

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SAT. - March 14**

5:00 pm: Joseph & Suzette Jalicks -- Suzanne Malench

SUNDAY- March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Jack Bills -- Ann Marie Bills
 2. Rose & Dominick Servillo - Annie & Mary
 3. Charles Kavaliauskas -- Family

12:30 pm: Anna Maria Rosario -- Polanco Family

Monday - March 16

8:30 am: Emma Sadowski --Susan & Robert

Tues. - March 17 - St. Patrick

8:30 am: Kearney & Shanahan Families---Family

Wed. - March 18 - St. Cyril

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

Thurs - March 19 - ST. JOSEPH

8:30 am: Arlene Scherne (Healing) --- Family

Friday - March 20

8:30 am: Fr. Peter Rayder (Healing)-- AM Parish
 7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
 7:30: Stations of the Cross

Sat. - March 21

- 8:30 am: 1. Raymond T. Rodriguez - Selitto Family
 2. Mary Gerard -- Kathleen Harap
 3. Paz Blando --- Violeta

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday-March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna - 8:30 am Mass Ushers
 10:30 am: 1. John Dwyer --- Jean & Emma Rozek
 2. Ofelia Jaramillo ---Saavedra Family
 3. Joseph Capuano --- Millie

12:30 pm: Pietro, Angelo, & Adriana -- Valerie

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are Offered for:
 ~ Kevin Cunningham ~
 Requested by his Godmother*

Enlighten our minds, Lord, that we might know our strengths as well as our weaknesses. Help us to draw living water from Christ's inexhaustible well, that we might use our gifts to quench the thirst of our brothers and sisters.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Sunday - March 15, 2020

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

Monday - March 16

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

TUESDAY - March 17

- **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. - March 18

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

THURS. - March 19

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC

SATURDAY - March 21

- Lenten Soup Supper -- 6 pm -- SC

SUNDAY - March 22, 2020

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 21-Lenten Soup Supper-SC -6pm
- Thurs. March 26 -Public Safety - SC
- Wed. April 1 - Atlantic City - Resorts
- Sat. April 4 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Mon. April 6 - Reconciliation 3-8 pm
- Sun. April 19 - Afternoon Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Sun. April 26 - CWV Garage Sale - SC

*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.

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.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - March 8

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,615.
February E-Giving - \$2,060.

This Weekend - March 15

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church

Next Weekend - March 22

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
2. Catholic Relief Services-Bishop's Overseas Appeal.

*******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, Iride Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, 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, Lee Servillo, Paulette Wilson, 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.



PRECAUTIONS & PREVENTATIVE MEASURES REGARDING CORONAVIRUS



1. It is **VERY STRONGLY SUGGESTED** that Holy Communion be received in the hand as long as the Coronavirus continues.
2. The exchange of the Sign of Peace will be suspended during this time.
3. The faithful are urged to exercise ordinary care and hygiene by washing their hands before coming to Mass, covering their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze and staying home if they are sick. It is not a sin if you are not feeling well.

We pray that this virus will soon be eradicated and that we may return to our usual practices.

Youth Ministry

Please join our Youth Ministry. Young people from Middle School through High School are invited to join. We meet bi-monthly in the Murray Center.

amreligionclass.weebly.com/youth-group.html

For more information please contact:

Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister - youthministryam@gmail.com

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Reconciliation Monday will be observed in the Diocese and here at American Martyrs on the Monday of Holy Week - **April 6, 2020, from 3 pm to 9 pm.** Observance of this day allows the faithful to experience the grace of forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Those conscious of grave (mortal) sin are obligated to confess before receiving Holy Communion.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020

Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Bridge to Life Center is in dire need.

Their lease is ending, and they're in need of funds to move into and afford a new home. Bridge to Life provides pregnant women and mothers with counseling and material assistance. **Either forward a check to them at 14732 Sanford Ave # 2, Flushing, NY 11355, or go to their GoFundMe page (put Bridge to Life in the search box). Their service is too important to let closedown.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to our Annual Blood Drive. We collected 35 pints of blood which will save about 100 lives!



BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.



Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 26

VENDORS WANTED!!!!

Come join us for our 16th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. Free Admission. Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available.



White Elephant table collection --Sullivan Center: Friday - 4/17 -7 -8 pm & Sat. 4/18 - 11 - 4 pm
Please contact: Theresa @ 718-428-5308 or Jovie at: Vetsgaragesale@yahoo.com.

Help our Troops by helping our Vets!

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: \$7,655.

Amount Received: \$5,581.

Donors: 21

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall

66-05 79th Place in Middle Village presents "**The Envelope, Please**" -- A Musical Revue of Academy Award-Winning Songs (plus a few that SHOULD have won)". Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for seniors and children 11 and under. at 8:00pm on Saturday March 14, Friday, March 20th, and Saturday March 21st. Matinee performances at 2:30pm will be Sunday, March 15th, and Sunday, March 22nd. To reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 6- Confessions: 3 pm to 9 pm-Church.

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 9

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper -- Church

Good Friday, April 10

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion -- Church

7:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross -- Church

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm Easter Vigil -- Church

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm -- Church

The Paschal Triduum, Latin for "three days," commemorates the essential features of our redemption:

Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Christian life makes sense only when each of these moments is linked to the other two.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Rev. James Sweeney Rev. Martin Kirby
Rev. John Newell

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: \$1,031,138.

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.

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!

On Wednesday, April 1, 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!

BUILD THE BLOCK - Thursday, March 26
Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting

The NYPD officers serving our community invite you on **Thursday, March 26** to a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood. **Their goal is to identify policing & public safety needs in our community. Doors open at 6 pm for light refreshments. Meeting starts at 6:30pm here in the Sullivan Center.**

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” will be held on **Saturday, April 4 from 10 am to 12 noon.**

There will be breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt and many photo opps with the Easter Bunny. Every child gets Easter goodies to take home.



Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$5. Sorry, **NO** tickets will be sold at the door, so that we can plan properly for the event.

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for Tea, **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2 pm** in the Sullivan Center. Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, and Granddaughters are included. Tea sandwiches, scones, and dessert, along with a selection of teas will be served. Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest and most creative. **Tickets are \$15.** Please call Carol at 718-631-0896 or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!

