

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - June 6

- Ron & Marilyn Wolf — John O'Rourke

SUN. - June 7—The Most Holy Trinity

- K.J. Peter & CV Devasia—Alice & TD Sebastian
- Members of the Purgatorial Society
- Misa Pro Populo

Monday — June 8

- Charlie Costa — AM Catholic War Veterans

Tues. - June 9 — St. Ephrem

- Woody & Iris Rodriguez (Healing)- Nancy & Ray

Wed. - June 10

- Mary Woods — Fr. Peter
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - June 11—St. Barnabas

- Sadie & Henry Bartkowski — Family

Friday - June 12

- Katrina Schaefer Moore (Living) - Fr. Frank

Sat. - June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

- Sadie & Antonio Pagano — Family
- Msgr. John Tosi — AM Parish
- Irmgard Hippeli — Fr. Frank
- Misa Pro Populo

SUN. June 14— CORPUS CHRISTI

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

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered for:
~ A Special Intention ~
Requested by Maria

The Altar Candles are offered for:
~ Jean Storm ~
Requested by the Holle Family

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

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 7

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - June 8

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

TUESDAY - June 9

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

WED. - June 10

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - June 11

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- June 14

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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 to view Masses, and updates regarding confessions and the opening of our Parish 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

May 31, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church --\$2,855.
E-GIVING for Month of May — \$4,988.

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, Irde 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
Mastrorocco, 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.



Glory and praise for ever!

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.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you are all well. It does not appear that I will be seeing many of you again before I leave for my next assignment as Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy. Perhaps, when we are able to assemble again publicly, Fr. Peter will allow me to come back and celebrate a liturgy so that I can say goodbye in person. In the meantime, I wish you all the best and God's blessing.

Without a doubt, the Covid-19 pandemic has changed how most of us go about our daily routines. Many people's lives have been upended, some have succumbed to the virus, and there is uncertainty about the future. One thing that has not changed, however, is God's love for us. That is a constant that we can always count on.

As we celebrate that great mystery of our faith, the Blessed Trinity, we are reminded that not only does God love us more than we can imagine, but that Love is of the very nature of God Himself. The love between the the Father and Son Is poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

This gift of God's love is meant to be shared, and that is, indeed, the challenge for us. In a world which is often torn apart by war and violence and hatred and mistrust, we are called to bring God's love. It is a challenge for us because, very often, the people we are called to love are not the most "lovable". People can make it difficult for us. At times like this, we must rely on God's grace to help us do the right thing, even if the right thing does not always "feel good". The kind of love that is called for is not about feelings. It is, ultimately, about willing what is good for the other, even if the "other" is unwilling to reciprocate.

I will not pretend to have been a perfect practitioner of this kind of love. Many times I have failed, either through negligence or unwillingness. It is at times like this that I recognize just how much I rely on God's Mercy. That gives me the courage to continue my quest to be the person I know God wants me to be, the person I was created to be.

As I move on to the next chapter in my life, I hope that you will all continue to love one another, and recognize the great gift that has been given to each of us by God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is this Love that keeps us united, and which ultimately is our true Peace.

In Love,
Fr. Frank

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.**

***** 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 -- 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

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

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

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.

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

~ New Members Enrolled for June ~

Peg & Bud Fortune

Donna Fortune

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.

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the Holy Trinity is the “central mystery of the Christian faith” (261).



The concept of the Triune God— Three Persons in one God — is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity is a “Divine Family,” a community of persons who give themselves completely to each other and who wishes to share itself, its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too, are called to share ourselves and our lives with others.

Our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life.” He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving our-selves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the “grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.” The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

~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



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: \$74,250.

Amount Received: \$61,755.

Donors: 116

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.

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.

