

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 23, 2019

8:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY - March 24, 2019

8:30 am: Joseph Nalbone -- Rosemary Nalbone

10:30 am:

1. Joseph, Marie, & Marie de Angelis --- Family
2. Rose & Dominick Servillo -- Annie & Mary Servillo
3. Kathleen Knolhoff --- Family

12:30 pm: Galina Liszewski --- Gino & Diana

Mon. - March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 am: Frank Schaffer --- Ingrid & Ludwig

Tues. - March 26

8:30 am: Laurent Richard (Living)- Mom, Jessie

Wed. - March 27

8:30am: Dottie Daley --- Alphonse

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

Thurs. - March 28

8:30 am: Joseph LoPiccolo --John & Marianne

Fri. - March 29

8:30 am: Margaret Grasso -- AM Rosary Society

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- CH

7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- CH

Saturday - March 30

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Dragica Bosnjak -- Ana & Joe Fraioli

Sunday - March 31

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Charles & Concetta Pascucci -- Marianne & John
2. Raymond Hippeli -- Barbara, Jack & Eddie
3. Jennifer Esposito -- Stefanie Paniccia

12:30 pm: Dr. Steuart Cooperman (Living)-Mary Bentivigna

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for :**~ Kevin Howell ~**Requested by the Malench Family**The Altar Candles are offered for:**~ Theresa Zatchy ~**Requested by American Martyrs Parish***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 24

- Rel. Ed. -S

MONDAY - March 25

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

TUESDAY - March 26

- RCIA - 7:30 - MC
- 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.

WED. - March 27

- Wellness class - 7:00 pm -- MC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

THURS. - March 28

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

SAT - March 30

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

SUNDAY - March 31

- Tickets on sale for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Religious Ed. --S
- Blood Drive - 9:15 - 1:45 pm-SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 30 - CWV-9 am-SC after 8:30 Mass
- Sun. March 31- Blood Drive - 9:15 - 1:45 pm-SC
- Sun. April 7 - Rosary Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Sat. April 13-Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-10 am
- Sat. April 13 - Greenway-Cleanway - 9 am
- Mon. April 15 - Reconciliation - 3 to 8 pm --CH
- Wed. April 24 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 28 - CWV - GARAGE SALE - SC
- Sun. May 5 - Communion Breakfast - SC
- Mon. May 13-Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am
- Mon. June 3 - Golf Outing- North Shore Towers
- Fri/Sat. June 7 & 8- Broadway Revue - SC

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - March 17, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,901.

This Weekend - March 24, 2019

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
The Tablet -

Next Weekend - March 31, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Relief Services --

*******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 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, Michale Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastrorocco, Joseph Mazzola, 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.

Tickets for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be on sale next weekend after all Masses.



DIOCESAN 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

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.

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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!



What bitterness and resentment toward others do I most need to let go of?

Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Almsgiving

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so it is urgent that we use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.



Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. **God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.**

~thecatholicsteward.com

UNPLANNED exclusive movie premiere - Thursday, March 28th at 7 pm

Please join us for a very important night at the movies reserved exclusively for the showing of *Unplanned* (www.unplannedfilm.com). The movie tells the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who, after being involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions, has become one of the most active pro-life speakers in our country. Net proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Bridge to Life and our big "pie in the sky" goal somewhere down the road is to raise enough money over the course of time to hopefully donate an ultrasound machine to a pregnancy center in need.

Tickets are limited so please send your completed ticket order form and payment to the rectory as soon as possible. Silent no more - let our voices be heard by attending this film and spreading the word. Co-sponsored by the Columbiettes and the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus councils. Email kofcam14666@gmail.com for more info.



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: \$28,501.
Amount Received: \$25,090
Donors: 35

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

American Martyrs Church

Ed Malench Memorial Blood Drive

Please donate blood and help save the life of a friend or neighbor in your community!



**Sunday, March 31, 2019
9:15am ~ 1:45pm ~ Sullivan Center**

**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

To make an appointment, please call Ed Pearce
718-464-2061

**Long Island hospitals and their patients need
over 800 pints of blood every day.**

For medical questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for Tea, **Sunday, April 7, 2019 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, and will be sold after all Masses, March 23 & 24 and March 30 & 31. Please call Carol at 718-631-0896 or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Most Reverend Rene A. Valero

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.

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.

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign

Amount Pledged: \$1,242,955.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$937,226.

**Amount returned to American
Martyrs: \$518,793.**



Number of Parishioners participating: 315

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

Save the Date -

American Martyrs 7th Golf Outing,
Monday June 3rd, 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 ~ Give Us Your Gifts ~

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

Gracious and holy God, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you.

Which of God's gifts am I most thankful for?

NOISES OFF!

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall in Middle Village presents the hilarious Broadway comedy "Noises Off!". Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for seniors and children 11 and under. "Noises Off!" will be performed on Saturday 23rd at 8:00pm; Friday, March 29th at 8:00pm; and Sundays March 24th, and 31st at 2:30pm. For more information and to reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

WLNY ch. 10/55 at 7:00 a.m. & WRNN channel 48 at 8:00 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)