



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - February 17, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,816.

This Weekend - February 24, 2019

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 3, 2019

Monthly 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](http://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 Mastrococco, 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.*

PILGRIMAGE TO GERMANY & AUSTRIA

Please join Bishop Cisneros, Spiritual Director and Rev. Frank Schwarz, Chaplain, on **May 12 - 21, 2020** for this 10 day, once-in-a-lifetime, pilgrimage to the 42nd world-famous Passion Play which takes place every ten years in Oberammergau!

Highlights include: Wurzburg, Mainz, Rhine River Cruise, Heidelberg, Salzburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Munich, and of course the Passion Play in the town of Oberammergau.

**Visit: Peter's Way Tours at [petersway.com](http://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.

*For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

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!



**During the season of Lent, Do not forget this:  
The Lord never tires of forgiving!  
It is we who tire of asking forgiveness.**

~ Pope Francis

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."



It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!  
~thecatholicsteward.com

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join us on Monday, March 4 at 1 pm in the Sullivan Center for coffee and Irish Soda Bread, celebrating St. Patrick's Day!



## SAVE THE DATES!

Afternoon Tea - Sunday, April 7 at 2 pm.  
Day of Recollection - Monday, May 13 at 11 am.

## 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



## 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.

## St. Patrick's Day Party!



American Martyrs Church 216-10 Union Turnpike,  
Bayside, NY 11364  
Knights of Columbus Fr. John J. Murray Council  
14666

Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers  
DJ + Dancing  
Raffles 50/50

Catered traditional Irish & American Fare including Corned Beef & Cabbage (and something for the kids), Dessert, Complimentary Glass of Beer + BYOB!

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free / Ages 7 to 12 - \$10 /**

**Ages 13 to 18 - \$20 / Ages 19 & Up - \$30**

Tickets sold after each Mass or drop payment with completed form to Rectory (718) 464-4582

No tickets sold at the door.

Cash or Checks Payable to

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Email questions to [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)

**SUBMIT THIS PART WITH RECTORY ORDERS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Kids 13 to 18: \_\_\_\_\_

# Kids 7 to 12: \_\_\_\_\_

# Kids 6 & Under: \_\_\_\_\_

Amounts: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**Stephen D. Barone**

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](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.

**2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

*~ Answer The Call ~*

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2018: \$59,000.**

**Amount Pledged: \$111,522.**

**Amount Received: \$109,003.**

**Donors: 257**

**These are the final numbers for 2018. Thank you all for your commitment to the Appeal.**

**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. **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*

**Save the Date -**

**American Martyrs 7<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing , Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> , 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**

***You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. --- Luke 10:41-42***

Once we determine what we lack, only then do we turn to the question of self-denial. The human heart and soul are much like our computers and garages' they fill up with junk very quickly. The role of self-sacrifice is to discard the superfluous in order to clear a space for life's real treasures. We live in a culture that is often distracted by noise, materialism, and self-absorption. We use the three disciplinary tools of Lent --- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving--- to open our hearts and minds to others and to make room in our lives for God.

~AllSaintsPress.com

**BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY - MARCH 31 - SC**

