

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 16, 2019

5:00 pm: Joseph DellaPina--Mildred & Mario DellaPina

SUNDAY - March 17, 2019

8:30 am: Kearney & Shanahan Families -- Family

10:30 am:

1. Josephine & Joseph Galani --Marianne & John Pinto
2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie Bills
3. Florentino Apostadero, Sr. --- Jovie Chorzepa

12:30 pm: **Misa Pro Populo**

Monday - March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am: Franco & Browning Families - Arlene McClendon

Tues.- March 19- St. Joseph

8:30 am: Christina Arnone (Healing)- Joanne Swansson

Wed. - March 20

8:30am: Anthony Carrozza -- Valerie & Steve
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help.

Thurs. - March 21

8:30 am: Richard Goggin -- Anita & Pat Katz

Fri. - March 22

8:30 am: Lucito & Amaryllis Jao, 50th Anniversary
7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- CH
7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- CH

Saturday - March 23 -St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 am: 1. Rev. Thomas Kehoe -- Fr. Frank
2. Nancy Mancini --- Fr. Frank
3. Marie de Angelis --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: **Misa Pro Populo**

Sunday - March 24

8:30 am: Joseph Nalbhone -- Rosemary Nalbhone

10:30 am:

1. Joseph, Marie, & Marie de Angelis --- Family
2. Rose & Dominick Servillo -- Annie & Mary Servillo
3. Kathleen Knolhoff --- Family

12:30 pm: Galina Liszewski --- Gino & Diana

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for :
~ Fernella Smith ~
Requested by Blanca

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - March 17

- Rel. Ed. -S

MONDAY - March 18

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

TUESDAY - March 19

- RCIA - 7:30 - MC
- BINGO -7:30 pm - SC

Total prizes: \$3,00 - Early Bird- 7:15 pm

***** HANDICAP ACCESS *****

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

BINGO			
15	28	37	51 73
6	17	32	45 61
9	15	★	60 70
12	26	44	52 66
7	22	34	48 72

WED. - March 20

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

THURS. - March 21

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC

SAT - March 23

- 1st Penance -- 11 am -- CH
- Columbiettes' Soup Supper -6 pm- SC

SUNDAY - March 24

- Religious Ed. --S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 30 - CWV-9 am-SC after 8:30 Mass
- Sun. March 31- Blood Drive - 9:15 - 1:45 pm-SC
- Sun. April 7 - Rosary Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Sat. April 13-Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-10 am
- Sat. April 13 - Greenway-Cleanway - 9 am
- Mon. April 15 - Reconciliation - 3 to 8 pm --CH
- Wed. April 24 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 28 - CWV - GARAGE SALE - SC
- Sun. May 5 - Communion Breakfast - SC
- Mon. May 13-Rosary-Day of Recollection-11 am
- Mon. June 3 - Golf Outing- North Shore Towers
- Fri/Sat. June 7 & 8- Broadway Revue - SC



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - March 10, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,750.
Black and Indian Home Missions - \$794.

This Weekend - March 17, 2019

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 24, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
The Tablet - to keep current of Church issues.

*******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 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:

Jackie Arriaga, Jack Agler, Alex Aponte, Janet Altieri, Joel Arapiles, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Alice Cersosimo, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Jessie Carlone, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Janette Gadell, Anne Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastorocco, Joseph Mazzola, Susan McConnell, Peter Mesologites, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Steven Roach, Patrice Rohde, Kinsey Saleh, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George & Gussie Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Rosemary Tricarico, Julio Villagran, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Jim Walsh, Carolann Wilk, 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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, March 23, at 6:00 pm in the Sullivan Center. Freewill donation will be collected to benefit Father Dominic's Goat farm in Ghana, Africa. Hosted by the American Martyrs Columbiettes

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU**THE PASSION PLAY**

Visits to: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Rebenburg, 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

2019 Mass Book Intentions

You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. You can pick up a Mass Intention sheet at the doors of the Church, come to the Rectory or call 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.

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention.

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Are you an adult Catholic -- 18 years or older --- or know any Catholic who has been baptized and received First Communion but has never received Confirmation? If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Pentecost Sunday, please contact Deacon Stan at the Rectory. 718-464-4582. There will be a preparation program every other Sunday beginning February 24 after the 10:30 am Mass in the Murray Center.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 24, 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. All are welcome!



Pray to know your purpose and pray for the grace to carry it out.

Prayer ~ Fasting ~ Almsgiving

REFLECTION



In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed. ~thecatholicsteward.com

UNPLANNED exclusive movie premiere - Thursday, March 28th at 7 pm



Please join us for a very important night at the movies reserved exclusively for the showing of *Unplanned* (www.unplannedfilm.com). The movie tells the true story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who, after being involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions, has become one of the most active pro-life speakers in our country. Net proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Bridge to Life and our big "pie in the sky" goal somewhere down the road is to raise enough money over the course of time to hopefully donate an ultrasound machine to a pregnancy center in need. Tickets are limited so please send your completed ticket order form and payment to the rectory as soon as possible. Silent no more - let our voices be heard by attending this film and spreading the word. Co-sponsored by the Columbians and the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus

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: \$25,571.
Amount Received: \$24,446.
Donors: 22

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

American Martyrs Church

Ed Malench Memorial Blood Drive

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



Sunday, March 31, 2019
9:15am ~ 1:45pm ~ Sullivan Center

**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

To make an appointment, please call Ed Pearce
718-464-2061

**Long Island hospitals and their patients need
over 800 pints of blood every day.**

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

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for Tea, **Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2 pm** in the Sullivan Center. Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, and Granddaughters are included. Tea sandwiches, scones, and dessert, along with a selection of teas will be served. Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest and most creative. Tickets are \$15, and will be sold after all Masses, March 23 & 24 and March 30 & 31. Please call Carol at 718-631-0896 or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Most Reverend Rene A. Valero

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:
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 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 *****

St. John's - Free Speech and Hearing screenings --
Call for an appointment -- 718-990-6480- Feb - May 6.

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.

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign

Amount Pledged: \$1,242,955.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$928,382.

**Amount returned to American
Martyrs: \$518,793.**



Number of Parishioners participating: 314

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.

Save the Date -

American Martyrs 7th Golf Outing,
Monday June 3rd, North Shore Towers Golf Course. More details to follow.

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!

THE TOOLS OF LENT ~ Deliver Us From Evil ~

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

May the power of God preserve us, may the hand of God protect us, may the way of God direct us, may the shield of God defend us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. ~ St. Patrick

What temptations most worry me today?

NOISES OFF!

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall in Middle Village presents the hilarious Broadway comedy "Noises Off!". Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$18.00 for seniors and children 11 and under. "Noises Off!" will be performed on Saturday 23rd at 8:00pm; Friday, March 29th at 8:00pm; and Sundays March 17th, 24th, and 31st at 2:30pm. For more information and to reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

SACRED ART AND MUSIC.

All are invited to an extraordinary night of Sacred Art and Music on Thursday, **April 4th** at 7:30 PM in **Saint Gregory the Great Church**, Bellerose. Sponsored by Queens Deanery #5, we will welcome Dr. Francis Greene, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, and the combined choirs of Queens Deanery #5. Together they will offer famous works of art and sacred music highlighting the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Invite family and friends, neighbors and guests to this truly uplifting and spiritual experience.