish faith families. Check out our Families in Faith website for information on class schedules, sacrament information and Registration.

www.familiesinfaith.weebly.com

**Thank you for another great year!**

Our SRE classes have finished for the year, and we thank our great teachers for bringing the love of Jesus Christ into our students. Thank you to our parents for their commitment to this program and faithful participation.

And thank you to our wonderful students, stay close to Jesus and we will see you at Mass over the summer.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Patti Williams, 310-546-4734
PWilliams@AmericanMartyrs.org

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**Know the dangers of hot cars and how to keep children safe**

This time of year, we read horrible stories in the news about children being left in hot cars. This tragedy can happen to anyone, so it’s important to take steps to minimize risks. Don’t leave your children in the car, even for a few minutes, when temperatures are high. Even with the windows down, it can get hot inside fast, and small children may be unable to open doors to get out.

Don’t let your children play in the car. They could easily shut themselves in a hot vehicle without you noticing. Store your purse, wallet, or cell phone in the backseat, next to your child’s car seat. You’ll reach for those things on your way out, reminding you of a sleeping or quiet child in the backseat.

For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Children, Safety, and Hot Cars,” visit http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx

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

Faith-based books for kids are for reading in the Cry Room or in the Church. Please return the books to the cart in the Cry Room at the end of Mass.

Book donations are accepted; drop them off at the Welcome Center; books with themes other than faith will be donated to our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi.

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SENIORS EXERCISE
Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00-11:00AM (no charge)
30 min. senior aerobics / 30 min. senior yoga. Always go at your own pace; the class is run by CD, not an instructor. Come have some fun with us!

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

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Intermediate skill levels and recreational play.
John Wargnier, 310-796-1058 | johnwargnier@AmericanMartyrs.org

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Contact Pat Breen, Gym Committee Chair
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VICTIMS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY Heather Banis, 213-637-7650

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Receiving the Eucharist, Opening Ourselves to Change

Kathy Kuczka

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they participate in an intimate sharing in the life of God. As Pope Francis said in an audience, “Although we are the ones who stand in procession to receive Communion . . . , in reality it is Christ who comes toward us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus!”

The entire liturgy prepares the assembly for this moment. Hearing the Word of God stimulates the desire of believers to draw closer to God. Praying the Eucharistic Prayer rouses hearts to offer God thanks and praise for the death that brings life. The Lord’s Prayer proclaims a hunger for the bread that nourishes. The Sign of Peace strengthens the bond of unity before the community approaches the table of reconciliation.

One of the ways this unity is expressed is in song. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal mandates that the Communion Song begin while the priest is receiving Communion and continue until the last person receives. The song helps believers to see that Communion is a corporate act of thanksgiving, as the US Bishops expressed in their 2006 statement “Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper.”

The reception of Holy Communion is an act of the Church as the Body of Christ. While we each personally receive Holy Communion, it is not a private devotion. Rather, the reception of Holy Communion is an integral part of our worship as a community of faith.

The community’s procession is a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth moving toward the heavenly Jerusalem. The assembly moves in solidarity not only with one another but with the countless number of all the baptized, those living and those who have gone before.

Such a procession requires an awareness of the gift about to be received. The people move as one body who know they have been loved and redeemed by God. They approach the table of the Lord with humility, gratitude, and eager anticipation.

Before receiving the Body and the Blood of Christ, communicants make a bow of the head in reverence to Christ. The minister says, “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ.” The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand or on the tongue, a decision that is made by the communicant, not by the person distributing. The cup is received into the hands of the communicant, who drinks from it.

After the minister presents the host and the cup, the “Amen” that is uttered affirms the belief in the Body of Christ.

The Communion procession moves as one body, aware that they are loved and have been redeemed.

It also affirms a commitment, a yes to God’s invitation to share in God’s very life. As St. Augustine said:

If you are the body and the members of Christ, then your mystery lies on the table of the Lord. You receive your own mystery, and your response to what you are is “Amen.” Then be a member of the body of Christ so that your Amen be true! Be what you see there! Receive what you are!

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, as Pope Francis said in the audience, calls us to conversion:

To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive. . . . Each time we receive Communion, we resemble Jesus more; we transform ourselves more fully into Jesus. As the Bread and the Wine are converted into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so too those who receive it with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist.

Once the community has participated in the feast, all may spend some time in silence or in a song of praise and thanksgiving. Then the community is sent from the church to be the Body of Christ, “a living Eucharist” in the world.


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Monthly Food Drive is Next Weekend

One-pound bags of beans and rice continue to be staple foods that go a long way in the St. Lawrence community, as are these other items:

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Beans
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned meats
- Instant mashed potato mix
- Soups
- Peanut butter
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Lentils
- Pasta
- Mac ‘n’ cheese
- Canned fruit
- Tuna
- Jam

Your Sunday newspaper inserts and coupons can help save hundreds of dollars each week. Bring the coupons you receive in the mail or newspaper to the Food Drive table. Thank you!

GOD IN AMERICA
Judeo-Christian Values in American History
Presented by John D’Isacco

There is ample evidence that America was founded on Judeo-Christian values. They are written in the Declaration of Independence, declared in the words of the Founding Fathers, memorialized in our National Monuments and heard in our Patriotic Music.

For over 200 years statesmen and leaders (American or not) have acknowledged the role of Providence in the life of this unique nation. This presentation will graphically present some of that evidence. You will find it entertaining, informative, and uplifting.

**TONIGHT, June 23, 6:15pm (following 5:00 Mass)**
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Room
Light refreshments will be served

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