

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SAT. - February 15**

8:00 pm: Susan McConnell --- Theresa Asche

**SUNDAY- Feb 16**

8:30 am: John Crawford, Jr.-- Demetrious Jangarathis

10:30 am: Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family

2. Liliano Corso ---- Barbara &amp; Gerald Caliendo

3. George McRae --- Barbara &amp; Gerald Caliendo

12:30 pm: **Misa Pro Populo****Mon. - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna --- Theresa Asche

**Tues. - February 18**

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna --- Cathy Frantz

**Wed. - Feb. 19**

8:30am: James Savage --- Horowitz Family

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

**Thurs - Feb. 20**

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna - Will &amp; Barbara Rourke

**Friday - February 21 -St. Peter Damian**

8:30 am: Antonio Gorospe, Jr. --Mr. &amp; Mrs Loguidice

**Sat. - February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter**

8:30 am: 1. Madeline Kurale -- Maria Nomikoudis

2. Joseph Ossanna -- AM Catholic War Veterans

3. Steven Chalson --- Susan &amp; John Cuollo

5:00 pm: **Misa Pro Populo****Sunday -- February 23**

8:30 am: Barbara Coppola --- Elena Chin

10:30 am: 1. Jack Bills --- AnnMarie Bills

2. Joseph, Marie, &amp; Marie de Angelis --Family

3. Phyllis Salamone --- Family

12:30 pm: Sal Piazza --- Emily Howell

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are Offered for:**~ A Special Intention ~  
Requested by Maria***Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday**Ashes will be distributed only at these times  
in Church:

8:30 am Mass; 7:30 pm Mass

12:00 noon Prayer Service

3:00 pm Prayer Service

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School  
SA-School Auditorium, MC-Murray Center  
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board Room****Sunday - February 16, 2020**

- NO Religious Education

**Monday - Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day**

- Rectory Office Closed

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

**TUESDAY - Feb 18**

- **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. - Feb. 19**

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

**THURS. - Feb. 20**

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

**SATURDAY - Feb. 22**

- Defensive Driving - MC

**SUNDAY - February 23, 2020**

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

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

- Mon. Feb. 17 - Rectory Office Closed
- Sat. Feb. 22-- Defensive Driving - MC
- Wed. Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- Sat. Feb. 29 - Murder Mystery -- SC
- Sun. March 1 -- BLOOD DRIVE - SC
- Sat. March 7 - St. Patrick's Day Party-SC
- Thurs. March 26 -Public Safety - SC
- Wed. April 1 - Atlantic City - Resorts

*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 March 1, and the first Sunday of every month at 10 am to pray the Rosary.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - February 9

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,794.  
 Heating Fuel collection - \$1,289.  
 January E-Giving --- \$2,120.

This Weekend - February 16

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - February 23

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Wednesday -- February 26 -- ASH WEDNESDAY

\*\*\*\*\*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](http://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, Deacon Stan Galazin, Michael Gorry, Joe Kinney, Jack Kopcinski, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrococco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Danny Montchal, Frank Pagano, John Pinto, Lorraine Rensch, 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.*

**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.

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  
**ONLY 10 SEATS LEFT!**

CWV - GARAGE SALE - SUN. APRIL 26VENDORS WANTED

Please contact Theresa @ 718-428-5308  
 or Jovie at: [Vetsgaragesale@yahoo.com](mailto:Vetsgaragesale@yahoo.com).

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.

<https://amreligionclass.weebly.com/youth-group.html>

For more information please contact:

Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister -  
[youthministryam@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryam@gmail.com)

Be a Census Taker!

\$28/hour! Flexible Hours! Weekly Pay! Paid Training!  
 Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

The Josephine Foundation will present a wonderful evening of fun on Saturday evening February 29, 2020 at the Sullivan Center on Bell Blvd and Union Tpke starting at 7pm.

The first annual JOFO Murder Mystery Dinner will be presented with a wonderful buffet dinner, some wine, and some desserts all for a cool price of \$40.00.



Make your reservations as soon as possible as the seating is limited. Those wishing to secure tables should do so quickly. Tables of 8 will be available.

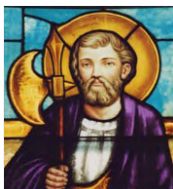
We will also have some wonderful raffle prize drawings available for your adventurous pleasure.

Tickets will be available starting Mon. January 20, 2020 on [www.thejosephinefoundation.org](http://www.thejosephinefoundation.org) in the web store.

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

## **BULLETIN REFLECTION**

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?



**Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.**

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

**In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us.** Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

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**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.**

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Dear Parishioners,

As many of you are aware, my term as Pastor of American Martyrs R.C. Church has come to an end. The past 12 years has been both rewarding and challenging for me, but together we have met those challenges head on, have been rewarded with a stronger, healthier, and more faith filled Parish. I am truly grateful for my time here as your Pastor.

My next assignment will be as Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Forest Hills. Although I will be leaving American Martyrs with a heavy heart, I am also grateful for this new assignment at Our Lady of Mercy. I will be staying on here until the end of June as I transition between the two Parishes.

Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers, as I hope I am in yours. American Martyrs is a great Parish and I will never forget your kindness and generosity throughout these past 12 years. May God bless you all.

~ Fr. Frank

## **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.

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2019:</b>	<b>\$58,725.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$116,757.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$116,267.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>229</b>



**American Martyrs Church 216-10 Union Turnpike,  
Bayside, NY 11364  
Knights of Columbus Fr. John J. Murray Council  
14666**

**Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers  
DJ + Dancing  
Raffles 50/50**

Catered traditional Irish & American Fare including Corned Beef & Cabbage (and something for the kids), Dessert, Complimentary Glass of Beer + BYOB!

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @  
6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**

**Buy your tickets early -  
Prices increase by \$5 on 2/26**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free / Ages 7 to 12 - \$10 /**

**Ages 13 to 18 - \$20 / Ages 19 & Up - \$30**

**Tickets sold after each Mass or drop payment  
with completed form to Rectory (718) 464-4582**

**No tickets sold at the door.**

**Cash or Checks Payable to**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Email questions to  
kofc14666fm@gmail.com**

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**SUBMIT THIS PART WITH RECTORY ORDERS**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seating Preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Kids 13 to 18:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Kids 7 to 12:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Kids 6 & Under:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amounts: Cash \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**Janette Gadell**                      **Anne Chimenti**  
**Megan Ann Smith**                **James P. McCabe**  
**Chester Chicosky**

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](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.

**National Suicide Prevention** help line: -1-800-273-8255

**Healing After Abortion:** Sisters of Life at: **866-575-0075**  
**[Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)**

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign**

**Amount Pledged: \$1,227,929.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$1,024,400.**

**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.

**COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM**



The American Martyrs Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will receive a \$1 **donation** every time a \$2.50 Community Bag is sold during the month of **February** at the **Stop & Shop** store located at: **215 26th Ave, Bayside, NY.**

**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!**



**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, February 22, 2020 in the Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register please call Marty at: **631-360-9720.**



**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.

**St. John's Speech & Hearing**

Free speech & Hearing screenings and Free "Hearing Aid Help" from Feb. 3 - May 4. Please call 718-990-6480 to make an appointment.

**OZANAM HALL - QUEENS NURSING HOME**

Seeking part-time Activity Leaders. Please call Victoria Auriemmo at -718-971-2707.

"Be who God meant you to be  
and you will set the world on fire."

— St. Catherine of Siena