

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - April 7, 2018

5:00 pm: Vincent & Veronica Carroll --- Daughters

SUNDAY- April 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie
 2. Isabelle Liskiewicz (Healing) - Pagnozzi Family
 3. Maureen Dowd MacVicar - Margaret & Bill

12:30 pm: Frank Whitmore --- Wife

Mon. -April 9- The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 am: Vincent J. Calace --- Victoria & Family

Tues. - April 10

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis -- Jim & Lorraine Walsh

Wed. - April 11

8:30am: Yasuyo Kato -- Misuzo Kato
 After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thursday -- April 12

8:30 am: Mary Piderit --- Pat Herbert

Friday - April 13

8:30 am: Theresa Luczak --- Donna & Steve

Saturday - April 14

8:30 am: 1. Ed Kammerer --- Amy Concha
 2. Agnes Seecharan -- Emily & William Wehner
 3. Marie Hunt --- Richard LoRe

5:00 pm: Dragica Bosnjak --- Ana & Joe Fraioli

Sunday - April 15

8:30 am: The de Angelis Family --- Family
 10:30 am: 1. Margaret Artemchuk - Boyle Family
 2. Dolores DeFonte --- Boyle Family
 3. Ofelia Apostardero --- Jovie
 12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles
 are offered this week:*

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Charles & Concetta Pascucci ~

Requested by the Marianne & John Pinto

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School
SA-School Auditorium, MC-Murray Center
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board Room

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 8, 2018

- Religious Education- S

MONDAY- April 9

- Bible Study -- 7:30 pm -- MC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - April 10

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 pm.

BINGO			
15	28	37	51 73
6	17	32	45 61
9	15	★	60 70
12	26	44	52 66
7	22	34	48 72

***** HANDICAP ACCESS *****

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WEDNESDAY - April 11

- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - April 12

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- Knights of Columbus - 7:45 - MC

SUNDAY-April 15

- Religious Education - S
- Rosary "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sat. April 21 -Greenway Clean-Way- 9 am
- Sat. April 21- "White Elephant" table
collection 9 am until 12 noon - SC
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. April 29 -- "Ed Malench" Memorial
Blood Drive -- SC
- Sun. May 6- Communion Breakfast after 10:30 Mass
- Mon. May 14- Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am- SC
- Sat. May 19 - Defensive Driving -- MC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6- AM Golf Outing- N. Shore Towers

**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
 have mercy on us
 and on the whole world.**

Sunday Collections

March 25, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,112.

Easter Offering to my Church. \$7,209.

Last Weekend - April 1, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,834.

This Weekend - April 8, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

St. John Vianney Fund-- Help support a home for our retired Priests.

(contributions will be reported next week)

Next Weekend - April 15, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*******NOTE:** Please make all checks payable to:
American Martyrs Church.

If you are unable to attend Mass for a few Sundays, please use your "Catch Up" envelope for your contributions.

We need you & your financial support!

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE: It's a convenient and secure way to make your regular Sunday contributions and there's no cost to you to set up your account on line. Just go to: e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch and follow the instructions.

Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of American Martyrs in your will and estate planning.

Please Pray for our Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized:

Paula Abel, Jackie Arriaga, Alex Aponte, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Josephine Attard, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Tom Dana, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joe Kinney, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, Genevieve Zenka, Fireman & 9/11 Survivor - Michael Arriaga.

If you would like to add a name to our sick list, please call the Rectory office.

Also, please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.



AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for Tea, Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 2 o'clock, in the Sullivan Center.



Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers and Granddaughters are included. Tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, along with a selection of teas, will be served. There will be a boutique. *Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest and the most creative!* Tickets are \$15 and will be sold after all Masses, March 24 & 25 and April 7 & 8th. Please call Carol at 718-631-0896, or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!

BLOOD DRIVE -- SUNDAY, April 29

I gave my blood...Christ gave His.
I gave a pint... He gave all.
The needle is small and sharp...
The nails were large and dull.
The table soft, relaxing...The Cross rough, painful.
The nurses kind and gentle...
The soldiers cruel and mean.
The crowd applauds my sacrifice...
"They that passed by reviled Him."
Mine is A-positive...His is positively for all.
Mine, at best, will prolong a life for awhile...
His, without doubt, saved all...forever!



~ by Bill Goff

From 9:15 am to 1:45 pm American Martyrs will host The Edward Malench Memorial Blood Drive in the Sullivan Center. Please make every effort to donate a pint of blood to save a life!

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY--April 8

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.

REFLECTION

On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, what we hear in the Word of the Lord enforces what we need to believe. It has a lot to do with the idea of stewardship. Some of what we hear is often misinterpreted.



