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2019

*Ministry Directory*

AMERICAN MARTYRS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY

### Hospitality & Ambassadors

members greet newcomers after Mass and assist in welcoming participants at various parish functions. We have volunteer opportunities to fit any schedule, requiring only the use of a smile and a handshake.

👤 Michele Montgomery  
(310) 370-9888  
cec@americanmartyrs.org

### Kids Book Club

gathers families with young children together to read books to them in a community setting. Each family is encouraged to donate a new or gently used book to the St. Lawrence of Brindisi school library.

👤 Kelly King  
(310) 980-5614  
kidsbookclub@americanmartyrs.org

### Lenten Friday Dinner

provides simple meatless meals each of the Fridays of Lent. Volunteers are asked to help prep food for three hours in the morning or serve three hours in the evening. All donations are given to the poor.

👤 Kristen Dorr  
(310) 536-9952

👤 Jennifer Rodriguez  
(310) 489-4324

### Media Ministry

showcases who we are as a Catholic connected parish community via Social Media and streaming video. Those with creativity and expertise in writing, producing, messaging and capturing images and video who are interested in serving should contact:

👤 Bob Visty  
(310) 545-5651  
rvisty@americanmartyrs.org

### Mothers of Young Children

provides friendship and support, welcomes new mothers to the community, discusses topics in a friendly forum, and holds social activities throughout the year.

👤 Joanie Chapman  
(914) 393-4999

👤 Joanne Rees  
(831) 320-9828  
moyc@americanmartyrs.org

### Pancake Breakfast Ministry

provides fellowship and a pancake breakfast one Sunday each month between September and June. Profits help support school and parish ministries.

👤 John Wargnier  
(310) 796-1058  
johnwargnier@americanmartyrs.org

### Parish Fair Committee

plans and implements the annual Parish Fair held in October. Many parish ministry members and every school family is involved volunteering at a particular booth or with the logistics.

👤 Kristin Scherlacher  
kscherlacher@americanmartyrs.org

👤 Damian Schantz  
dschantz@americanmartyrs.org

👤 parishfair@americanmartyrs.org

## SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION

### Senior Christmas Dinner

honors our senior parishioners with a traditional dinner during the Christmas holiday. The evening celebration starts with a pre-dinner social hour then dinner, dessert and Christmas carols.

- 👤 Anna Taylor  
(310) 374-3629
- 👤 Renay Campbell-Labriola  
(310) 374-4309

### Senior Fellowship

provides an opportunity for older adults to engage in social gatherings, spiritual enrichment programs and recreational activities.

- 👤 Judy Parnin  
(310) 374-9804

### T & T (Twenties & Thirties)

welcomes all in their twenties and thirties to build community through fellowship, faith sharing, liturgy and community service.

- 👤 Monica Leon  
(310) 546-4734  
[tnt@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:tnt@americanmartyrs.org)



### Baptism Preparation (Infants and Young Children)

assists parents and godparents as they prepare for the Sacrament of a child's Baptism. Parents wishing to have a child baptized should contact Deacon Fred. Those looking to assist with the Baptism Class should contact Patti Williams.

- 👤 Deacon Fred  
(310) 545-5651  
[deaconfred@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:deaconfred@americanmartyrs.org)
- 👤 Patti Williams  
(310) 546-4734  
[pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org)

### Pre-Cana Marriage Prep

helps engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and married life through a one-day session. Couples who have been married 3+ years offer personal experiences and lead discussions on Communication, Spirituality, Married Intimacy, Financial Responsibility, and Marriage as a Sacrament with enthusiasm.

- 👤 [precana@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:precana@americanmartyrs.org)

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is the process by which the parish welcomes and prepares adults for full participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Adults who have never been baptized, those who have been baptized in another Christian faith, and those baptized Catholic who wish to be

Confirmed or receive First Holy Communion are encouraged to participate. Sessions are Wednesday evenings, September through May.

- Deacon Derek & Terri Brown  
(310) 545-5651  
rcia@americanmartyrs.org

### **School of Religious Education (SRE)**

provides weekly faith formation classes throughout the year for children not attending the parish school. Volunteer catechists teach the religious traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, assist children in developing a personal faith in God and form a unique faith community serving as a link between the pastor and the parents.

