

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SATURDAY - March 31, 2018**

7:30 pm: Easter Vigil --- Misa Pro Populo

EASTER SUNDAY- April 1, 2018

8:30 am: Ruggieri Family --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Patrick & Joan Kearney --- Family

Mon. - April 2

8:30 am: Mildred De Cesare --Mr. & Mrs. Silverstein

Tues. - April 3

8:30 am: Maria Markou -- Jim & Lorraine Walsh

Wed. - April 48:30am: Misuzo Kato (Living) -- Misuzo Kato
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**Thursday -- April 5**

8:30 am: Maria Mancini --- Andy Paccione

Friday - April 6

8:30 am: Fitzsimmons Family --- Family

7:30 pm: Holy Hour - RC

Saturday - April 7

8:30 am: 1. Marie de Angelis- AM Rosary Prayer Group

2. Domenick Pinto --- Marianne & John Pinto

3. Mary Ellen Giammarinaro -- Emily & William

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

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles
are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of The Ruggieri Family ~
Requested by the Family**The Sanctuary Lamp is offered :
~ In Loving Memory of Patrick & Joan Kearney ~
Requested by the Family**The Pascal Candle is offered:
In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of
~ The Kearney & Shanahan Families ~
Requested by their Family***CALENDAR OF EVENTS****CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board Room****EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1, 2018**

- NO Religious Education
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**MONDAY- April 2**

- 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 3

- 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 4

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

THURSDAY - April 5

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

SATURDAY - April 7

- Rosary "Tea" tickets on Sale at all Masses

SUNDAY-April 8

- Religious Education - S
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. April 15 - "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sat. April 21 -Greenway Clean-Way- 9 am
- 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
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6- AM Golf Outing- N. Shore Towers



Sunday Collections**Last Weekend - March 25, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Easter Offering to my Church.

(contributions will be reported next week)

This Weekend - April 1, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Easter Gift to my Church.**Next 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.

*******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, George Stellakis, 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."**

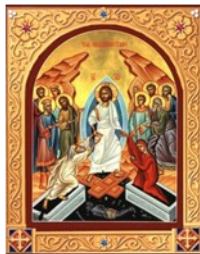


Take part in prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy while in a spirit completely detached from sin. Recite the Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus. All the faithful implore God's mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God.

REFLECTION

One of the recommended

Responsorial Psalms on this glorious Easter Sunday is Psalm 118, including this from verse 24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." In truth Easter is all about rejoicing. It is the day of Resurrection which provides hope to all of us.



Throughout our diocese thousands of people are at Mass today who may not normally attend. Recent studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of those who do not regularly attend may not have been at Mass since Christmas.

That is another reason for us to rejoice and say "Welcome home." We miss you and we love you. Christ's love for us is at the foundation of our celebration today. St. Augustine once wrote, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." We ask God's blessings on all those who have passed our amazing religion to you. Clearly you do remember your devotion and are here to honor it.

Our Catholic Church considers today to be the holiest day of the year. For us as Catholics this celebrates one of the greatest days in history — when Jesus, the Son of God, defeated death and rose from the grave giving us all hope for eternal life. St. Pope John Paul II may have put it best several years ago when he proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

~ 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!



EASTER GIFT

Please consider making an Easter Gift to American Martyrs Church.

Envelopes have been placed at the doors and front pews of the Church for your convenience.



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.

ALLELUIA ~ REJOICE ~ HE IS RISEN!

Fr. Frank, Fr. Costello, Fr. Cowan, Fr. Emmanuel, Deacon Stan and the staff and volunteers of American Martyrs Church wish all our Parishioners and their families a very Blessed Easter Season.

2018 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. Please 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. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.

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.

Help our Troops by helping our Vets.

+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

Gloria Ricioppi
Rev. Robert M. Robinson

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:	\$26,610.
Amount Received:	\$22,310.
Donors:	17

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

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, April 2** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meeting will be on Monday, April 16.



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)**