

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY - June 22, 2019**

5:00 pm: **Misa Pro Populo**

**SUNDAY- June 23 - Corpus Christi**

8:30 am: **Father's Day Novena**

- 10:30 am: 1. Ersilia Scaccia -- Stefania Paniccia
- 2. Toby Hollander --- Tom Karas
- 3. Anna Grosso - Barbara & Gerry Caliendo

12:30 pm: John Bentivigna & Family --- Mary

**Mon.- June 24-The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

8:30 am: **Father's Day Novena**

**Tues. - June 25**

8:30 am: Helena Rodriguez --Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

**Wed. - June 26**

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

**Thurs. - June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria**

8:30 am: Kevin Howell -- AM Leisure Club

**Friday - June 28-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:30 am: Florence Ruggieri --- Family

**Saturday- June 29 - St. Peter & St. Paul**

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Kay Maminakis --- Irene

**Sunday - June 30**

8:30 am: **Misa Pro Populo**

- 10:30 am: 1. Vincenzo Crescenzi-- Stefania Paniccia
- 2. EileenByrne --- Alphonse
- 3. Margaret Grasso --- Fortune Family

12:30 pm: Mary Ann Fasciano -- Paul & Cara Pluta

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for :  
~ Demetrio Santarina ~  
Requested by the Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered for:  
~ A Special Intention ~*

Dear God,

The warmth of the sun on our faces feels good.  
The light of this day shines on in us.  
Your bright love, O God, also shines everywhere.  
It shines on our work and our play.  
Keep us always in the warm light of your love.

~ Amen

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**MONDAY - June 24**

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

**TUESDAY - June 25**

• **BINGO -7:30 pm - SC**  
Total prizes: \$3,00 - Early Bird- 7:15 pm



\*\*\*\*\* **HANDICAP ACCESS** \*\*\*\*\*

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.  
\*\*\*\* **NO BINGO - Tuesday , JULY 2** \*\*\*\*

**WED. - June 26**

- ATLANTIC CITY -Leisure Club
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

**THURS. - June 27**

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC
- \*\*\*NO LEISURE CLUB - JULY 4 \*\*\*\*
- Knights of Columbus - MC

**SATURDAY - June 29**

- CWV- 9 am after 8:30 am Mass - RC

**SUNDAY - June 30**

- Parish Baptisms - 2 pm

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

- **Tues. July 2 -- \*\*\*\*NO BINGO \*\*\***
- **Thurs. July 4 - Rectory Office Closed**

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Please join us on Sunday, July 7, at 10 am, (before the 10:30 am Mass) to pray the Rosary. Fr. Frank and the Rosary Society welcomes all Parishioners to come pray the Rosary on the **first Sunday of every month** before the 10:30 am Mass.



The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August.



**Sunday Collections**

**Last Weekend - June 16, 2019**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,055.

**This Weekend - June 23, 2019**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

**Next Weekend - June 30, 2019**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Peter's Pence - generosity as a witness of charity.

**\*\*\*\*\*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: [americanmartyrs-queens.org/ways-to-give](http://americanmartyrs-queens.org/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:**

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, Maria Geiger, Anne Gorry, Michale Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastrorocco, Susan McConnell, Peter Mesologites, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Amelia Reyes, Mike & Lilly Rivera, Steven Roach, Patrice Rohde, Kinsey Saleh, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George & Gussie Stellakis, Shelia Still, Mary Sweeney, Rosemary Tricarico, Julio Villagran, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Jim Walsh, Theresa Walsh, 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.*

**PARISH CALANDAR**

All Parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Board Room, Church, Rectory Chapel or School for parish functions are required to submit a written **calendar of dates, times and locations** to the Rectory.



**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](mailto:Kaitlin@petersway.com).

Information is available at the Rectory Office

**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.

*That Priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.*

**RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION**

Religious Education registration has begun. Please return your registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible.



**RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm in Church. Don't neglect God's gift of Reconciliation.

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



**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

If there are any homebound parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Pat at the Rectory. (718-464-4582) We will make arrangements for a home visit.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Parish men** - What is in YOUR heart? Please consider joining our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council 14666. Open to ALL Catholic men 18 years and older who wish to share in the Charity, Fraternity, and Unity of Christ with Brother Knights. We meet at 7:45 every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in the Murray Center (rectory basement). We have a red shirt waiting for YOU!

Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)

Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.weebly.com)



## REFLECTION

Today, we observe the Solemnity of the of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself” (CCC 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude,” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God’s blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. “The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you.’” In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very Self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord’s example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

~ thecatholicsteward.com



## 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.



<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2019:</b>	<b>\$58,725.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$88,057.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$75,895.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>172</b>

**You can make your gift online at:**

**[AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://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](http://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**

### PHISHING SCAM - “Pastor” Text message

There is a scam going around where parishioners are receiving text messages on behalf of their “Pastor”, asking for help or money. In all cases, the text message was ‘signed’ with the Pastor’s full name, including middle initial. The text message is also personalized using the recipient’s first name. The message asks people for “Steam wallet gift cards” and to scratch the back of the card to reveal a pin and to message the information back to the sender.



**Please beware of this scam and be assured that this parish and no other parish would make this kind of request.**

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who contributed to the success of our 7th Annual Golf Outing -- The “Cart” ladies, Jo, Cindy, Mary Anne & Margaret, the photographer, Ed, and Pat Carragee for his most generous donations!



**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

### ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

**On Wednesday, June 26, 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**. **Come have some fun! All are welcome!**



### 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!***

**+ 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

**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 \*\*\***

**Holy Land Pilgrimage - Nov. 13 - Our Lady of the Angelus**  
Call 718-897-4444 - 10 days - \$3,198 per person, for details.

**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.

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

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign**

**Amount Pledged: \$1,238,949.**  
**Total Paid on Pledges: \$967,883.**  
**Amount returned to American  
Martyrs: \$554,910.**



**Number of Parishioners participating: 316**

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.

**GREGORIAN FESTIVAL - June 20 to June 30**

**40th Annual Festival ~ Riders , games, prizes,  
food and entertainment - No admission charge.  
St. Gregory the Great - 718-347-3707**

**Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

St. John's will be offering **free "Hearing Aid Help"** from June 17 to August 7. Also, **free speech and hearing** screenings. Please call 718-990-6480 for details.

**The Rosary**

**The Rosary is recited weekday and Saturday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Rectory Chapel, and the first Sunday of the month at 10 am in Church. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother, and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.**



***"Mary...is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that He can untangle the knots of our soul..."***  
*- Pope Francis*

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

A new name for this feast, long known as ***Corpus Christi or "Body of Christ"*** points to an important recovery of Communion from the shared chalice, the Precious Blood. For many centuries, only the Priest received from the chalice.



Some important meanings surface when we drink from the common cup, such as our desire to participate in the pouring out of Christ's love. Bread is the staff of life, eaten by necessity even in times of pain. Wine, on the other hand, is the mark of festivity, a pledge of joy, a sign of unity between our altar table and the banquet feast of heaven.