

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - April 14, 2018

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

Mon. -April 16

8:30 am: Louise Jugenheimer --- Julienne Amoroso

Tues. - April 17

8:30 am: Fr. Harrie Quaadvliet (Healing) - Misuzu Kato

Wed. - April 188:30am: Kunjamma Peter --- Alice Sebastian
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.Thursday -- April 19

8:30 am: Sr. Rosa Yokoyama (Living) -Misuzu Kato

Friday - April 20

8:30 am: Sr. Winifred McKevitt - Susan & Robert

Saturday - April 21 - St. Anselm

8:30 am: 1. Eizo Kato --- Misuzu Kato

2. Romain Ramsuchit - Emily & William Wehner

3. Jerimiah O'Connell -- Katheleen Rock

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sun -April 22 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:30 am: Francesca & Rosario Castorina - Family

10:30 am:1. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen Macchia

2. Norma Bruce --- Ann Marie Bills

3. Tiziana Passalacqua --- Richards Family

12:30 pm: Bentivegna Family -- Mary Bentivegna

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles
are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**The Deceased Members of American Martyrs***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

SUNDAY - APRIL 15, 2018

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

MONDAY- April 16

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

TUESDAY - April 17

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
 - BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC
- Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 pm.

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

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

WEDNESDAY - April 18

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

THURSDAY - April 19

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC

SATURDAY - April 21

- "White Elephant" table collection 9 am until 12 noon - SC
- Greenway Clean-Way - 9 am

SUNDAY-April 22

- Religious Education - S
- CWV Garage Sale - SC -9 am - 3 pm

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

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - April 8, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church

St. John Vianney Fund.

(contributions will be reported in future bulletin)

This Weekend - April 15, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - April 22, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

The Tablet -- The Diocesan newspaper.

*******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, 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. Please call Carol at 718-631-0896, or Barbara at 718-465-0585 for information. 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!

After the last Sunday in April (29th) we will **no longer** continue the **50/50 Fund Raiser** (yellow envelope) which was included in your mailed envelope packets. Thanks for playing!

Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of **American Martyrs 70th Anniversary on Sept. 29th at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.** Great time to connect with former classmates and enjoy reminiscing!

For more information please email:

maureens@jwhampton.com.

**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
Make our hearts burn while You speak to us.**



REFLECTION

The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, "Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away." This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.



Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this sacrament. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) it states, "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful men and women."

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term "wiped away," that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be "wiped away" with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally "wipes away" our sins.

God's forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (reconciliation) means that from God's perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, "I will never again remember their sins" — after repentance, that is. ~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.

On Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 am to 9 am the CWV's will be collecting clothing in the Sullivan Center for MAVS (Make a Veteran Smile) to help support homeless and displaced American Veterans.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Maria Maluenda
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:	\$46,309.
Amount Received:	\$36,463.
Donors:	92

**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)**