

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT. - January 11

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- Jan 12 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am: Anna & Frank Smaldino --Maryann & Gregg

- 10:30 am: 1. Stanley Ruzalski --- Robert
- 2. Susan McConnell --- Fortune Family
- 3. Charles Kavaliaskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Charles Menduni --- Mom, Dad & Family

Mon. - Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

8:30 am: Nickolas Eben --Mitchell Freiband

Tues. - Jan 14

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving -- Ballesteros Family

Wed. - January 15

8:30am: Steve Mattaliano --- Joan

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

Thurs. - Jan. 16

8:30 am: Nancy Ferreira --- Marilyn

Friday - Jan. 17 - St. Anthony

8:30 am: Richard Estreicher --- The Farley Family

Sat. - Jan. 18

8:30 am:

- 1. Angelina Marino --- Dennis Wang
- 2. Sr. Mary S. Liskiewicz (Living)-Pagnozzi Family
- 3. Michael Liskiewicz -- Pagnozzi Family

5:00 pm: Walter Della Pina - Mildred & Mario

Sun. Jan. 19 -

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Mary Sweeney -- Chorzepa Family
- 2. Donatina DiMarco - Gregg & MaryAnn
- 3. Sabato Pagnozzi -- American Martyrs Choir

12:30 pm: Jack Bills --- Ann Marie Bills

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



Deceased Members of American Martyrs

The Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan is also an occasion of God's self revelation and is usually celebrated the Sunday after Epiphany. At his Baptism, Jesus hears the Father say, "this is my beloved Son."

Take time today to delight in being God's beloved child.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board Room**

Sunday - January 12, 2020

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

Monday - Jan. 13

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

TUESDAY - Jan. 14

- 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. - January 15

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

THURS.- January 16

- Leisure Club --11 - 3 --SC

SUNDAY - January 19, 2020

- NO Rel. Ed.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Fri. Jan 24 - MARCH FOR LIFE -
- Sat. Jan. 25 - CWV-9am after 8:30 am Mass-RC
- Mon. Jan. 27 - 8th grade Retreat -MC
- S/S Feb. 1&2 - CWV Drive for the Troops
- Sat. Feb. 8 - Wine & Dine - 7 pm -SC
- Sat. Feb 15 - Sr. Ave Clark- Retreat-9:30 am-SC
- Mon. Feb. 20 - Rectory Office Closed
- Sat. Feb. 22-- Defensive Driving - MC
- Wed. Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

*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 February 2, and the **first Sunday of every month at 10 am** to pray the Rosary.



Sunday CollectionsDec. 25, 2019

Christmas Offering for our Church - \$8,024.
 Catholic Charities Christmas Offering -\$2,316.
 December 29 -- Weekly Offering -\$5,657.

Last Weekend - January 5, 2020

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,458.
 Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary - \$2,404.
 December Online contributions - \$4,960.

This Weekend - January 12, 2020

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
 2. Diocesan Mission.

Next Weekend - January 19

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*******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,
 Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang
 Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Joe Kinney, Jack
 Kopcinski, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrococco, Steve
 McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Danny Montchal, Frank
 Pagano, Lorraine Rensch, 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.

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

**The heavens were opened and the voice of
 the Father thundered:
 This is my beloved Son, listen to him.**

The Mitten Drive

Donations of new or gently-used hats,
 scarves, gloves and mittens for adults
 and children at Family Shelters will be
 collected after weekend Masses
 through January 19.



Your generosity is always appreciated.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

~ New Members enrolled for January 2020 ~

Sr. Jacinta Sukhraj, O. Carm.

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.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

The Catholic War Veterans will conduct
 their Annual "**Troop Drive**" collection on
 Saturday & Sunday February 1 & 2, 2020.
 Please see the flyer on the Church tables
 for more information.

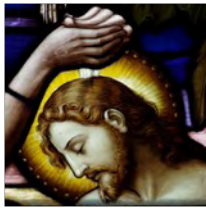
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please visit AMReligionClass.Weebly.com
 for information regarding **Religious
 Education School closing for inclement
 weather**, and other useful information about
 our Religious Education program.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord.



Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

~ thecatholicsteward.com

MINI BRUNCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sister Ave Clark will host a special women's retreat on Saturday, February 15 at 9:30 until noon at American Martyrs Sullivan Center. Please call Sr. Ave Clark to register: 718-428-2471.



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: \$110,622.
Amount Received: \$109,362.
Donors: 223

You can make your gift online at:

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 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

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life Rally began in Washington, D.C. as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful demonstration marks the somber anniversary in 1973 of Roe v. Wade and is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time - legalized abortion on demand. The 47th March for Life rally will be held on **January 24, 2020**. American Martyrs parish and friends are planning to attend this rally. Plans are being made to rent a bus to take us to and from Washington. Please email **KofCAM14666@gmail.com** if you are interested in attending with us. Visit our webpage for more info at **<https://kofcam.weebly.com/>**. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a parish to take a stand against abortion.

A WARM WELCOME!

We welcome all of you, those who celebrate with us daily and weekly, and those who have been away for a while.

If you are new to our Parish, please feel free to introduce yourself to the Pastor, Fr. Frank, or to one of the priests, or Deacon Stan after Mass today.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Paul O'Donnell

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: \$1,016,687.

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.

Sincere Thanks to Our Parishioners!

On behalf of the Clergy and staff of American Martyrs Parish, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts that you have sent us. Please be assured of our continuing prayers, and our wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.



~ Fr. Frank

WINE DINE AND DANCE

The AM Columbiette's will host A Wine, Dine, & Dance Event on **February 8th, 2020 @7:00 PM** in the Sullivan Center. We kindly ask for your support and the pleasure of your company as we hope to make this a memorable evening with friends, family, & all parishioners. **Please see the flier for detailed information or email us at Lissietu@aol.com** if you have any questions. Ticket Price: \$45.00 pp BYOB. This is an adult event.



AMERICANMARTYRS 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!

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.**



The Lord will bless His people with peace.

