

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SAT. - Nov. 23**

5:00 pm: Barbara Hageny --John O'Rourke

**SUNDAY- November 24, 2019**

8:30 am: Donald Borst, Jr. --- E.O.

10:30 am:1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie

2. Angelo & Frank Chiauzzi --- Family

3. Brendan Cregan --- Nancy & Ray

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

**Mon. - Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:30 am: Carmela Carbone --- Daughter

7:30 pm: Interfaith Prayer Service

**Tues. - November 26**

8:30 am: Salvatore, Francesca & Antonia Falanga ---Family

**Wed. - November 27**

8:30am: David A. Zack (Living) --- Family

After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

7:30 pm: THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS - CH

**Thurs. - Nov. 28 - THANKSGIVING Day**

8:30 am: IN THANKSGIVING --- Fr. Frank

**Friday - November 29**

8:30 am: Jack & Laurento Antolini --- Family

**Sat. - Nov. 30 - St. Andrew**

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

**Sunday -- DECEMBER 1 - ADVENT**

8:30 am: Theodore & Edna Stumpf -- E.O.

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Anthony Zafferese --- Family

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered :  
~ In Thanksgiving ~*

*The Altar Candles are offered :  
~ In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered ~*

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Please join us on Sunday, Dec. 1 and the first Sunday of every month at 10 am to pray the Rosary.



**December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent -**  
The word Advent means "coming". Jesus is coming. We use the days of Advent to prepare our heart, homes and families for Christmas Day, the coming of Jesus.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Sunday - Nov. 24**

- Religious Education - 8:45 am -S

**Monday - Nov. 25**

- Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH
- NO AA meeting

**TUESDAY - November 26**

- 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.

**WED. - November 27**

- Rectory closes at 12 noon
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

**THURS.- Nov 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

- Rectory Closed



**Friday - Nov. 29**

- Rectory Closed

**SATURDAY - Nov. 30**

- CWV mtg. 9 am -SC after 8:30 am Mass

**SUNDAY - December 1**

- NO Rel. Ed.
- Recitation of the Rosary - 10 am --CH

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS**

- Mon. Dec. 2 - Catholic Medley - 7:30 pm -MC
- Thurs. Dec. 5 - Crafty People - 7:30 pm -SC
- S/S Dec. 7/8 - CHRISTMAS FAIR - SC
- Mon. Dec 9 - Immaculate Conception - Mass will be celebrated in Church- 8:30 am & 7:30 pm.
- Sat. Dec. 14- Breakfast with Santa - 10 am - SC
- Mon. Dec. 16 - Reconciliation 4 pm - 8 pm --CH
- Tues. Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Party -- SC

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



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - Nov. 17, 2019

Weekly for the Support of my Church -- \$7,064.  
Elevator Maintenance -- \$1,121.

This Weekend - November 24, 2019

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
2. Diocesan Campaign for Human Development.  
\*\*Thurs. Nov. 28 -- Thanksgiving Offering

Next Weekend - December 1, 2019

1. Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
2. Christmas Flower Offering

\*\*\*\*\*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:

[Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://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:

## ~ REFRESHING OUR PRAYER LIST ~

Since our "Pray For Our Sick" list has not been updated for quite some time, we are going to start fresh, in the hope that those on this list have already benefitted from all our many prayers. Please notify us of anyone who is currently in need of our prayers. It is important for us, as a community, to join in prayer for those who are ill as well as those who serve our Country. Thank you for your assistance.

Michael Arriaga, Roberto Barrientos, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Frank Carroll, Chang family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrocco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Danny Montchal, Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Genevieve Zenka.

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  
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.

*Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.*

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU**THE PASSION PLAY**

Visits to: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Regensburg,  
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](mailto:Kaitlin@petersway.com).

Information is available at the Rectory Office

VENDORS WANTED!!!

