

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 30, 2019

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

SUNDAY - March 31, 2019

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

Mon. - April 1

8:30 am: Joseph Tricarico & Josephine Robinson -- Ro

Tues.- April 2 - St Francis of Paola

8:30 am: Margaret Grasso -- Theresa & Ron

Wed. - April 3

8:30am: Rose Cronin --- Alphonse

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

Thurs. - April 4 - St. Isidore

8:30 am: Misuzu Kato (Living) --- Family

Fri. - April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30 am: Fr. Harrie Quaadvliet -- Misuzu Kato

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- CH

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

Saturday - April 6

8:30 am: 1. Nancy Mancini --- Fr. Frank

2. In Thanksgiving --- Mom

3. All Souls in Purgatory --- Irene

5:00 pm: Frank & Anna Smaldino - Gregg & Mary Ann

Sunday - April 7

8:30 am: The Capuano Family --- Millie

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for :*

*~ Kevin Howell ~*

*Requested by American Martyrs Parish*

*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 31

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

MONDAY - April 1

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

TUESDAY - April 2

- 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. - April 3

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

THURS. - April 4

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm - MC

SAT - April 6

- **Rosary Workshop -- 11 am -- CH**

SUNDAY - April 7

- **Rosary Tea - 2 pm - SC**
- Palm Crosses on sale after all Masses
- Tickets on sale for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Religious Ed. --S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- S/S April 6 & 7- Palm Crosses will be on sale
- 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 - Parish Breakfast - SC- 11:30 am
- 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

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - March 24, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,015.  
The Tablet - \$677.

This Weekend - March 31, 2019

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

Next Weekend - April 7, 2019

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Easter Flowers --

\*\*\*\*\*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, Anne Gorry, Michale Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Albert Madrazo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastrococco, Joseph Mazzola, 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, 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.*

What do I most want God to heal in me?

Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Almsgiving

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

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15- Confessions: 3 pm to 9 pm-Church

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 18

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

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

Good Friday, April 19

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 20

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm Easter Vigil -- Church

Easter Sunday, April 21

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.*

## REFLECTION



For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

~thecatholicsteward.com

## PRAYING THE ROSARY



Come join Fr. Frank on **Saturday, April 6 at 11 am in CHURCH** for a workshop on how to pray the Holy Rosary of our Blessed Lady. This powerful prayer is a wonderful way to show our Lord how much we love Him through our devotion to His Blessed Mother. Catholics have turned to Mary for centuries in our time of need and sorrow, as well as in thanksgiving and praise. **Every Catholic should know how to pray the Rosary, and should pray it often.** If you have never learned how to pray the rosary, or even if you need a refresher, come and join us as we explore this most beautiful reminder of God's love for us.

## 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:** \$34,396.  
**Amount Received:** \$30,212.  
**Donors:** 49

**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

## 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!



## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

**“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny”** will be held on **Saturday, April 13 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.** Tickets will be sold this weekend and next weekend before and after all Masses. **Sorry, NO tickets will be sold at the door, so that we can plan properly for the event.**

**+ 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 \*\*\***

**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!**

**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

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

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!*

**PALM CROSSES**

The Columbiettes will be selling *Palm Crosses* after all Masses on April 6th & 7th.



**THE TOOLS OF LENT ~ Be Merciful ~**

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

O Lord, be not mindful of my many sins, but forgive me all my misdeeds, for your mercy to me is without limit. You have been my help and my protection.

**CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 28**

**VENDORS WANTED!**

**Come join us for our 15th Annual  
Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan  
Center on Sunday April 28 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 Robert Mitts @ 718-886-5297 for contract information.

**White Elephant** table collection in the Sullivan Center : **Fri. 4/26 from 7-8pm**

**Sat. 4/27 9am - 3 pm**

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