

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - May 9

- Anna Smaldino ---Mary Ann & Gregg

SUNDAY- May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Misa Pro Populo
- Elizabeth Ruggieri --- Family
- Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- Alevamma Devasia --- T. D. Sebastian
- Mother's Day Novena

Monday - May 11

- Mother's Day Novena

Tues. - May 12 - Sts. Pancras, Nereus & Achilleus

- Mother's Day Novena

Wed. - May 13 -Our Lady of Fatima

- Mother's Day Novena
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - May 14 - St. Matthias

- Mother's Day Novena

Friday - May 15 - St. Isidore

- Mother's Day Novena

Sat. - May 16

- Mother's Day Novena
- Misa Pro Populo

May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Mother's Day Novena
- Marion DiFiglia -- Rose Ann & Stuart
- Jack Bills --- Ann Marie Bills
- Aldo Cavazzoni & Frank Servillo - Annie & Mary

The Bread & Wine are offered for:

~ Dennis J. Asche ~

Requested by the Family

The Altar Candles are offered for:

~A Special Intention ~

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 - May 10 - Happy Mother's Day!

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**



Monday - May 11

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

TUESDAY - May 12

- NO BINGO
- We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.



WED. - May 13

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - May 14

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- May 17 -

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

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

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.



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 CollectionsMay 3, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$1,920.

On line E-Giving for April --- \$5,425.

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:

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, Iride Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, 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.

MONTH OF MARY

May is the month of Mary. We are encouraged to pray the rosary always, but especially during the month of May. Our Blessed Mother Mary is a powerful advocate on our behalf. True devotion to Mary will **ALWAYS** lead us to Jesus.

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. This includes the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. I 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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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 way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through Me.**

MOTHER'S DAY MASS NOVENA

A Novena for **Mother's Day** begins **Sunday, May 10**. This is a beautiful way of remembering our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Mothers-in-law, Step-Mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Please return the envelope that you received in the mail to the Rectory Office.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Carol Galanaugh
Charles Costa ~ Peter Costa
David Zack ~ Frank Canova

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: \$1,035,288.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you are already aware, Fr. Peter Rayder has been officially named the new pastor of American Martyrs Parish. He will begin his term on July 1, 2020. I am very happy about this appointment, not because I am leaving, but because I know that with Fr. Rayder at the helm American Martyrs will be in good hands. I have known Fr. Rayder since 1996 when we were both in the seminary. He is a very down to earth and capable man who will be a great Pastor. I could not have picked a better replacement. I am certain that you will all show him the same support and concern as you have shown me during my 12-plus years here at American Martyrs.

You will be equally aware that I have been named the new Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Forest Hills. Although leaving American Martyrs will be difficult for me, I am gratified by the many things that we have accomplished together during my tenure as pastor. I am most grateful for the love and friendship which so many of you have shown me, especially during the difficult times we have had to endure. I will remember this first pastorate fondly and cherish our time together.

I will say that I am pleased with my new assignment, and look forward to serving the parish of Our Lady of Mercy as Pastor. All transitions are to some extent difficult, but are also opportunities to grow and expand our horizons. I pray that I will have as many good relationships at Our Lady of Mercy as I have at American Martyrs.

Leaving during a time of pandemic is obviously not how I would have chosen to go, but I trust that we will see one another again before my departure. In the meantime, we are now streaming the Masses here at American Martyrs chapel. While it is certainly no substitute for a live celebration of the Liturgy, it is the best we can do for now, and we look forward to the day when we will all be united around the table of the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Be well and take care of yourselves and each other, and thank you all for everything you do for American Martyrs.

~ Fr. Frank

BULLETIN REFLECTION



The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. **Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families, our domestic churches.**

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. **“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?”** This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making of our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and our generous hospitality to all.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!
~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.



HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Bless you for the things you are, and all the things you do,
Bless you for your thoughtfulness and understanding too,
Bless you for your loving heart and on this Day of Mothers,
God fill it with the kind of joy you’re always giving others.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Moms!
You are in our prayers with much gratitude and love, as are all our deceased Mothers on this very special day!

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: \$56,125.

Amount Received: \$47,178.

Donors: 80

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 and anointing of the sick may be celebrated in dire need (danger of death) in such cases, 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.

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.