

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - April 21, 2018

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- April 22

8:30 am: Francesca &amp; Rosario Castorina - Family

10:30 am: 1. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen Macchia

2. Norma Bruce --- Ann Marie Bills

3. Tiziana Passalacqua --- Richards Family

12:30 pm: Bentivegna Family -- Mary Bentivegna

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

8:30 am: Moscato Family --Marianne &amp; John Pinto

Tues. - April 24- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am: Dennis Asche --- Asche Family

Wed. - April 25 - St. Mark

8:30am: John F. Stewart --- Asche Family

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

Thursday -- April 26

8:30 am: Kazuko Kato - Misuzu Kato

Friday - April 27

8:30 am: Vincent Lally --- Margaret Stamm

Sat. April 28-Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Fran &amp; Anna Smaldino - Gregg &amp; Mary Ann

Sunday -April 29

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Jennifer Anne Zupicich - Pagnozzi Family

2. Michael T. Liskiewicz - -Pagnozzi Family

3. Myron W. Liskiewicz -- Pagnozzi Family

12:30 pm: Roseanne LaSala-Barre -- Mom &amp; Dad

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Dennis Asche ~  
Requested by the Asche Family**The Altar Candles are offered this week:**~ In Thanksgiving ~  
Requested by Maria***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 22, 2018

- Religious Education- S
- CWV Garage Sale - SC -9 am - 3 pm

MONDAY- April 23

- 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 - April 24

- 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 - April 25

- Mass of Hope & Healing--St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church -- 7 pm.
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - April 26

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- Knights of Columbus -- 7:45 pm --MC

SATURDAY - April 28

- CWV Clothing Drive (MAVS) 8:30 am - 9am - SC
- CWV 9 am-SC after 8:30 am Mass-RC
- Greenway Clean-Way - 9 am

SUNDAY-April 29

- Religious Education - S
- "Ed Malench" Memorial Blood Drive -- SC  
9:15 am - 1:45 pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. May 6- Communion Breakfast -- after 10:30 Mass. See flyers at the doors of the Church
- Thurs. May 3 -- Crafty People - 7:30 pm -- SC
- Mon. May 14- Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am- SC
- Sat. May 19 - Defensive Driving -- MC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6- AM Golf Outing- N. Shore Towers
- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass

**Sunday Collections**

**April 8, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$6,677.  
St. John Vianney Fund - \$1,835.

**Last Weekend - April 15, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,338

**This Weekend - April 22, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
The Tablet-To help support the Diocesan newspaper.

**Next Weekend - April 29, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

**\*\*\*\*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, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Tom Dana, Ramon Dickson, 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, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, 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.**

*Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.*



**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 of blood to save a life!

**50/50 RAFFLE**

After the last Sunday in April (29th) we will no longer continue the 50/50 Fund Raiser (yellow envelope) which was included in your mailed envelope packets. Thanks for playing!

**Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates**

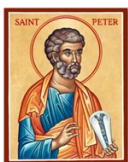
Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of American Martyrs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Great time to connect with former classmates and enjoy reminiscing!  
For more information please email:  
[maureens@jwhampton.com](mailto:maureens@jwhampton.com).

**CRAFTY PEOPLE**

Our next Crafty People meeting will be on **Thursday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we'll be making crocheted mug cozies. For this craft, you will need one or two skeins of acrylic worsted weight yarn in one or two colors of your choosing. Also, bring a crochet hook in size H or I, a pair of scissors, and your favorite coffee mug (one that is not tapered will work best, but we'll work with what you bring). If you have a large button (about an inch in diameter; with holes, not a shank) that will go with your yarn, you can bring that, too, but I will have neutral colored buttons if you don't have one. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail [amcraftypeople@ymail.com](mailto:amcraftypeople@ymail.com).

## REFLECTION

“He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.” This is St Peter preaching again in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. However, in this instance he is speaking at his own trial. He and St. John had been imprisoned.



What a different man Peter is compared to the man who denied Jesus in fear! Peter is no longer intimidated by the authorities; keep in mind that this is in effect the same court which condemned Christ to crucifixion. Earlier in Acts we witness Peter and the other disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not a one-time event, but something ongoing throughout their lives.

A woman named Corrie Ten Boom was a resistance leader and practitioner in the Netherlands in World War II. She and her sister provided a hiding place for Jews and others being sought by the Nazis. She later wrote a book titled *The Hiding Place* about those experiences. The Ten Booms were betrayed in 1944, arrested, and brought to trial. What she stated at that trial very much parallels what we hear from St. Peter today. She cited the power of the Holy Spirit.

She said, “Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” Like St. Peter and Corrie Ten Boom, we are all filled with the Holy Spirit. Do we let it flow out of us?  
~ thecatholicsteward.com

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - OPEN HOUSE

The American Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council is holding its annual membership open house on **Thursday, April 26th at 7:45 pm in the Murray Center**. We are inviting **ALL Catholic men**, 18 years or older, to join us and learn about all the council's activities and good works. There are many benefits for members and their family, and many opportunities to carry out the works of mercy. Come and find out what it's all about.  
[kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com).



## MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

A Mass of Hope and Healing will be held on **Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm** at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, Jamaica, NY, sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn and The Survivors Advisory Committee. For information, call Jasmine Salazar, LMSW, at 718-623-5236 or visit:  
[vacministry@diobrook.org](mailto:vacministry@diobrook.org).



Please do **not** bring food or drinks into Church.

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$797,762.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.**

**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.

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING -NS TOWERS

American Martyrs 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing, **Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>** at North Shore Towers golf course. Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 PM, dinner to follow at Immaculate Conception Center - \$180 per person. Dinner only \$45. Donations appreciated!!! Please contact Maureen at [maureens@jwhampton.com](mailto:maureens@jwhampton.com) or 718-276-0301.

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

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

**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.

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

## MAKE A VETERAN SMILE

**On Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 am to 9 am the CWV's will be collecting clothing in the Sullivan Center for MAVS (Make a Veteran Smile) to help support homeless and displaced American Veterans.**



**+ 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:**  
**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.

**\*\*\* 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. 9AM and 7PM. Please call Gail D. O'Donovan at 718-971-2020

**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.

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2018:** \$59,000.  
**Amount Pledged:** \$57,499.  
**Amount Received:** \$45,253.  
**Donors:** 110

**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*

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Sunday, MAY 6 - Communion Breakfast -SC**  
**After the 10:30 am Mass. Flyers are at the doors of the Church for reservations. Please return the form with payment to the rectory.**

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

**Saturday, SEPT. 29 - 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 all events to follow)**

