

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - May 23

- Joe Ossanna -- Margaret & Carl Reyes

SUN. - May 24 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Misa Pro Populo
- Joseph, Marie & Marie de Angelis - Family
- Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- Danny Limberg (Living) --- Ray & Nancy
- Philip Palombo --- Ginelle

Monday - May 25 - Memorial Day

- All those who have died in service to our Country

Tues. - May 26— St. Philip Neri

- Carol Galanaugh — Margaret & Carl Reyes

Wed. - May 27 -- St. Augustine of Canterbury

- Gloria Jane Reyes — Barbara Svitlik
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - May 28

- Joseph Ossanna — Will & Barbara Krug

Friday - May 29

- George Walter Ryan — Barbara Svitlik

Sat. - May 30

- Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans
Charlie Costa
- Josephine Ruzalski — Bobby Ruzalsky

SUN. May 31 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

- Misa Pro Populo
- Clara Nartey —American Martyrs Ushers
- Theodoros Markou — Jovie Chorzepa
- Joseph Ossanna —American Martyrs Ushers
- Sabato Pagnozzi — Zupicich Family

*The Bread & Wine are offered for:
~ American Martyrs Parishioners ~*

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

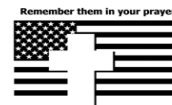


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday - May 24

- NO PUBLIC MASSES
- WILL BE CELEBRATED



Monday - May 25 Memorial Day

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

TUESDAY - May 26

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.



WED. - May 27

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - May 28

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- May 31 -

- 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 CollectionsMay 17, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$2,379.

It appears that more parishioners are making their donations electronically. **THIS IS A VERY GOOD THING**, and I encourage more people to do so, especially during this time of pandemic. Thank you so much for your continued support of American Martyrs Church.

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

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, Irise Bubek, Rose &
Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll,
Chang Family, Diana Ferrante,
Fr. Peter D. Gillen, 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, Msgr. John C. Tosi, Paulette Wilson,



Nothing is more powerful than the power of 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.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

AMPARISH.ORG

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - REGISTRATION**

While parish buildings are closed, Religious Education registration for September are taking place online. Please visit:

amreligionclass.weebly.com to print an application. Please send the completed form back to the Rectory.



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.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

MONTH OF MARY

May is the month of Mary. We are encouraged to pray the rosary always, but especially during the month of May. Our Blessed Mother Mary is a powerful advocate on our behalf. True devotion to Mary will **ALWAYS** lead us to Jesus.



+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

Carol Galanaugh
Charles Costa ~ Peter Costa
David Zack ~ Frank Canova

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

*** **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 -- 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.

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,

As the weather gets warmer, and the sunshine brightens our days, it is more difficult for us to stay indoors and socially distance ourselves. We want to get out. We want to meet people. We want our lives to return to normal. We want to live our lives!

And yet we know that we still need to be cautious about spreading the Covid-19 virus around. Wearing masks and gloves, frequently washing our hands, keeping at least six feet apart, and get used to NOT greeting each other with a hug and a kiss (or even a handshake for that matter) can all take a tremendous toll on our social and psychological well being. Even those who are connected through social media can feel the effects of the isolation to which we are all sometimes subjected.

While we certainly hope and pray for an end to this current pandemic, it is worth noting that opportunities present themselves which we may not otherwise have. Spending time with family, and working on the most basic relationships in our lives is one such opportunity. I realize that this can be a challenge for many as we are forced to spend more time with our essential loved ones than we are used to, but it is also an opportunity to grow and get reacquainted with each other.

The same is true in our relationship with God. During this time I have found that I have more time for prayer and spiritual reading, and this has greatly improved my love for and commitment to my Heavenly Father, Jesus my Brother, and the Holy Spirit Who is the Bond of Love. This is the essential Relationship of every Christian, and just like our relationships with others, it needs to be worked on and nurtured. I have continuously encouraged you to pray the Rosary during this time of pandemic, and at all times, so that, like Mary our Blessed Mother, we may grow in our love for God, Who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We neglect this relationship at our own peril.

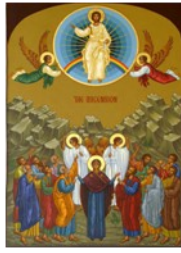
While we may for a time have to distance ourselves from others with whom we would very much like to be, let us not distance ourselves from God. He very much wants to be an intimate part of our lives. He constantly searches us out and calls upon us, especially in that empty and lonely place which is the wilderness of our hearts. There He invites us into His Divine Heart, which is where He wants us to make our home with Him.

Use the time given us wisely. And pray especially for those who have been so incredibly busy during this time taking care of the needs of others: healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential workers who sometimes put their very health and lives at risk to care for others. They occupy a special place in the Divine Heart of God because of the love they give to others.

Be well and be safe, and remember that you are in our prayers always. Fr. Frank and Fr. Peter

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.



But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'”

In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

~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.



BLOOD DONATIONS

There is a critical need for blood donation during this time and our New York Blood Center representative Michelle McCaffrey, is willing to schedule an appointment for eligible and new donors who are feeling well and healthy. Please call Michelle directly at 516-478-5013 or at mmccaffrey@nybc.org.



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: \$65,260.

Amount Received: \$52,591.

Donors: 100

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

**A message from Fr. Frank Schwarz
and Fr. Pete Rayder**

Please remember that although the Rectory Office is closed for the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic, Fr. Frank and Fr. Peter are living in the Rectory building. Confessions and anointing of the sick may be celebrated in dire need (danger of death) in such cases, we will always take proper precautions. Hospitals do have Catholic Chaplains on call. Please leave a message on the Rectory voice mail if you need a Priest and we will respond as soon as reasonably possible.

The Census is easy and safe

Fill out now at: MY2020census.gov.

Or call: 1-844-330-2020.

The more New Yorkers who fill out the census, the more money we get for our: Schools, Housing, Jobs, Senior Centers, Hospitals, and Roads & Bridges.

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.**

