

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SAT. - February 22**

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, & Marie de Angelis --Family
 3. Phyllis Salamone --- Family

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

Mon. - February 24

8:30 am: Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family

Tues. - February 25

8:30 am: Joseph Ossanna --- Eva Bogner

Wed. - Feb. 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

(Ashes will be distributed only at these times)

8:30 am: Mass in Church

12:00 noon: Prayer Service - Church

3:00 pm : Prayer Service - Church

7:30 pm: Mass in Church

Thurs - February 27

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving - Marie Richard

Friday - February 28

8:30 am: Fitzsimmons Family --- Family

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30: Stations of the Cross

Sat. - February 29

8:30 am: Clara Nartey --- Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Christine Stone --- Froehlich Family

Sunday - March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: John & Virginia MacNeil --E.O.

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are Offered for:**~ A Special Intention ~***Be with me, Lord**

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.

(Joel 2:12)

Jesus, give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully. Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. ~ Amen

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 23, 2020

- Religious Education **8:45 am** - S

Monday - Feb. 24

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

TUESDAY - Feb 25

- **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. 26 --- ASH WEDNESDAY

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

THURS. - Feb. 27

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC
- Knights of Columbus -- 7:45 pm --MC

SATURDAY - Feb. 29

- CWV- 8:30 am Mass - RC-- 9 am meeting -SC

SUNDAY - March 1, 2020

- Rel. Ed. - **8:45 am** - S
- Recitation of the Rosary - 10 am - Church
- Ed Malench Memorial Blood Drive -- SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **Wed. Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY**
- **Sun. March 1 -- BLOOD DRIVE - SC**
- **Mon. March 2 - Rosary mtg. -1 pm - SC**
- **Thurs. March 5 - Crafty People - 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 16

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,617.

This Weekend - February 23

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Wednesday -- February 26 -- ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Weekend - March 1

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

2. Black & Indian Mission.

*******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

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, Irise Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Deacon Stan Galazin, Michael Gorry, Joe Kinney, Jack Kopcinski, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrorocco, 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.

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.

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

ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join us on Monday, **March 2 at 1 pm** in the Sullivan Center for coffee and Irish Soda Bread, celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Reminder ** dues are \$15.

Save the Dates!

Afternoon Tea -- Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm.

Day of Recollection - Monday, May 11 at 11 am.

Ed Malench Memorial Blood Drive

Please donate blood and help save the life of a friend or neighbor in your community!



Sunday, March 1, 2020

9:15am ~ 1:45pm ~ Sullivan Center

For medical questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

CHEF LIDIA BASTIANICH - OLBS - 2/27- 6:30 PM

Celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich will be at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 35th Ave/203rd St. on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 pm. Tickets at Eventrite.com. Signed book, Q & A, light refreshments. All are Welcome!

BULLETIN REFLECTION

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Talk about setting the bar high!

This verse at the end of today’s

Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week.



The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this “foolish” concept: “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us “children of our heavenly Father.” This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you’re probably doing it right in God’s eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God’s grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

The Lord is kind and merciful!

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.

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



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

**Live Irish Music 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 7th, 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**

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 +

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: \$1,024,400.

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!



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.

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on Thursday, **March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** We will be making felted soap. All you will need to bring in are bars of any kind of soap (2 to 4) —they must be bars. We are having a guest craft leader, so we hope to see you there! As always, if you are interested in becoming a Crafty Person, please email Annie at **amcraftypeople@ymail.com**.



BUILD THE BLOCK - Thursday, March 26
Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting

The NYPD officers serving our community invite you on **Thursday, March 26** to a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood. **Their goal is to identify policing & public safety needs in our community.** **Doors open at 6 pm for light refreshments. Meeting starts at 6:30pm here in the Sullivan Center.**