- Patti Williams  
(310) 546-4734  
pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org

### **Sunday Preschool**

is the ideal setting for our parish preschoolers to discover God's message of love and hope through age-appropriate curricula designed to awaken in young children a sense of wonder and appreciation for the many gifts from our Creator. New volunteer catechists are always welcome.

- Myrna Almodovar  
(310) 779-2209
- Kathy Glynn  
(310) 283-4374  
sundaypreschool@americanmartyrs.org

### **Upper Room Library**

is the parish lending library located in the Spirituality Center. The librarians shelve books that can assist us in furthering our understanding of our faith. They also stock the "Book Box" in front of O'Donnell Hall to make it easy to borrow.

- Anna Jung  
(310) 374-0863
- Millie Maloney  
(310) 938-3125

### **Youth Ministry (AMYM) / Confirmation**

serves the youth of our parish through high school/teen-focused events, service projects and retreats including preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The hope is for our teens to feel at home in their parish community and to be active participants in their Church.

- Monica Leon  
(310) 546-4734  
mleon@americanmartyrs.org



## SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER GROUPS

### Contemplative Prayer

holds that prayer is larger than we are. Prayer within a small community strengthens the individual's spiritual life and enriches the spiritual vitality of the whole community. By listening with our hearts, God continually draws each one of us to His love and grace.

👤 Donna Ennis  
(310) 941-1349

### Legion of Mary

members bring people to Jesus through weekly prayer and by imitating the virtues of the Blessed Mother as they visit the sick and elderly, and promote prayer through the home enthronement of the Pilgrim Virgin.

👤 Kate Hoppe  
(310) 545-5008

👤 Jenny Roderick  
(310) 379-6541

### Life Teen

More than just a Youth Ministry program, Life Teen is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Sponsored by Life Teen International and centered on the Eucharist, Life Teen aims to lead teens and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

👤 Matthew Leon  
(310) 546-4734  
matthew.leon@americanmartyrs.org

### LinC Small Faith Groups

meet once a week to connect in prayer and faith sharing as a way for Christians to live out their faith lives together. Content provided periodically throughout the year.

👤 Matthew Leon  
(310) 546-4734  
matthew.leon@americanmartyrs.org

### Mens Cornerstone

provides a 26-hour retreat hosted by a team of men passing on the gift they experienced. Through reflection, renewal and strengthening their faith together in a very casual atmosphere, a few of the men on the team give a short talk generating reflection and discussion.

👤 Mike Wilk  
(310) 292-7774  
menscornerstone@  
americanmartyrs.org

### Monday Morning Faith Sharing

is an opportunity to deepen our Catholic faith, encounter Christ, and help each other to live holy lives through instructional DVD's, faith sharing, prayer, and guest speakers.

👤 Joanne Dispoto  
(310) 344-5833

### Silent Meditation

is the inner prayer of the heart where we are simply being with God Who is in us in the Holy Spirit Whom Jesus has given us.

👤 Beverly Busby  
(310) 376-2056



## **Theology Roundtable with Fr. Joe**

is an opportunity to come together monthly for conversation, discussion and Q & A related to our Catholic faith. Focused on specific topics, Fr. Joe helps participants understand our faith and clarifies Church teachings.

👤 Herman Cenci  
(310) 594-2001

👤 Lee Dolley  
(310) 977-7704

## **Tuesday Morning Scripture Study**

members gather weekly to study the Bible with the assistance of The Great Adventure Bible Study. By getting to know and love God, learning the teachings of Jesus and embracing the Holy Spirit as guide, this approach brings the Word of God to life to be transformed and put into action in our daily lives.

👤 Alvin Fletcher  
(310) 379-5241

## **Weekly Scripture Reading with Fr. Joe**

is an opportunity to read and discuss weekly Scripture as a group led by Fr. Joe Kammerer.

