

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

FR. FRANK WILL FULLFILL ALL MASS INTENTIONS PRIVATELY (WITHOUT A CONGREGATION)

SAT. - March 21

- Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday - March 23 - St. Turibius

- Sr. Winifred McKeivitt--Robert & Susan

Tues. - March 24 - St. Oscar Romero

- Joseph Ossanna - Frank & Ann Tomitz

Wed. - March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

- Robert Tscherne --- Barbara
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - March 26

- Laurent Richard (Living) - Mom

Friday - March 27

- Rev. Dennis Rocheford -- Fr. Frank
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pray the Stations of the Cross

Sat. - March 28

- Intentions of the Catholic War
- Christine - AM Rosary Society

Sunday-March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Misa Pro Populo
- 1. Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- 2. Joseph, Marie & Marie de Angelis --- Family
- 3. Mrs. & Carolann Insalaco --- Ethel Taussig
- Ninfa Caietta --- Spina Family

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are Offered for:
~ A Special Intention ~*

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

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 22, 2020

- NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED
- NO Religious Education

Monday - March 23

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg. -
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.)

TUESDAY - March 24

- NO BINGO
- ***** HANDICAP ACCESS *****



We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

WED. - March 25

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - March 26

- NO Leisure Club

SATURDAY - March 28

- NO Lenten Soup Supper

SUNDAY - March 29, 2020

- NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED
- NO Rel. Ed.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

*** ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** This includes all of the following events:

- Thurs. March 26 -Public Safety
- Wed. April 1 - Atlantic City - Resorts
- Sat. April 4 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Mon. April 6 - Reconciliation
- Sun. April 19 - Afternoon Tea
- Sun. April 26 - CWV Garage Sale

PRAYING THE ROSARY

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, I encourage you to pray the Rosary daily. This wonderful devotion has given comfort and strength to Catholics throughout the centuries. The intercession of Our Lady is indeed powerful and most needed at this time.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - March 15

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$1,996.
February E-Giving - \$2,060.

This Weekend - March 22

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

Dear Parishioners,

Although we have had to cancel the Liturgies for the foreseeable future, it is our sincere hope that you will continue to support our Parish of American Martyrs through your weekly contributions, and online giving. Even though we have canceled all public Masses, we still have bills to pay. You may mail in your envelopes or drop them through the mail slot in the Rectory front door after hours. Thank you so much for your continued support of American Martyrs.

~ Fr. Frank

*******NOTE:** Please make all checks payable to:
American Martyrs Church.

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.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

Has been Canceled.

PRECAUTIONS & PREVENTATIVE MEASURES
REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

Dear Parishioners,

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic that is rapidly spreading throughout our country and the world, our Bishop along with many of his brother Bishops has made the very difficult decision to cancel all public Liturgies and other activities in Churches through out the Diocese. This includes the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. I will be celebrating Masses privately to fulfill all Mass intentions that we have received. Please be assured that during this time you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Reconciliation Monday has been canceled.

If anyone has need to see a priest for confession, please call the Rectory. Fr. Frank will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on an individual basis, while respecting the policy of "social distancing".

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.**

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.

Youth Ministry activities have been canceled.

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in our daily lives.



Our Second Reading, from Ephesians begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talents and treasure, gives us a guide to help ensure we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talents and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

CWV Indoor Garage Sale

HAS BEEN CANCELED!



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.



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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

During Holy week and Easter, Masses will be celebrated by the Bishop in St. Joseph's Cathedral without a congregation and will be broadcast for the benefit of the faithful in their homes. We encourage you to please take advantage of the opportunity to join all of us in spirit as we commemorate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil during this time of crisis.



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.

The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV.

The celebrations are scheduled as follows:

Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97). Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48).

Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Judy Roman

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

Leisure Club has been canceled until further notice, and the Atlantic City Trip that was schedule for April 1 has been canceled.

BUILD THE BLOCK - Thursday, March 26
Has been canceled.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" has been canceled.

From the Pastor's Desk

Canceled, canceled, canceled! Reviewing this latest Bulletin, I am reminded of how many activities, both Liturgical and otherwise, take place here at American Martyrs. We truly are a life giving and life fulfilling Parish. The Coronavirus has temporarily suspended all of these events and celebrations. It is a trying time for all of us, especially those of us who center our lives around the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. Let me reassure you, however, that although the public celebration of the Holy Mass has been suspended for the time being, I am privately celebrating the Mass and honoring all of the intentions which have been presented to us.

It is important for us to remember at times like this, when we are unable to access this great Mystery of our Faith, that the promise of Christ to be with us at all times, while manifest in the Most Blessed Sacrament, is not limited to the physical reception of Communion. Christ is present to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Sacred Scriptures, through the prayers that we utter from the depths of our hearts, and from the community of love that He founded: the Church.

At this time of "social distancing" when we are seemingly deprived of what is essential to our faith, I implore you to practice spiritual communion by uniting yourselves with Christ in the Paschal Mystery (the Mystery of His Life, Death and Resurrection). Pray with the Mass as you watch it on TV. Meditate on the Scripture readings of the day. Offer yourselves to Christ as He offered Himself to us. The day will come when we will once again gather around the Altar of the Lord in thanksgiving and sing His praises.

In the mean time, please take care of yourselves and of one another, because together we are the **BODY OF CHRIST.**

~ Fr. Frank

