

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - May 30

- Josephine Ruzalski — Bobby Ruzalski

SUN. - May 31— PENTECOST SUNDAY

- Misa Pro Populo
- Clara Nartey —American Martyrs Ushers
- Theodoros Markou — Jovie Chorzepa
- Joseph Ossanna —American Martyrs Ushers
- Sabato Pagnozzi — Zupicich Family

Mon, June 1—Blessed Mary Mother of the Church

- Special Intention - Jovie

Tues. - June 2—Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

- Patrick J. Kearney — Family

Wed. - June 3—St. Charles Lwanga

- George John Svitlik — Barbara Svitlik
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - June 4

- Carolyn & Donald Spiller — Barbara Svitlik

Friday - June 5—St. Boniface

- Irene Robalino — Cecilia & Family

Sat. - June 6—St. Norbert

- Charlie Costa — The Fortune Family
- Joseph Doherty — The Fortune Family
- Charlie Costa — Fr. Frank
- Ron & Marilyn Wolf — John O'Rourke

SUN. June 7

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

*The Bread & Wine are offered for:
~ American Martyrs Parishioners ~*

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 31—Pentecost

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - June 1

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

TUESDAY - June 2

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

WED. - June 3

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - June 4

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY— June 7

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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 24, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$2,061.

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.

**Lord, send out your Spirit,
And renew the face of the earth.**

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 Easter People of God,

It is hard to believe May hours away from being gone! How quickly the year is moving. How fast time seems to fly—especially the older one becomes. As we continue the 7th Sunday of the Easter Season, the joy of the Resurrection promises new life so abundant we call it Eternal Life. However, it is very important to take each day as a gift from God and live life to the fullest by serving our sisters and brothers. I have always been known as a list maker. Since childhood, I have kept a list of all the ski areas I've skied and golf courses I've golfed. I keep a list of baseball cards from various years. I list all the Christmas gifts I need to purchase. The other day I discovered a list truly worth keeping
so I am sharing it with you today.

- The greatest problem to overcome: fear.**
- The most powerful force: love**
- The greatest asset: faith.**
- The most worthless emotion: self-pity.**
- The most prized possession: integrity.**
- The biggest barrier to success: excuses.**
- The most satisfying work: helping others.**
- The ugliest personality trait: selfishness.**
- The deadliest weapon: an uncontrolled tongue.**
- The greatest gift: encouragement.**
- The greatest joy: giving.**
- The most contagious spirit: enthusiasm.**
- The one thing we can't live without: hope.**

And I would like to add the gift of life from God is to be rooted in prayer, serving, forgiving, sharing (especially the poor) and humor! And Max Lucado in his book, Just Like Jesus, points to the gift of touch. Oh, the power of a godly touch. Haven't you known it? The doctor who treated you, or the teacher who dried your tears? Was there a hand holding yours at a funeral? Another on your shoulder during a trial? A handshake of welcome at a new job? ...

Can't we offer the same?

Many of you already do. Some of you have the master touch of the Physician himself. You use your hands to pray over the sick and minister to the weak. If you aren't touching them personally, your hands are writing letters, dialing phones, baking pies. You have learned the power of touch. But others of us tend to forget. Our hearts are good; it's just that our memories are bad. We forgot how significant one touch can be . . . Aren't we glad Jesus didn't make the same mistake? We take so much for granted or our memories may forget the wonderful past events and focus only on the dark moments or regrets of our lives. Each of us could create our own lists worth keeping relating to living life to the fullest. At the end of the day, we need to ask the question - "How much did I love and forgive this day?" then shut off the night lamp and know when you go to bed turn all your worries over to God, because God will be up all night anyway!

Enjoying Spring, but ready for summer,...
Pinch-Hitting for Fr. Frank... ..Fr. Peter

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 +

Rev. Msgr. John C. Tosi

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.

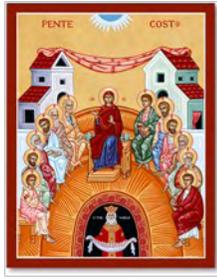
For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.



BULLETIN REFLECTION

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us.



Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recalls the dramatic moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles. “Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Notice how personal and individual is this outpouring of the Spirit. This personalized way of “gifting” the apostles allowed them each to reach different people, sharing with them the “mighty acts of God.” Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish the particular mission entrusted to us. Jesus gives us this mission in our Gospel passage from John. **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But we must not let this responsibility overwhelm us. Jesus Himself, tells us so —**
“Peace be with you.”

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide 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: \$73,310.

Amount Received: \$60,880.

Donors: 112

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.

