

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

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

**SAT. - June 13**

- Misa Pro Populo

**SUN. - June 14—CORPUS CHRISTI**

- Vincent Calace — Victoria
- Charles Kavalaiuskas — Family
- Theodoros Markou — Asche Family
- Irmgard Hippeli — AM Parish

**Monday — June 15**

- Irmgard Hippeli — AM Rosary Society

**Tues. - June 16**

- Eleanor Calace — Victoria

**Wed. - June 17**

- Joseph, Marie & Marie de Angelis — Family
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**Thurs - June 18**

- Thomas Hatch — Family

**Fri. - June 19 — Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- ????? Parishioners of American Martyrs

**Sat. - June 20—Immaculate Heart of Mary**

- Helena & Francisco Rodriguez—Ballesteros  
Family
- Luis Parrales (Living) — Sarah
- John Mancuso - Helen, Rob & Family
- Frank Smaldino — Mary Ann & Gregg

**SUN. June 14—Father's Day**

- Father's Day Novena
- Jack Bills — Ann Marie Bills
- Theodoros Markou — AM Rel. Ed.
- Anne Chimenti — AM Choir
- Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered for:*

*~ John Stewart ~*

*Requested the Asche Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered for:*

*~ Calace Family ~*

*Requested by Victoria*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Sunday - June 14**

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

**Monday - June 15**

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

**TUESDAY - June 16**

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

**WED. - June 17**

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

**THURS. - June 18**

- NO Leisure Club

**SUNDAY- June 21**

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

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

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

**AMPARISH.ORG**



Masses will be live-streamed daily. Go to: [Amparish.org](http://Amparish.org) to view Masses, and updates regarding confessions and the opening of our Parish and for daily prayers.

**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

**June 7, 2020**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church --\$2,436.

It appears that more parishioners are making their donations electronically. **THIS IS A VERY GOOD THING**, and I encourage more people to do so, especially during this time of pandemic. Thank you so much for your continued support of American Martyrs Church.

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:

**AMPARISH.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, Fr. Peter D.  
Gillen, 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.*



**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. We 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.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - REGISTRATION**

While parish buildings are closed, Religious Education registration for September are taking place online. Please visit:



**amreligionclass.weebly.com** to print an application. Please send the completed form back to the Rectory.

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.

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.**

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**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.



## **American Martyrs Journey The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**

Dear Faithful (and Not-so-Faithful) people of God ask yourselves the following questions this week as we slowly process into summer of 2020.

Does my life have a balance between work, play, prayer and relationships? Specifically, are God, prayer, family and friends core Gospel values? Work is very important, but a relationship with God (rooted in prayer), family and friends holds life together. Balancing all the responsibilities and areas of life is a lifelong quest.

The following story powerfully connects with our love of Christ in ways we may have never imagined. Enjoy .... and pass it on....

### **PARACHUTE**

Charles Plumb was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said, 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory—he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please or thank you, or congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize the people who pack your parachutes—and give thanks In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

~ Fr. Peter

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### **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

**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.

**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

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## **+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**John W. Peterkin  
Rev. August J. Iantosca  
Irmgard Hippeli**

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

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### **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.

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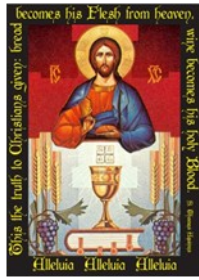
### **Congratulations to Fr. John Costello**

**Fr. Costello has been named Pastor of St. Luke's Church in Whitestone.**

**Fr. Costello celebrated our Sunday Masses here at American Martyrs. Please join us in sending him our prayers and good wishes in his new Pastorate.**

## **BULLETIN REFLECTION**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.



Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important. And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

~thecatholicsteward.com

**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.



## **BLOOD DONATIONS**

There is a critical need for blood donation during this time and our New York Blood Center representative Michelle McCaffrey, is willing to schedule an appointment for eligible and new donors who are feeling well and healthy. Please call Michelle directly at 516-478-5013 or at mmcaffrey@nybc.org.



## **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: \$77,470.**

**Amount Received: \$65,778.**

**Donors: 120**

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.

### **A message from Fr. Frank Schwarz and Fr. Pete Rayder**

**Please remember that although the Rectory Office is closed for the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic, Fr. Frank and Fr. Peter are living in the Rectory building. Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm and anointing of the sick may be celebrated in dire need (danger of death) we will always take proper precautions. Hospitals do have Catholic Chaplains on call. Please leave a message on the Rectory voice mail if you need a Priest and we will respond as soon as reasonably possible.**

### **2020 Mass Book Intentions**

**There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2020. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.**

Please contact the Rectory to request a special Mass offering for your loved one. Also, you may wish to offer the gifts of Bread and Wine or the Altar Candles for one week. **The offering is \$25.**