

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - May 2

- Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Patricia Whitmarsh --- Family
- Members of the Purgatorial Society
- Joseph Ossanna - AM 12:30 pm Ushers

Monday - May 4

- George Maple --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - May 5

- Vincent Joyce --- Fr. Frank

Wed. - May 6

- William Drourr --- Fr. Frank
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - May 7

- Thomas Gonzalez (Living) --- Family

Friday - May 8

- Angie Giamarino - Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Sat. - May 9

- Gizella Fitzsimmons --- Family
- Syliah Volmar --- Family
- Dennis J. Asche --- Family
- Anna Smaldino --- Mary Ann & Gregg

May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

*The Bread & Wine are offered for:*

*~ Anthony DiCicco ~*

*Requested by the Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered for:*

*~A Special Intention ~*

*Requested by M. B.*

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,  
have mercy on us*

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 3, 2020 ---

- NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED

Monday - May 4

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

TUESDAY - May 5

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

WED. - May 6 - National Nurses Day

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - May 7

- NO Leisure Club

*Mother's Day*

SUNDAY- May 10 - Mother's Day!

- NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED

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



+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

**Joseph T. Sosna Rev. Ed Brophy**  
**Rev. Adnel Burgos Arunas Miciulis**  
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](http://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 faithful people of American Martyrs,

To quote the song, "Truckin" from the band, The Grateful Dead: *"Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me, Other times, I can barely see, Lately it occurs to me ~ What a long, strange trip it's been."*

These last two months certainly have been a long, strange trip for me. I want to thank you all for your prayers and cards during my recovery.

On Thursday, February 27, 2020 (seems like 800 days ago) I had my pacemaker replaced at St. Francis Hospital. The procedure went well and I was back home at American Martyrs ten hours later. That Sunday, March 1, (888 days ago) after celebrating Mass, I found myself having difficulty walking up one flight of stairs. I figured that my new pacemaker probably needed a little tweaking. The next day, at my doctor's suggestion I went to the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital.

Fortunately, after a few tests the doctors determined that my pacemaker was fine. After what seemed like 200 more tests, along with a cardio angiogram my Doctor told me I would need Bypass surgery. He assured me that while they were in there, they would fix everything else that needed fixing. I was scheduled for Triple Bypass on Friday, March 6th (about 950 days ago).

While it was hard for me to pray that Thursday night and Friday morning before my surgery, I was overcome with a sense of peace knowing that I had hundreds of people praying for me at that time. I was then, and continue now to be humbled by your prayers and get well wishes.

While the Coronavirus has held New York City and the entire United States in lockdown, I was also in my own self-imposed lockdown. I was recovering alone in my sister's home in Rockaway Beach (Marylou and her husband were in Florida). It was a blessing to have a place to stay with no stairs to climb when I returned from the hospital. The recovery has been slow and the weather has not been one bit cooperative. The rain and dampness have played havoc with my recovery and healing. I cannot wait for the warm weather to make its way to New York.

The bottom line is that I am on the mend after my second open heart surgery in less than 9 years. I can honestly say it is no fun being a member of the infamous "Zipper Club". Trust me, I guarantee you I will be working hard to avoid the Hockey "Hat-Trick". I have returned to the rectory at American Martyrs to continue my recovery, knowing that it will still be somewhat of a roller coaster ride. But during this time please know that I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I am looking forward to the day when I will once again be able to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together with you.

Fr. Peter Rayder

## **BULLETIN REFLECTION**

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "**Good Shepherd.**" He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

**This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.**

~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.



## **PRAYER**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, call out to us when we are straying from the course you've set, lead us when we are lost. Even when we stand at the gates unwilling to enter, we pray that you will patiently wait for us to follow. ~Amen

**Give Blood! Save a Life!**



## **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: \$53,195.**

**Amount Received: \$43,439.**

**Donors: 735**

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.

## **TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

**WLNY ch. 10/55 at 7:00 a.m. &  
WRNN channel 48 at 8:00 a.m.**

## **NET TV**

**Fios by Verizon -- channel 48**

**Optimum -- channel 30**

**Spectrum -- channel 97**

**For LIVE Masses go to:**

**[Www.netny.tv/masses](http://www.netny.tv/masses)**

## **The Census is easy and safe**

**Fill out now at: [MY2020census.gov](http://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.**