The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles points out about the early Christian community: "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his or her possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." This is a sign of unity, the kind of unity we as a faith community are striving to achieve. The bottom line is that those in the community regarded people more important than things. Is that not what Christ expects of us?

That community recognized that God was the granter and the owner of absolutely everything. Because the Lord had touched them so deeply, they found it easier to share. The misinterpretation often comes because some say, "That sounds like communism or socialism." Communism maintains that "What is yours is mine; if you do not share it, I will take it." The early Christian community said, "What is mine is yours; I will share it." It is a bit of a different viewpoint.

In fact it is stewardship. We must remember that these people knew and were following the Apostles, who received this gift from the Lord: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." And that is mercy. ~thecatholicsteward.com

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18, we are planning a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15 am returning about 9:15 pm. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SAT. APRIL 21st - 9AM

Please join us in volunteering for our 14th semi-annual Greenway Clean-way Day on the old Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path"). We will provide gloves and bags, all we need is YOU! Community service participation forms provided for students. Sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. Email kofc14666fm@gmail.com for more info.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$770,853.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.

Number of Parishioners participating: 311

We are working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. *Please be patient as this long overdue work progresses!*



For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It is due to your generosity that this work can be done.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING -NS TOWERS

American Martyrs 6th Annual Golf Outing, Wednesday June 6th at North Shore Towers golf course. Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 PM, dinner to follow at Immaculate Conception Center - \$180 per person. Dinner only \$45. Donations appreciated!!! Please contact Maureen at maureens@jwhampton.com or 718-276-0301.

CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 22

VENDORS WANTED!

Come join us for our 14th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.



Free Admission. Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available. If you would like to rent a table, (\$40) please call Frank Pagano @ 718-217-2326 for contract information.

The "White Elephant" table collection will be on Saturday, April 21, from 9 am until 12 noon in the Sullivan Center.

Help our Troops by helping our Vets.

*** Also, the Catholic War Veterans would like to thank everyone who attended the Easter Bunny Breakfast. All those happy, smiling children made it a wonderful success!!!



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Elaine Horan

Eternal Rest grant unto them Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace; and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. ~ Amen

Please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:
SPC Ruby Russo - US Army
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
SN John Schaefer - USCG

If you know of any parishioner who is currently serving in the Armed forces and would like to be added to our prayer list, please call the Rectory. 718-464-4582.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home, Bayside, Served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are looking for Volunteers to interact with Residents and staff. 9AM and 7PM. Please call Gail D. O'Donovan at 718-971-2020

St. John's University Speech & Hearing - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 718-990-6480

Catholic Charities - Bayside Senior Center-
221-15 Horace Harding Expy. 718-225-1144 Serves full meals at 11:30 every day. Programs: Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Exercise, Bingo, Computer, and more.

Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus:
Will minister and care for the elderly in their own homes. Call 718-888-7708.

Catholic Charities Home-base Program - assists those with housing crisis, (i.e.-- rental arrears, utility shutoffs, etc.) Call 718-674-1000 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul: Donate your old Car, Truck or Van - running or not. 718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$75/\$200 to American Martyrs. For anyone that has a neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of contact:

SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM

IRS Tax Deduction - Free Towing - Any Condition.

Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups: if you've been affected by or are concerned about someone else's drinking, you've come to the right place! Hope, help, and happiness are attainable. www.nycalanon.org -- 212-941-0094

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals:
Are you or someone you know 60+ years old, living in the Northeast Queens area and would benefit from a hot meal each day? Call 718-357-4903 for more information.

Meals-on-Wheels -- Sub. Drivers needed on call--Mon - Sat. 4 hours per workday. 718-357-4903 #1 - Maria or Kathy

Alzheimer's Adult Day Program - Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services. Mental and physical stimulation, a hot lunch and door to door transportation. 718-358-3541. Weekly caregiver support group.

Nar-Anon Never Alone: is a 12-step support group for anyone affected by a loved one's use/abuse of drugs. 718-217-0364.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ Answer The Call ~



We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

Annual Appeal Goal for 2018: \$59,000.
Amount Pledged: \$45,055.
Amount Received: \$35,553.
Donors: 79

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. You may be able to double your gift by contacting your company's Personnel/Human Resource office.

For more information about Matching Gift Opportunities, call the ACA office at:
718-965-7375, ext. 1602.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone. Your donation is tax deductible.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: **CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.**

Remember, every dollar received over our goal comes back to American Martyrs Parish.

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.
~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

CATHOLIC MEDLEY

Our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program will be held on **Monday, April 16** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center.



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, MAY 6 - Communion Breakfast -SC

Wednesday, JUNE 6 - American Martyrs

Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers

Saturday, SEPT. 29 - American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.

**** (More information on all events to follow)**