👤 Mary Ann Millar  
(310) 374-9894

## **Womens Cornerstone**

provides a 26-hour retreat that provides women of our parish an opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen their faith, facilitated by a team of women who have experienced the retreat and desire to pass along the gift they received. Following the retreat, women may

choose to be involved in Sisterhood efforts (e.g., books clubs, mini retreats).

👤 Grace Moniz  
(310) 800-0333  
womenscornerstone@  
americanmartyrs.org

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH**

### **Christmas Project**

is an opportunity for all parishioners to share the joy of giving with those who might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts or families that might not have a decent meal on the table on Christmas Day.

👤 Lory Zimnoch  
(310) 379-5967

### **Family 2 Family**

is a coordinated project in which a Martyrs family sponsors a St. Lawrence of Brindisi family in need of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and Christmas gifts, allowing them to have blessed holidays.

👤 Michele & Kurt Neesley or  
Pamela McCarthy  
f2f@americanmartyrs.org

### **Food Drive**

participants collect food staples, cash, scrip and coupons one weekend a month after every Mass to help families at our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi.

👤 Kathleen Truman  
(310) 614-5175  
ktruman@trumanelliott.com

## **Knights of Columbus**

is a fraternal organization of Catholic gentlemen that exemplifies the principles of charity, unity, patriotism, and fraternity through charitable fundraising and community service.

• Mike Kersey, Membership Chair  
(310) 970-9585  
mike@mikekersey.com

## **Life & Family Ministry**

emphasizes concern for pro-life issues encompassing the sanctity of human life, from conception until natural death, including efforts to inform and donate to pro-life projects.

• lifeandfamily@americanmartyrs.org

## **Matthew 25**

provides opportunities so every parishioner can participate in efforts to fulfill the challenge presented in the Gospel of Matthew 25 — feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and greet the stranger. We visit and take food and clothing to the homeless, assist at our sister parish St. Lawrence of Brindisi, and provide forums to further the understanding of Catholic Social Teaching.

• PJ Murphy  
(310) 430-5676  
matthew25@americanmartyrs.org

## **Mothers Outreach Ministry (M.O.M.)**

is a supportive network providing friendship and spiritual growth through involvement in outreach projects. M.O.M. meets on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Children are always welcome.

• Kathy Stephens  
(310) 600-1567  
mothersoutreach@americanmartyrs.org

## **Natural Family Planning**

members offer quarterly classes for couples providing personalized education on fertility with the goal being reliable family planning while following God's plan for marital union and enriching marital intimacy.

• Ben & Jeannine Lochtenberg  
(310) 374-6236

## **The Lighthouse**

is a group of proactive parents and those supporting children with special needs who are determined to make a difference in their lives. We work to promote a joyful and collaborative spirit wherein each person's dignity and self-worth are recognized to maximize human potential for the greater glory of God.

• Regina Dell'Oro  
(424) 200-7939  
goldcrows@gmail.com



## MASS & LITURGIES

### **Adoration/Meditation Chapel**

provides an invitation for each of us to spend a personal hour a week with Jesus in Presence of the Eucharist. Chapel hours are listed in the bulletin.

📍 (310) 545-5651

### **Adult Altar Servers (Funeral Liturgies)**

serve during Funeral Masses and Memorials offering support and a mindful and prayerful presence during the liturgical celebration of the deceased.

📍 Angie Babick  
(310) 532-7953

### **Altar Society**

members are committed to the care and beautification of the sanctuary and the church. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass, and church cleaning is typically Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass. We host several luncheons, a Lenten Retreat and Divine Sweets & Treats at the Parish Fair.

📍 Patty Dunn diMarco  
(310) 344-2675

### **Communion to the Homebound**

trained volunteers share quality time, prayer and the Eucharist with those who are homebound or temporarily unable to make it to Mass. Call if you would like to join or if you need to request a visit.

📍 Deacon Fred Rose  
(310) 545-5651  
deaconfred@americanmartyrs.org

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

share the Eucharist or a blessing at Mass with reverence and dignity. Confirmed parishioners are welcomed and training is provided.

