

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY - March 24, 2018**

5:00 pm: Joseph Dellapina --- Mildred

**SUNDAY- March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday**

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Charles Schaefer - Barbara & Jack Goydas
2. Joseph Frank Nalbone --- Rosemary Nalbone
3. Frank La Galia --- DeBenedictis Family

12:30 pm: Nina & James Moffa --- Children

**Mon. - March 26**

8:30 am: Rey Legaspi -- Olivia Miranda

**3 pm - 9 pm -- Confessions - CH**

**Tues. - March 27**

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

**Wed. - March 28**

8:30am: Ellen Barbaro (Living) --- Boyle Family  
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**Holy Thursday -- March 29**

8:30 am: Morning Prayer -- RC

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

**Good Friday - March 30**

8:30 am: Morning Prayer -- RC

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

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- Church

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

**Holy Saturday - March 31**

8:30 am: Morning Prayer -- RC

7:30 pm: Easter Vigil --- Misa Pro Populo

**Easter Sunday - April 1**

8:30 am: Ruggieri Family --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Patrick & Joan Kearney --- Family

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:*

*~ In Loving Memory of ~*

**Theresa Sitkowski**

*Requested by Bernie, Timothy & Victoria*



**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 25**

- Religious Education- S
- Rosary "Tea" tickets on Sale at all Masses
- Palm Crosses will be on sale at all Masses

**MONDAY- March 26**

- Reconciliation (Church) 3 - 9 pm
- Bible Study -- 7:30 pm -- MC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

**TUESDAY - March 27**

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC

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



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

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

**WEDNESDAY - March 28**

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

**THURSDAY - March 29**

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC



**SATURDAY - March 31**

- CWV meeting -- 9 am --- SC

**SUNDAY-April 1 - -Easter Sunday**

- NO Religious Education

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

- Mon. March 26- Reconciliation (Church) 3- 9 pm
- Sat. March 31 - CWV meeting -- 9 am --- SC
- Sun. April 15 - "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. April 29 -- Blood Drive --- SC
- Sun. May 6- Communion Breakfast after 10:30 Mass
- Mon. May 14- Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am- SC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6- AM Golf Outing- N. Shore Towers



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - March 18, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$6319.  
Easter Flowers -- \$2,202.

This Weekend - March 25, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Easter Offering to my Church.

Holy Thursday - 3/29/18

Good Friday-Holy Places -- 3/30/18

Next Weekend - April 1, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Easter Gift to my Church.

\*\*\*\*\*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: [e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch](http://e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch) 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:

Paula Abel, Jackie Arriaga, Alex Aponte,  
Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Josephine Attard,  
Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret  
Benza, Norma Bruce, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess,  
Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher,  
Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Tom Dana, Carrie  
Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer,  
Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John  
Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joe Kinney, William Krug, Cathy  
Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano,  
Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald  
Murray, Ed Myles, Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Sabato  
Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett,  
Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos,  
Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene  
Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary  
Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary  
Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, 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.**

Reconciliation Monday- March 26, 3 to 9 pm

On the Monday of Holy Week, March 26,  
**Reconciliation** will be offered throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York and the  
**Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville**  
**Center.** Confessions will be heard here at **American  
Martyrs from 3 pm to 9 pm.** This will be a wonderful  
opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great  
Sacrament of Healing. Members of the faithful are bound  
to confess once a year grave sins which have not already  
been absolved.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26: Confessions: 3 pm to 9 pm-Church

The Paschal TriduumHoly Thursday, March 29

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

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

Good Friday, March 30

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Easter Sunday, April 1

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.*

BLOOD DRIVE -- SUNDAY, April 29

**I gave my blood...Christ gave His.**

**I gave a pint... He gave all.**

**The needle is small and sharp...**

**The nails were large and dull.**

**The table soft, relaxing...The Cross rough, painful.**

**The nurses kind and gentle...**

**The soldiers cruel and mean.**

**The crowd applauds my sacrifice...**

**"They that passed by reviled Him."**

**Mine is A-positive...His is positively for all.**

**Mine, at best, will prolong a life for awhile...**

**His, without doubt, saved all...forever!** ~ by Bill Goff

From 9:15 am to 1:45 pm American Martyrs will host  
The Edward Malench Memorial Blood Drive in the  
Sullivan Center. Please make every effort to donate a pint!



## **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

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**Please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:**

**SPC Ruby Russo - US Army  
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC  
SN 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.

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### **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

**Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home**, Bayside, Served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are looking for Volunteers to interact with Residents and staff. Anytime between 9AM and 7PM. For further information please call Gail D. O'Donovan / Sr. Charlotte Michael / Kathleen Baratta in the Development Office at 718-971-2020 / 2021 / 2022.

**St. John's University Speech & Hearing** - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 718-990-6480

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul: 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.

## **2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

*~ Answer The Call ~*



We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2018:</b>	<b>\$59,000.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$26,610.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$22,310.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>17</b>

**You can make your gift online at:**  
**AnnualCatholicAppeal.org**

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. You may be able to double your gift by contacting your company's Personnel/Human Resource office.

**For more information about Matching Gift Opportunities, call the ACA office at:**  
**718-965-7375, ext. 1602.**

The work and services made possible through your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone. Your donation is tax deductible.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: **CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.**

**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*

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### **CATHOLIC MEDLEY**

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, April 2** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meeting will be on Monday, April 16.



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### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Wednesday, JUNE 6, 2018 - American Martyrs Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers**

**Saturday, SEPT. 29, 2018- American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.**

**(More information on both events to follow)**

## REFLECTION

In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.



For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.

Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

## ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

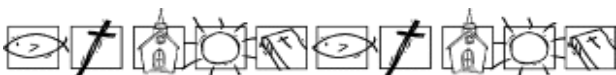
On Wednesday, April 18, we are planning a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15 am returning about 9:15 pm. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!



## EASTER GIFT

*Please consider making an Easter Gift to American Martyrs Church.*

Envelopes have been placed at the doors and front pews of the Church for your convenience.



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$770,853.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$377,135.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 311**

We are working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. *Please be patient as this long overdue work progresses!*



For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It is due to your generosity that this work can be done.

## My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

### + PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

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.

## 2018 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. Please 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. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.

## CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 22

## VENDORS WANTED!

Come join us for our 14th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. Free Admission. Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available. If you would like to rent a table, (\$40) please call Frank Pagano @ 718-217-2326 for contract information.



**Help our Troops by helping our Vets.**