

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - April 18

- Barbara Hageney -- John O'Rourke

SUNDAY- April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- Misa Pro Populo
- Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- Noga Perez --- Nancy Hill
- Ofelia Apostadero --- Jovie
- KunJamma Peter --- Alice Sebastian

Monday - April 20

- Genevieve Zenka --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - April 21 - St. Anselm

- Francesca & Rosario Castorina ---- Family

Wed. - April 22

- Vincent D'Amore --Barbara, Patricia & Family
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - April 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert

- Stephen D. Adams -- Patricia & Family

Friday - April 24 - St. Fidelis

- Dennis J. Asche --- Asche Family

Sat. - April 25

- Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

April 26 -

- Stan Galazin (Healing) -- AM Choir
- Steve Mattaliano --- Joan
- Patrick Servillo --- Annie & Mary
- Jack Bills --- Ann Marie Bills
- Misa Pro Populo

The Bread & Wine & Altar Candles are offered for:
~ Ruggieri Family ~
Requested by the Family

*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 - April 19, 2020 --- Divine Mercy

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - April 20

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

TUESDAY - April 21

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

**WED. - April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day**

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - April 23

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- April 26 -

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

***** ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

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.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
~ Amen

Sunday Collections

April 12, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$3,225.

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.

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, Irde 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, Paulette Wilson,

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

Please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer.

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

If there is dire need (emergencies only) for someone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the Rectory Office and leave a message.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020

Freedom from Addiction: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me, says the Lord;
Blessed are they who have not seen me,
but still believe!**

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.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
His love is everlasting!**

+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

**Genevieve Zenka Alma Fe
Rev. Adnel Burgos**

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: \$1,035,288.

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.



Dear parishioners,

This Sunday, April 19, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II designated this second Sunday of Easter as the day on which to celebrate the Mercy of God through this most wonderful devotion given to us through the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska. A couple of years ago I tried to promote this devotion in our parish as a means for us obtain the Mercy of God for the many sins which have offended his most Sacred Heart. We conducted a parish pilgrimage to Shrine of Divine Mercy here in the United States located in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The Divine Mercy chaplet has been recited before the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. I encourage everyone to pray the chaplet in the privacy of their homes, using the image of Divine Mercy on the prayer cards I have given out as a "window" into the merciful love that Jesus wishes to show each and every person. I say the chaplet every day, usually after praying the Rosary (another excellent devotion which I encourage everyone to pray daily).

These days are difficult ones for those of us who are trying to mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 virus by socially distancing ourselves. The isolation that we experience can be oppressive. Being separated from our friends and loved ones leaves us with a sense of sadness and loss. As human beings we are created to be in relationship with others. This is what it means to be created in the image of God, a God who is an eternal union of relationships between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Divine Mercy devotion can lead us into the very heart of the Trinity, for mercy is the Love of God bestowed upon our sinful humanity. We are in need of this mercy, now more than ever. We may be separated from each other, but we must never allow ourselves be separated from God's Love. This is what keeps us united with each other and with our Church, even as we are unable to receive the great gift of the Eucharist. God's Love, which is manifested in the Divine Mercy, is what unites us in Him and with each other.

Do not neglect the great gift of prayer, especially the prayer for Divine Mercy, as well as the Rosary, during this time of trial. We are not alone. Our Lord is with us, and through Him, the angels and saints as well. Allow Him to comfort you through prayer and to encourage you in the days and weeks ahead. Please be assured of my prayers for you, and may I ask that you also remember me in yours.

Jesus, I Trust in You.

~ Fr. Frank

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

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

There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy ---that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raise man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God. Look at the image of the merciful Jesus, His heart radiating peace, and hear in the depths of your own soul what St. Faustina heard: **Fear nothing, I am always with you.** And if you respond with a sincere heart, **“Jesus, I trust in You,”** you will find comfort in all your anxieties and fears... ~ Pope John Paul II



St. Faustina writes in her diary that **Our Lord** spoke to her, saying:

“Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.”

Take part in prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy while in a spirit completely detached from sin. Recite the Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus. All the faithful implore God’s mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God.

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.



PRAYER

God of mercy, we trust in your goodness, even when our human hearts are overcome by the shadow of doubt. Give us faith that requires no proof, that withstands any test. ~Amen

Pray at home the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Give Blood! Save a Life!

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: \$47,645.

Amount Received: \$40,543.

Donors: 69

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

NET TV

**Fios by Verizon -- channel 48
Optimum -- channel 30
Spectrum -- channel 97**

**For LIVE Masses go to:
Www.netny.tv/masses**

The Census is easy and safe

**Fill out now at: MY2020census.gov.
Or call: 1-844-330-2020.**

**The more New Yorkers who fill out the census,
the more money we get for our: Schools, Housing,
Jobs, Senior Centers, Hospitals, and Roads &
Bridges.**