📍 Peggy Paul  
(310) 370-4752  
📍 Maureen Miller  
(310) 545-6252  
eucharisticministry@  
americanmartyrs.org

### **Funeral Planners**

guide loved ones as they select Scripture, prayers and songs for the Liturgical celebration of the deceased. They attend to the needs of those grieving with kindness and respect during their time of loss.

📍 Yvonne Amantea  
(310) 545-5651  
funeralplanning@  
americanmartyrs.org

### **Lectors**

are individuals who reflect on and proclaim the Word of God to the assembly at Weekend Mass and Holy Day liturgies.

📍 Greg Smith  
(310) 999-4403  
lectorcoordinator@  
americanmartyrs.org

## Liturgical Environment

members provide visual enhancement for the weekly liturgy and special liturgical celebrations with floral arrangements, scenery and banners that coordinate with the liturgical calendar, including the Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons.

👤 Mary Ann Nash  
(310) 371-1802

👤 Margaret Davis  
(310) 374-5528

## Music/Choir Ministry

members engage the assembly in songs and acclamations to worship and pray together during Mass. Serving in one of the four choirs for voices and instruments is by audition.

👤 Bill Svarda  
(310) 640-8505  
[bsvarda@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:bsvarda@americanmartyrs.org)

## Sacristans

support the presider and other liturgical ministers in the preparation and celebration of the Mass. Formation is required to effectively serve in the Sacristy and amid our worshipping community with a sense of grace and reverence.

👤 Yvonne Amantea  
(310) 545-5651  
[sacristanministry@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:sacristanministry@americanmartyrs.org)

## Ushers

welcome and guide all who come to Mass and Holy Day liturgies and manage many details within the assembly.

👤 Monica Hughes  
(310) 545-5651  
[mhughes@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:mhughes@americanmartyrs.org)

## Video Ministry

livestreams Sunday Mass and other church events as needed. Those professionally or semi-professionally trained as “camera operators” are needed.

👤 Pamela and Patrick O'Mara  
(310) 545-0136  
[videoministry@americanmartyrs.org](mailto:videoministry@americanmartyrs.org)



## PASTORAL CARE & SUPPORT

### **Beginning Again**

is a ministry for those who are separated or divorced. Through support, strength, help, and empowerment members journey together toward healthy relationships. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month.

👤 Jenny Attanasio  
(310) 545-5651

### **Bereavement Ministry**

offers support groups meeting periodically throughout the year for those experiencing the natural process of grief after the death of a loved one.

👤 Yvonne Amantea  
(310) 545-5651  
yamantea@americanmartyrs.org

### **LGBTQ Support**

affirms that God loves and cherishes all of His children by offering hope and inspiration to those who are seeking spiritual fulfillment with grace and acceptance.

👤 Colleen Finnegan  
(310) 715-2419  
metwou@pacbell.net

### **Martyrs Angels**

are parishioners who give of themselves to provide transportation to Mass, medical appointments and errands as needed for those who are unable to drive or need a bit of assistance.

👤 Jenny Attanasio  
(310) 545-5651

### **Stephen Ministry**

is Christ caring for people through people. Trained parishioners confidentially provide emotional and spiritual support to fellow parishioners challenged by a life difficulty. Stephen Ministers complete a 50-hour training program and attend twice monthly supervision sessions.

👤 Deacon Dick Williams  
(310) 545-8244  
dwilliams@americanmartyrs.org

👤 Patti Williams  
(310) 546-4734  
pwilliams@americanmartyrs.org

### **Working Moms Support Ministry**

facilitates the opportunity for working mothers to share ideas on such topics as parenting, balancing work and home life, and fostering a spiritual family.

👤 Donna Falzon  
workingmoms@americanmartyrs.org



## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### **Parish Leadership**

includes groups of parishioners who serve on one of the Commissions, School Board, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, AMPA, or other committees advising or assisting in parish and school-related decisions.

- Bob Hodges  
(310) 545-5651  
bhodges@americanmartyrs.org

### **Welcome Center & Rectory Volunteers**

serve at both the Rectory and Parish Welcome Center typically three to four hours a week greeting visitors, answering phones, providing parish information and assisting with light office duties.

- LouAnne Cappiello  
lcappiello@americanmartyrs.org



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