**American Martyrs Christmas Fair**  
Dec. 7 & 8.



E-mail: [Christmas.fair@yahoo.com](mailto:Christmas.fair@yahoo.com)

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be on Sat/Sun  
Dec. 7/8 in the Sullivan Center. Volunteers needed  
for kitchen and general help. Please call Theresa:  
718-464-6411.

Our Christmas Fair 50/50 Raffle tickets are being  
sold after all Masses.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David  
that is to come!

**Thanksgiving****INTERFAITH GATHERING**

Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center  
and

American Martyrs Church

Rabbi David Wise ~ Rev. Frank L. Schwarz  
Cantor Sol Zim

Mr. Patrick White, Director of Music  
**THE AMC CHOIRS ~ THE HBJC CHOIRS**

**MONDAY, NOV. 25, 2019 ~ 7:30 PM**

At: **American Martyrs Church**  
**216-01 Union Turnpike**  
**Bayside, NY 11364**

Tell your friends and join us and our Bayside  
neighbors as we come together in peace and



## REFLECTION

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And it is an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.



In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. **“All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.”** It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. “if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: **my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of Kings.**  
~ thecatholicsteward.com

## 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:** \$106,937.  
**Amount Received:** \$104,172.  
**Donors:** 212

You can make your gift online at:

[AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://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](http://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

### Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil -

Please consider attending the Helpers of God's Precious Infants ([helpersbrooklynny.org](http://helpersbrooklynny.org))



Prayer is our greatest tool as Catholics as we do our part to protect and advocate for the unborn.

### Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? **There is always hope.** The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at: 866-575-0075 or reach them by email at: [Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:Hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

### Special Needs Parents Group

We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting.

We will be meeting on: Thursday January 16, Tuesday, February 4 - Thursday, March 19 Thursday April 2 Tuesday May 12, Tuesday June 2 At 10:00 AM in the Religious Education Office located in the school building at 216-01 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307. [shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com](mailto:shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com)



## Christmas Fair

### American Martyrs Church

Bell Blvd & Union Tpke  
Bayside, NY



December 7, 2019  
Saturday 10 am – 3 pm



December 8, 2019  
Sunday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Featuring a variety of vendors with high quality gifts and jewelry

Raffles Pictures with Santa White Elephant Table



**+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**Bernice Leins Irene Abinanti**

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.

**CRAFTY PEOPLE**

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **Thursday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** You will need an embroidery hoop in your desired size (10 to 14 inches would probably be best), holiday fabric (enough to completely cover the hoop), coordinating ribbon (about a yard, wide enough to cover the joint of the embroidery hoop), holiday embellishments to coordinate with your fabric and ribbon, and your glue gun and scissors. As always, if you are interested in becoming a Crafty Person, please email Annie at [amcraftypeople@ymail.com](mailto:amcraftypeople@ymail.com).



**GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign**

**Amount Pledged: \$1,227,929.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$1,013,393.**

**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.

**Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**New Year's Eve party December 31 - SC**

Full dinner, professional DJ and bring your dancing shoes. Tickets will be sold in November.



**CATHOLIC MEDLEY**

**Please join us on Mon. Dec. 2 for Catholic Medley. During this series of talks we will be discussing Mary, the Mother of God.**

**Successive dates for this series will be Mondays: January 13, & 27.**

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER**

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



**"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST**

Please encourage the young people in your life to share their talents and remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas by having them enter the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. Open to children ages 5 through 14, first (\$25 gift card) and second (\$15 gift card) place prizes will be awarded in three age groups. All entries must be submitted by Sunday, December 8th. Please visit <https://kofcam.weebly.com/> if your child has not already received an entry form with the rules or for further information.



**CHRISTMAS WREATHS -- AMAA**

The American Martyrs Athletic Association will be **selling their fully decorated, fresh wreaths at the annual Christmas fair.** Accepting donations of decorations, including gently used ornaments, hooks, and ribbon, which can be dropped off at the rectory.  
All proceeds to support the church's youth sports club.

