

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 9, 2019

5:00 pm: Joseph Moroney -- Mary & John McCullough

SUNDAY - March 10, 2019

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Lisa Toy McNamara -- Rosann Cavaliere

2. Myron Liskiwicz --- Pagnozzi Family

3. Jennifer Anne Zupicich --- Pagnozzi Family

12:30 pm: Judy Roman --- Moffa Family

Monday - March 11

8:30 am: Konstanty & Benigna Wilkowski -Donna & Steve

Tues.- March 12

8:30 am: Fellix Rggieri --- Family

Wed. - March 13

8:30am: Margaret Turck --- Moran Family
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help.

Thurs. - March 14

8:30 am: Seamus Beatty --- Moran Family

Fri. - March 15

8:30 am: Sophie & Joseph Kresse --- Family

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- CH

7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- CH

Saturday -- March 16

8:30 am: 1. Arlene Scherne (Healing)--- Barbara & Jack

2. Dan Kehoe (Healing) -- Nancy Burke & Family

3. Mr. Leone --Marianna & Frank Cannova

5:00 pm: Joseph DellaPina--Mildred & Mario DellaPina

Sunday - March 17

8:30 am: Kearney & Shanahan Families -- Family

10:30 am:

1. Josephine & Joseph Galani --Marianne & John
Pinto

2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie Bills

3. Florentino Apostadero, Sr. --- Jovie Chorzepa

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for :

~ Theresa Sitkowski ~

Requested by Bernie, Timothy & Victoria

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - March 10, 2019 --- Day Light Savings

- Rel. Ed. -S

MONDAY - March 11

- Rosary Society mtg - St. Patrick's Party-1 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg. -7-8 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.) 8:30-9:30pm-SC

TUESDAY - March 12

- BINGO -7:30 pm _ SC

Total prizes: \$3,00 - Early Bird- 7:15 pm

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

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

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

WED. - March 13

- NO Wellness Class
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

THURS. - March 14

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC
- Crafty People - 7:30 pm- SC

SUNDAY - March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- Religious Ed. --S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 23 - 1st Penance -- 11 am -- CH
- Sat. Mar. 23-Columbiettes' Soup Supper -6 pm- SC
- Sun. March 31- Blood Drive - 9:15 - 1:45 pm-SC
- Sun. April 7 - Rosary Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Sat. April 13 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Sun. April 28 - CWV - GARAGE SALE - SC
- Sun. May 5 - Communion Breakfast - SC
- Mon. May 13-Rosary-Day of Recollection-11 am
- Mon. June 3 - Golf Outing- North Shore Towers
- Fri/Sat. June 7 & 8- Broadway Revue - SC

THE COLOR PURPLE

The deep purple color that fills the Church during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death but because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - March 3, 2019

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,944.

This Weekend - March 10, 2019

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Black and Indian Home Missions

Next Weekend - March 17, 2019

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:

Jackie Arriaga, Jack Agler, Alex Aponte, Janet Altieri, Joel Arapiles, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Alice Cersosimo, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Jessie Carlone, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Janette Gadell, Anne Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastrorocco, Joseph Mazzola, Susan McConnell, Peter Mesologites, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Steven Roach, Patrice Rohde, Kinsey Saleh, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George & Gussie Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Rosemary Tricarico, Julio Villagran, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Jim Walsh, Carolann Wilk, 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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, March 23, at 6:00 pm in the Sullivan Center. Freewill donation will be collected to benefit Father Dominic's Goat farm in Ghana, Africa. Hosted by the American Martyrs Columbiettes

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU**THE PASSION PLAY**

Visits to: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Rebensburg, Passau, Salzburg & Munich

MAY 12 - 21, 2020

Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Spiritual Director
Rev. Frank Schwarz, Chaplain

For a Brochure call: Peter's Way Tours at:
516-605-1551 ext 17.

Or visit: Kaitlin@petersway.com.

Information is available at the Rectory Office

2019 Mass Book Intentions

You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. You can pick up a Mass Intention sheet at the doors of the Church, come to the Rectory or call to request a special Mass offering for your loved one. Also, you may wish to offer the gifts of Bread and Wine or the Altar Candles for one week. **The offering is \$25.**

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention.

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Are you an adult Catholic -- 18 years or older --- or know any Catholic who has been baptized and received First Communion but has never received Confirmation? If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Pentecost Sunday, please contact Deacon Stan at the Rectory. 718-464-4582. There will be a preparation program every other Sunday beginning February 24 after the 10:30 am Mass in the Murray Center.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 24, 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. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. **All are welcome!**



Jesus, help me embrace the everyday, ordinary practices of Lent so that I can grow closer to you.

Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Almsgiving

REFLECTION

And so it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. **This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.**



Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period of time devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. **Let us begin!** ~thecatholicsteward.com

ROSARY SOCIETY - Save the Dates!

Afternoon Tea - Sunday, April 7 at 2 pm.

Day of Recollection - Monday, May 13 at 11 am.

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.** in Sullivan Center. For this meeting, we are privileged to be hosting the **Rosary Mission**, which will teach us to make knotted rosaries. They will bring all supplies to start our own mission, which they will talk more about when they come. Please note that this meeting will be two hours long. In addition, **if you are coming to this meeting, we ask that you RSVP to Annie by March 11, either on our Facebook page, or by email at amcraftypeople@ymail.com, or by text at 917-689-1683.**

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ FAITH & GOOD WORKS ~

We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2019 Appeal.



Annual Appeal Goal for 2019:	\$58,725.
Amount Pledged:	\$20,296.
Amount Received:	\$20,246.
Donors:	6

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. Call the ACA office at:
718-965-7375, ext. 1602.

Your donation is tax deductible.

Please visit: AnnualCatholicAppeal.org to watch the video.

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

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

~ **New members enrolled for March 2019** ~


Edward Malench

Fr. John LoSasso, O.F.M. Cap

The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in 12 monthly Masses (starting on the month of enrollment) offered on the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30 am Mass. The stipend to enroll a loved one is \$25.00. The names of those enrolled for the first month will be published in the bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS -Diocesan Champs!

Our PeeWee Girls Basketball Team Won the Division II Diocesan Championship! Last Saturday, the girls defeated Queen of Peace by a score of 17-14 to bring the title home to American Martyrs. Congratulations to Head Coach Daniel Madrazo and Assistant Coach James Gildea, and the players, Julia Bak, Gabriella Chan, Maggie Gildea, Cara Huang, Sophia Madrazo, Gianna Maiolo, Anna Miranda, and Lalita Singh.

 **AMERICAN MARTYRS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Kevin Howell

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:
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 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 *****

St. John's - Free Speech and Hearing screenings --

Call for an appointment -- 718-990-6480- Feb - May 6.

Pilgrimage ~ Holy Land - Barcelona

March 10-21, 2019 - Spiritual Director: Fr. John Costello
Call: **A & G Peace Tours - 718-423-5077**

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.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn:

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.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign

Amount Pledged: \$1,242,955.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$928,382.

Amount returned to American

Martyrs: \$518,793.



Number of Parishioners participating: 314

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.

Save the Date -

American Martyrs 7th Golf Outing,
Monday June 3rd, North Shore Towers Golf Course. More details to follow.

AMERICAN MARTYRS LEISURE CLUB

New Members are always welcome!

Open all year! Come join us on any Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm, in the Sullivan Center for a few fun-filled hours, to socialize, play cards, celebrate holidays & plan occasional excursions. Our facility is air -conditioned & handicap accessible.



We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!

THE TOOLS OF LENT ~ Nothing but God ~

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. ~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy

God, I want nothing but you--to rest in you, completely, being strengthened more and more to serve You by my total dependence on your divine providence. O eternal and fatherly goodness! My heart opens itself to you!

~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal

How might better I open my heart to invite God in?

NOISES OFF!

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall in Middle Village presents the hilarious Broadway comedy "Noises Off!". Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for seniors and children 11 and under. "Noises Off!" will be performed on Saturdays March 16th and 23rd at 8:00pm; Friday, March 29th at 8:00pm; and Sundays March 17th, 24th, and 31st at 2:30pm. For more information and to reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

SACRED ART AND MUSIC.

All are invited to an extraordinary night of Sacred Art and Music on Thursday, **April 4th** at 7:30 PM in **Saint Gregory the Great Church**, Bellerose. Sponsored by Queens Deanery #5, we will welcome Dr. Francis Greene, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, and the combined choirs of Queens Deanery #5. Together they will offer famous works of art and sacred music highlighting the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Invite family and friends, neighbors and guests to this truly uplifting and spiritual experience.

