

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 17, 2018

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- March 18, 2018

8:30 am: Louie Periera --- Cuevas Family

10:30 am:

1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie
2. Capuano Family --- Millie SanSeverino
3. Marie de Angelis -- Barbara & John Goydas

12:30 pm: Giuseppe & Carmela -- Anthony & Maria LaSala

Mon. - March 19 -St. Joseph

8:30 am: Antoinette Pepe --- Patricia Snell

Tues. - March 20

8:30 am: Michelina Sarna -- AM Rosary Society

Wed. - March 21

8:30am: San Antonio & Family -- Misuzu Kato
 After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thurs. - March 22

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis - - AM Columbiettes

Fri. - March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 am: Matthew Reyes --- Mom & Dad
 7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- (Church)
 7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- (Church)

Sat. - March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans
 5:00 pm: Joseph Dellapina --- Mildred

Sun. - March 25 - Palm Sunday

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Charles Schaefer - Barbara & Jack Goydas
 2. Joseph Frank Nalbone --- Rosemary Nalbone
 3. Frank La Galia --- DeBenedictis Family

12:30 pm: Nina & James Moffa --- Children

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:
 ~ In Loving Memory of ~*

The Deceased Members of American Martyrs

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 18

- Religious Education
- CWV "Easter Bunny" tickets on sale at Masses
- Rosary "Tea" tickets on Sale at all Masses
- Palm Crosses will be on sale at all Masses

MONDAY- March 19

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

TUESDAY - March 20

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

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 pm.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY - March 21

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

THURSDAY - March 22

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

SATURDAY - March 24

- CWV Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - 10 am-SC
- Palm Crosses will be on sale at all Masses

SUNDAY-March 25

- Religious Education - SC
- Rosary "Tea" tickets on Sale at all Masses
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Mar. 24 - CWV Easter Bunny Bkfst - 10 am-SC
- Mon. March 26- Reconciliation (Church) 3 - 9 pm
- Sun. April 15 - "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. April 29 -- Blood Drive --- SC
- Mon. May 14- Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am- SC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6 - AM Golf Outing - N. Shore Towers



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - March 11, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,134.

This Weekend - March 18, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Easter Flowers.

Next Weekend - March 25, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Easter Offering to 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. 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:

Paula Abel, Jackie Arriaga, Alex Aponte, Marge Aquino, Josephine Attard, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Norma Bruce, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Tom Dana, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joe Kinney, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, 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.



Reconciliation Monday- March 26, 3 to 9 pm

On the **Monday of Holy Week, March 26, Reconciliation** will be offered throughout the **Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center.** Confessions will be heard here at **American Martyrs from 3 pm to 9 pm.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing. Members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be held on

Saturday, March 24 from

10 am to 12 noon. There will

be breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt and many photo opps with the Easter Bunny. Every child gets Easter goodies to take home.



Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$5. Tickets will be sold this weekend and next weekend before and after all Masses. **Sorry, NO tickets will be sold at the door, so that we can plan properly for the event.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26: Confessions: 3 pm to 9 pm-Church

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper -- Church

Good Friday, March 30

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion -- Church

7:15 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross -- Church

Holy Saturday, March 31

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm Easter Vigil -- Church

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm -- Church

The Paschal Triduum, Latin for "three days," commemorates the essential features of our redemption: **Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.**

Christian life makes sense only when each of these moments is linked to the other two.

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

Please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:
SPC Ruby Russo - US Army
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
SN 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 *****

Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home, Bayside, Served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are looking for Volunteers to interact with Residents and staff. Anytime between 9AM and 7PM. For further information please call Gail D. O'Donovan / Sr. Charlotte Michael / Kathleen Baratta in the Development Office at 718-971-2020 / 2021 / 2022.

St. John's University Speech & Hearing - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 718-990-6480

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.

St. Vincent de Paul: 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.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ Answer The Call ~



We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

Annual Appeal Goal for 2018:	\$59,000.
Amount Pledged:	\$26,610.
Amount Received:	\$22,310.
Donors:	17

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. You may be able to double your gift by contacting your company's Personnel/Human Resource office.

For more information about Matching Gift Opportunities, call the ACA office at:
718-965-7375, ext. 1602.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone. Your donation is tax deductible.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: **CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.**

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

CATHOLIC MEDLEY

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, March 19** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, April 2 and April 16.



SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, JUNE 6, 2018 - American Martyrs Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers

Saturday, SEPT. 29, 2018- American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.

(More information on both events to follow)

REFLECTION

Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: "He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." There is a connection between these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.



The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). That should be a key part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not done so already.

Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy."

~ thecatholicsteward.com

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18, 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. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!



EASTER GIFT

Please consider making an Easter Gift to American Martyrs Church.

Envelopes have been placed at the doors and front pews of the Church for your convenience.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$770,853.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.

Number of Parishioners participating: 311

We are working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. *Please be patient as this long overdue work progresses!*



For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It is due to your generosity that this work can be done.

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

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.

2018 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. Please 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. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.

CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 22

VENDORS WANTED!

Come join us for our 14th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.



Free Admission. Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available. If you would like to rent a table, (\$40) please call Frank Pagano @ 718-217-2326 for contract information.

Help our Troops by helping our Vets.