

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 29

5:00 pm: Thomas Murolo -- Mildred & Mario

SUNDAY -- September 30

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Rosa Glass -- Aunt Joanne & Family
 2. Marianne Seufert --- Rosemarie Louras
 3. Susan Edquila --- Elena Cruz

12:30 pm: Jerry Amato --- Ronald & Diana Iorio

Mon. - October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 am: Ray & Irmgard Hippeli -- Lillian Santos

Tues. - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angelis

8:30 am: Stamm Family-- Marie de Angelis

Wed. - October 3

8:30am: Marie de Angelis -- Misuzu Kato
 After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of
 Perpetual Help.

Thurs. - October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am: Pascucci Family -- Marianne & John

Fri. - Oct. 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:30 am: Thaddeus Spevack -- Mary Ann & John

Sat.- Oct. 6 - St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

- 8:30 am: 1. Richard Giamarino -- Ballesteros Family
 2. Josephys Bastien --- Bastien Family
 3. Joseph Tricarico & Rosemarie Robinson -- Ro
 5:00 pm: Veronica & Vincent Carroll -- Daughters

Sunday- October 7 - Respect Life Sunday

- 8:30 am: Susan Corker (Living) - Boyle Family
 10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
 12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Healing -- John Chu ~
 Requested by his Family

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:
 ~ Rocco deRado ~
 Requested by his Wife & Children

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - September 30

- Rel. Ed. - 8:50 am - S
- Parish Baptisms - 2 pm

MONDAY- October 1

- Rosary Society meeting - 1 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - October 2

- 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.

WED. - October 3

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

THURSDAY - October 4

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm - MC
- Crafty People -- 7:30 pm -- SC

SATURDAY - October 6

- Defensive Driving - MC

SUNDAY - October 7

- NO Religious Ed.
- AMReligionClass.Weebly.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. Oct. 1 - Rosary Society mtg. - 1 pm - SC
- Thurs. Oct 4 - Crafty People - 7:30 pm - MC
- Sat. Oct. 6 - Defensive Driving - MC 9 am -3:30 pm
- Mon. Oct 8 -- Rectory Office Closed -Columbus Day
- Sun. Oct. 14 - AM Feast Day- bagel bkfst after
10:30 am Mass
- Sat. Oct 20 - CYO Mass-10:45 am -St Kevin
- Sun. Oct. 21 - Blood Drive - SC-after all Masses
- Sat. Oct. 27 - Halloween Party-6:30 pm -SC

National Suicide Prevention- 1-800-273-8255.
 Preventing Suicide ... everyone can help.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 23, 2018

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$\$6,439.

This Weekend - September 30, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - October 7, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of 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, Janet Altieri, Ana Lucia & Jairo, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Herman Hiris, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Michael Marino, Susan McConnell, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, 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.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

**Your word, O Lord, is truth;
Consecrate us in the truth.**



THE MAGNIFICAT DAY OF THANKSGIVING

The Jubilee Magnificat Day of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the **Kings Theatre in Brooklyn on Sat. Oct. 6.** Special guests include Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Most Rev. Robert Barron, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap, and others. The holy relics of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, and of her parents will be available for veneration to registered attendees only. Please go to: Magnificatday.com to register and for more information.

2019 Mass Book Intentions

The 2019 Mass Book is now open. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. You can pick up a Mass Intention sheet at the doors of the Church, 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.**

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention in May.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

HELP NEEDED

The Bridge to Life, Inc. (www.thebridgetolife.org) is seeking dedicated & ambitious applicant for PT AA position. Hours are Tues-Fri 11 am- 5 pm and Saturday 9 am -1 pm. Requirements: Exp. in office procedures; MS Office; database mgt.; social media campaigns; type 50 WPM; bilingual in Spanish a plus. 718-463-7810

THE GIFT OF EUCHARIST

When Jesus, through His compassion and love, gives us a grace, forgives us our sins, embraces us, and loves us, He does all this completely.

God of mystery and wonder, help me to realize all the ways you are feeding me each day!

HALLOWEEN PARTY - SAT. OCT. 27- 6:30 PM

Please join on for a night of music, games, haunted house, costume contest and refreshments. **You must RSVP by: Friday Oct. 19,** so that we may plan accordingly. Email: americanmartyrssports@gmail.com.

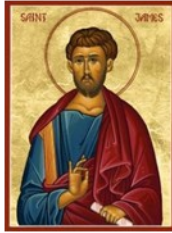
Children will not be admitted without an adult.

Please see the flyers in the back of the Church.



REFLECTION

Our Gospel passage and the Second Reading from the letter of St. James urge us to examine our lives for anything that is keeping us from loving God above all else. Jesus says, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."



St. James warns, "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you."

The urgency of our need to detach from all that is not God is clear. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts.

The spiritual discipline of tithing — or stewardship of treasure — can help us with this. Tithing leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach instead to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him.

Amazingly, we actually enjoy material gifts, and all other gifts, *more* as a result because we realize where they really came from and are using them as God intended. What wonderful freedom there is in living this way!

~thecatholicsteward.com

ROSARY SOCIETY

Welcome Back! Please join us on **Monday, October 1, at 1 pm in the SC.** Coffee and cake will be served. Our "Annual Luncheon" will be on Monday, November 5 at 12 noon. Tickets are available and are \$30. Please join us.



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- Oct. 18 Thursday- Nov. 8 Tuesday- Dec. 4
At 10:00 AM in the Sacred Heart Religious Education Office located in the school building at 216-01 38th Avenue. For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307.

RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.



Dear Parishioners,

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church. Please do not chew gum in Church, and please wear proper Sunday attire in reverence of the Holy Eucharist.

~ Fr. Frank

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$838,711.

Amount returned to American

Martyrs: \$445,745.87



Number of Parishioners participating: 312

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

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **October 4th, 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** We will be making painted wood slice pumpkins. For this craft, you will need your gluegun and glue sticks (Tacky Glue or any very strong adhesive would be fine, too), scissors, one or two small autumn embellishments or flower picks, and \$5 for additional materials that will be supplied for you. Please let Annie know if you will be attending. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.

American Martyrs Church Blood Drive

Please donate blood and help save the life of a friend or neighbor in your community!

Sunday, October 21, 2018

9:15am ~ 1:45pm ~ Sullivan Center

To make an appointment, please call Ed Pearce
718-464-2061

**Long Island hospitals and their patients need
over 800 pints of blood every day.**

For medical questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

CYO MASS-SAT. OCT. 20

Please join us on Sat. Oct. 20 at 10:45 am at St. Kevin Church in Flushing as the Queens Deanery #5 celebrates the start of a new CYO season for all young athletes. Parents, coaches, aides, and volunteers will come together to pray for a successful and safe sports season.

Please come wearing your team uniform!



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Mary Marazzo

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
PO3 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 *****

St. Josaphat Church Flea Market- Sunday, October 7th, 2018 9am-4pm.

Oznam Hall Nursing Home - seeks a p/t Activity Leader
Mon - Fri. Call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708

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.

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: \$106,777.
Amount Received: \$99,032.
Donors: 247

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. **call the ACA office at: 718-965-7375, ext. 1602.** Your donation is tax deductible. 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

AMERICAN MARTYRS LEISURE CLUB

New Members are always welcome!

Open all year! Come join us on any Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm, in the Sullivan Center for a few fun-filled hours, to socialize, play cards, celebrate holidays & plan occasional excursions. Our facility is air - conditioned & handicap accessible.



We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!

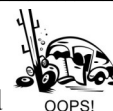
ATLANTIC CITY



On Wednesday, October 17, 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!**

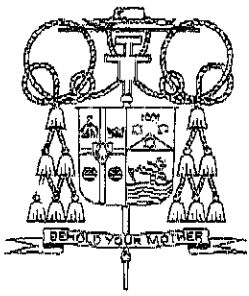
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 6, 2018 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information, please call Marty at: **631-360-9720.**



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be on Monday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm in the MC. This year we will be reading the Gospel according to St. John.



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

September 24, 2018

Dear Faithful of the Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens:

It is with profound sadness, but with redoubled resolve, that I write to you concerning the many disturbing news stories that have come out during the last several weeks. First and foremost, as your Bishop, know that I am completely committed to enforcing the zero tolerance policy established in the 2002 Dallas Charter, as well as doing everything in my power to ensure that safe environments exist for all members of the Church, especially our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Stories of past abuses and failures on the part of some in leadership must strengthen our commitment to always strive to do better as we continue the important mission of the Church.

Last week it was announced that the Diocese of Brooklyn, along with the Dorothy Bennett Mercer Center, agreed to settle a case involving four individuals, who were sexually abused by Mr. Angelo Serrano, who is currently serving a prison term for his crimes. Even though Mr. Serrano was a church volunteer, and not a member of the clergy, and even though the abuse occurred in his apartment, and not on church property, priests assigned to the parish failed to recognize signs of the abuse and take appropriate actions. The settlement of \$27 million will be divided by the four victims, each of whom will receive about \$6.8 million, less attorney fees, which is usually about one third. The Diocese's portion of the settlement, \$17.4 million will be completely covered by our insurance policy; however, insurance premiums may have to rise. We are deeply saddened by the abuse they suffered at the hands of Mr. Serrano, and hope that this settlement will assist the victims and their families in the years to come.

In order to assist survivors of sexual abuse by members of the clergy, I initiated an Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP), which is administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, Esq., whose firm has handled several similar programs, including the 9-11 Compensation Program. In addition to a financial compensation, survivors are offered the opportunity for counseling, as well as other forms of support through our Victims Assistance Coordinator. **It is important to note that none of your donations are used to pay for this program. The Diocese sold property and secured a loan, which will be repaid through the leasing of ecclesiastical property. The contributions of the faithful of the diocese are dedicated to the core mission of the Church, and are essential for us to continue our much-needed work.**

Finally, as was recently announced, the Office of the New York State Attorney General issued subpoenas to all the Roman Catholic Dioceses in the state. These subpoenas order the handing over of all documents relating to the sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy, as well as cases involving non-consenting adults. The Diocese of Brooklyn will certainly comply with this subpoena, which requests documents from January 1, 1950 to the present. You should be aware of the fact that since 2002 we have been sharing our files and allegations against clergy with the District Attorneys of Brooklyn and Queens. In addition, in 2004 I established an independent toll-free number, 1-888-634-4499, so that anyone with an allegation against a member of the clergy can make a report, which is also shared with the corresponding District Attorney. If the allegation is within the statute of limitations, it is also shared with the Special Victims Bureau of the NYPD, for their immediate intervention. The Diocese of Brooklyn is committed to protecting our most vulnerable members as well as the pursuit of justice.

With assurances of your remembrance in my prayers, especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D, D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn