

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

+ FR. FRANK WILL FULLFILL ALL MASS INTENTIONS PRIVATELY  
+ (WITHOUT A CONGREGATION) +

**SAT. - April 11**

- Morning Prayer
- Easter Vigil -- Misa Pro Populo

**SUNDAY- April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY**

- Walter & Catherine Schretzman -- E.O.
- Ruggieri Family --- Family
- Josephine Ruzalski -- Robert Ruzalski
- Margaret Mary Artemchuck --- Sister
- Patrick & Joan Kearney --- Family

**Monday - April 13**

- Joseph, Marie & Marie de Angelis -- Family

**Tues. - April 14**

- Theresa Luczak --- Donna Steve

**Wed. - April 15**

- Eugene Moehring-- Eileen Buchheit
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Thurs - April 16**

- Kathryn Wingo Watson --- Isolina Perez

**Friday - April 17**

- Cristina Cadiente --- Fr. Frank
- Pray at home the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Sat. - April 18**

- Fr. Jorge Ortiz-Garay -- Fr. Frank
- Fr. Edward Brophy -- Fr. Frank
- Fr. Gicchino Basile --- Fr. Frank
- Barbara Hageney -- John O'Rourke

**April 19 -**

- Misa Pro Populo
- Charles Kauliauskas --- Family
- Noga Perez --- Nancy Hill
- Ofelia Apostadero --- Jovie
- KunJamma Peter --- Alice Sebastian

*The Sanctuary Lamp is Offered for:*

*~ Patrick & Joan Kearney ~*

*Requested by the Family*

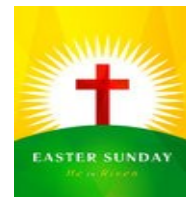
*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**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 12, 2020****Easter Sunday**

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED**

**Monday - April 13**

- **NO** Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg.
- **NO** Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.)

**TUESDAY - April 14**

- **NO BINGO**

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

**WED. - April 16**

- **NO** Alcoholics Anonymous
- **NO** Alcoholics Anonymous

**THURS. - April 17**

- **NO** Leisure Club

**SUNDAY- April 19- Divine Mercy**

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

**\*\*\* ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN  
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE\***

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, I encourage you to pray the Rosary daily. This wonderful devotion has given comfort and strength to Catholics throughout the centuries. The intercession of Our Lady is indeed powerful and most needed at this time.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
~ Amen

Sunday Collections**April 5, 2020**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$1,757.

Dear Parishioners,

Although we have had to cancel the Liturgies for the foreseeable future, it is our sincere hope that you will continue to support our Parish of American Martyrs through your weekly contributions, and online giving. Even though we have canceled all public Masses, we still have bills to pay. You may mail in your envelopes or drop them through the mail slot in the Rectory front door.

Thank you so much for your continued support of American Martyrs. ~ Fr. Frank

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

*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. Go to:

**[Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://Americanmartyrs-queens.org)**

Find **"Ways to Give"** 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:**

Michael Arriaga, Barbagallo Family, Roberto Barrientos, Iride Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Mary Ellen Guthenberg, Joe Kinney, Jack Kopcinski, William Krug, CJ Marino, Brian Mastrococco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Danny Montchal, Frank Pagano, John Pinto, Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Paulette Wilson, Genevieve Zenka.

*Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.*

**MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

**Please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer.**

**PRECAUTIONS & PREVENTATIVE MEASURES  
REGARDING CORONAVIRUS**

Dear Parishioners,

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic that is rapidly spreading throughout our country and the world, our Bishop along with many of his brother Bishops has made the very difficult decision to cancel all public Liturgies and other activities in Churches through out the Diocese. This includes the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. I will be celebrating Masses privately to fulfill all Mass intentions that we have received. Please be assured that during this time you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

We pray that this virus will soon be eradicated and that we may return to our usual practices.

**Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed,  
Let us then feast with joy in the Lord.**

**RECONCILIATION**

If there is dire need (emergencies only) for someone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the Rectory Office and leave a message.

**The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020**

**Freedom from Addiction:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad!**

**Bridge to Life Center is in dire need.**

Their lease is ending, and they're in need of funds to move into and afford a new home. Bridge to Life provides pregnant women and mothers with counseling and material assistance. **Either forward a check to them at 14732 Sanford Ave # 2, Flushing, NY 11355, or go to their GoFundMe page (put Bridge to Life in the search box). Their service is too important to let closedown.**

**Please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:**

**Rev. LT. Mark Bristol, USN  
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC  
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG  
SGT Christopher Cola -USA**



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.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
His mercy endures forever!**

+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

**Cristina Cadiente    Karen Miranda**  
**Rev. Gicchino Basile**

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

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\*\*\* **COMMUNITY NEWS** \*\*\*

**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](http://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.

**National Suicide Prevention** help line: -1-800-273-8255

**Healing After Abortion:** Sisters of Life at: **866-575-0075**  
**Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.**

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**GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign**

**Amount Pledged:        \$1,227,929.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$1,035,288.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs:**

**\$588,687. Number of Parishioners**

**participating: 317.** For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.



My dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter!

I will say it again: Happy Easter!

Yes, it is Easter, and **Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

Even without our ability to gather as a community of faith to celebrate the Sacred Triduum, or to receive the most Holy Eucharist; even as we are quarantining ourselves in our homes, and are separated from family and friends; even as we see the news about people who have gotten sick and have died; even as many people have lost their jobs and have come to depend on government assistance; even through one of the darkest times of many of our lives, **HE IS RISEN! Alleluia!**

This Truth of our faith gives us hope. We live with the conviction that no matter what happens in our short lives on earth, there is a better world waiting for us in Heaven. It is because of what Jesus did for us through his life, death, and resurrection that we have every reason to rejoice and proclaim boldly that we have been saved, Alleluia!

Am I being overly optimistic or too cheerful in light of everything that is going on in the world? I don't believe I am. Rather, I believe that the hope that we followers of Christ hold in our hearts compels us to shout with ever greater joy "He Is Risen, Alleluia". It is the only realistic response that a believing Christian can have to the most hope-filled event in human history: the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

And so, as your pastor, and as a man who is also a beneficiary of the Promise of God in Christ Jesus, I wish each and every single one of you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Rev. Frank Schwarz  
Pastor

## **BULLETIN REFLECTION - EASTER SUNDAY**

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. **Let us rejoice and be glad!** Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.



Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all the God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talents and treasure for the kingdom of God. **Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do.** Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. **Let us rejoice and be glad and let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!** ~ thecatholicsteward.com

**The Most Holy Rosary is vital to the spiritual life of any Catholic.** It draws us into the mystery of Christ's life, Passion, and death. It can resolve personal problems, rescue souls from eternal death, and conquer our despair.



### **PRAYER**

Risen Jesus, give us the courage to live with joy even when we are afraid, to know that You are with us even when we feel alone, to take your message out into the world where it can heal, comfort, strengthen and save us.

~Amen



## **2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

~ *We are the Church, Together* ~

In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge. Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn & Queens who are in need, and support the important work of our Diocese through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today.



**Annual 2020 Appeal Goal: \$70,217.**

**Amount Pledged: \$20,925.**

**Amount Received: \$14,553.**

**Donors: 60**

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

During Holy week and Easter, Masses will be celebrated by the Bishop in St. Joseph's Cathedral without a congregation and will be broadcast for the benefit of the faithful in their homes. We encourage you to please take advantage of the opportunity to join all of us in spirit as we commemorate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil during this time of crisis.



The Paschal Triduum, Latin for “three days,” commemorates the essential features of our redemption:

**Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.**

*Christian life makes sense only when each of these moments is linked to the other two.*

The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV.

The celebrations are scheduled as follows:

**Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)**

**Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)**

**Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)**

**NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97).**

**Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48).**

**Viewers can also tune in online at [www.netny.tv](http://www.netny.tv).**





