

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSAT. - Jan 4

5:00 pm: Barbara Hageney --John O'Rourke

SUNDAY- Jan 5 - The Epiphany

8:30 am:

- 10:30 am: 1. Kathleen & Martin Daly -- Ann Golden
 2. Ellen O'Keefe --- Sister
 3. Sophia Ingrisano --Homemakers Club

12:30 pm: Misa Pro PopuloMon. - Jan. 6 - St. Andre Bessette

8:30 am: Mark Datena --- Joey

Tues. - Jan 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30 am: Corazon Baltero -- Baltero Family

Wed. - January 8

8:30am: Mark Datena --- Mike

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

Thurs. - Jan. 9

8:30 am: Nancy Ferreira --- Marilyn

Friday - Jan. 10

8:30 am: Vincent L. Bonanno --- Ann Moskowitz

Sat. - Jan. 11

- 8:30 am: 1. Sal Piazza --- Frank & Elsie
 2. Florentino Apostadero, Sr. --- Jovie
 3. Ester Reyes --- Edna Vizconde

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sun. Jan. 12 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am: Anna & Frank Smaldino --Maryann & Gregg

- 10:30 am: 1. Stanley Ruzalski --- Robert
 2. Susan McConnell --- Fortune Family
 3. Charles Kavaliaskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Charles Menduni --- Mom, Dad & Family

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles
 are offered for :*

*~ John F. (Jack) Bills ~
 Requested by Ann Marie*

*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered :
 ~In Loving Memory of Patrick & Joan Kearney ~
 Requested by the Family*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday - January 5, 2020

- Religious Education --8:45am --S

Monday - Jan. 6

- Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg. -7-8 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.) 8:30-9:30pm-SC

TUESDAY - Jan. 7

- **BINGO SC -7:30 PM**

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 PM.

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

We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WED. - January 8

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

THURS.- January 9

- Leisure Club --11 - 3 --SC
- K of C - 7:45 pm - MC

SUNDAY - January 12, 2020

- Rel. Ed. - 8:45 am - S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Fri. Jan 24 - MARCH FOR LIFE -
- Sat. Feb. 22-- Defensive Driving - MC

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

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Please join us on the first Sunday of every month
 at 10 am to pray the Rosary.

Do not forget this: The Lord never tires of forgiving!
 It is we who tire of asking forgiveness.

Peace on Earth
 GOOD WILL TO MEN



Sunday CollectionsDec. 22, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church-\$5,731.

Dec. 25, 2020

Christmas Offering for our Church
Catholic Charities Christmas Offering.

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary

(CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK.)

This Weekend - January 5, 2020

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - January 12, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Diocesan Mission.

*****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. 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,
Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang
Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Jack Kopcinski,
Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrorocco, Steve McCabe, Ed
Miles, Mary Modica, Danny Montchal, Lorraine Rensch,
John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie
Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Genevieve Zenka.

**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.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU**THE PASSION PLAY**

Visits to: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Regensburg,
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

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets; in these last days,
He has spoken to us through the Son.**

The Mitten Drive is back.

Donations of new or gently-used hats,
scarves, gloves and mittens for adults
and children at Family Shelters will be
collected after weekend Masses
through the end of January. Your generosity is
always appreciated.



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

*Please make a Christmas Gift
to American Martyrs Church.*

Envelopes have been placed at the
doors and front pews of the Church for
the convenience of those who do not
receive envelopes at home.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

~ New Members enrolled for January ~

Frank & Anna Smaldino Catherine Schreiber
Rosemary Graneer Carmela Balletto
Smaldino & Grannieri Families
Virginia & Joseph Laraia
Sr. Jacinpa Sukhrag O' Carm

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.

THE EPIPHANY

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.



Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. **“We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.**

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

**Lord, as we begin this new year,
we ask You to help us grow in holiness.**

Come and fill us with your love.

**Melt our hardened hearts,
and mold us into your likeness.**



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:	\$110,162.
Amount Received:	\$108,802.
Donors:	222

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life Rally began in Washington, D.C. as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful demonstration marks the somber anniversary in 1973 of Roe v. Wade and is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time - legalized abortion on demand. The 47th March for Life rally will be held on **January 24, 2020**. American Martyrs parish and friends are planning to attend this rally. Plans are being made to rent a bus to take us to and from Washington. Please email KofCAM14666@gmail.com if you are interested in attending with us. Visit our webpage for more info at <https://kofcam.weebly.com/>. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish to take a stand against abortion.

**We saw His star at its rising
And have come to do Him homage.**

A WARM WELCOME!

We welcome all of you, those who celebrate with us daily and weekly, and those who have been away for a while.

If you are new to our Parish, please feel free to introduce yourself to the Pastor, Fr. Frank, or to one of the priests, or Deacon Stan after Mass today.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

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: \$1,016,687.

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.

Sincere Thanks to Our Parishioners!

On behalf of the Clergy and staff of American Martyrs Parish, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts that you have sent us. Please be assured of our continuing prayers, and our wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.



~ Fr. Frank

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on Dec. 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited King and Messiah of the Jewish people, on the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations--- Jews, Gentiles, and all people. The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews--- Christ gathers all people into the light of His love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates for the people of God.



The star stopped over where the Child was.

AMERICAN MARTYRS CWV

Thank you!

The **Breakfast with Santa** party was a great success. The Sullivan Center was packed with children and adults having a jolly good time! The CWV's appreciate all of Santa's elves who helped out with the gifts and the breakfast. Thank you, Santa, and thanks to all for your support! The party could not have happened without you.



Lord, every nation on earth will adore You!

