

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SAT. - March 7**

5:00 pm: Smaldino & Granieri Families - Gregg & MaryAnn

SUNDAY- March 8- Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Paulette Wilson (Healing) - CWV
2. Michael Arriago (Healing) --- CWV
3. Joan Manauis --- Jao Family

12:30 pm: Salvatore Piazza -- Victor & Raquel

Monday - March 9- St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am: Marie & Edward Scherne --- Family

Tues. - March 10

8:30 am: Janette Gadell -- Frank & Elsie

Wed. - March 11

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving - Paul & Sara Williams
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thurs - March 12

8:30 am: Felix Ruggeri --- Ruggeri Family

Friday - March 13

8:30 am: Joseph Fitzpatrick -- Guthenberg Family
7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:30: Stations of the Cross

Sat. - March 14

8:30 am: 1. Daniel McMahon -- Alyson Kurz
2. Iluminada Gairan -- Zabala Family
3. Henry Bartkowski --- Family
5:00 pm: Joseph & Suzette Jalicks -- Suzanne Malench

Sunday - March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Jack Bills -- Ann Marie Bills
2. Rose & Dominick Servillo - Annie & Mary
3. Charles Kavaliauskas -- Family

12:30 pm: Anna Maria Rosario -- Polanco Family

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are Offered:

~ For a Special Intention ~

Lord, be tender with us, enfolding us in your love. Help us to be tender with each other, reaching out to those who live in fear and carrying your blessings to the ends of the earth. ~ Amen

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Sunday - March 8, 2020

- Religious Education **8:45 am** - S

**Monday - March 9**

- Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg. -7-8 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.) 8:30-9:30pm-SC

TUESDAY - March 10

- **BINGO SC -7:30 PM**

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 PM.

***** **HANDICAP ACCESS** *****



We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WED. - March 11

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

THURS. - March 12

- Leisure Club --11 am - 3 pm -- SC
- Knights of Columbus-- 7:45 pm --MC

SATURDAY - March 14

- First Penance - 11 am -CH

SUNDAY - March 15, 2020

- Rel. Ed. - **8:45 am** - S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 21-Lenten Soup Supper-SC -6pm
- Thurs. March 26 -Public Safety - SC
- Wed. April 1 - Atlantic City - Resorts
- Sat. April 4 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Mon. April 6 - Reconciliation 3-8 pm
- Sun. April 19 - Afternoon Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Sun. April 26 - CWV Garage Sale - SC

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

~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Please join us on the **first Sunday of every month at 10 am** to pray the Rosary.

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.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - March 1

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,368.
Black & Indian Mission. - \$994.

This Weekend - March 8

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church

Next Weekend - March 15

1. Weekly 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. 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, Iríde Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Mary Ellen Guthenberg, Joe Kinney, Jack Kopcinski, William Krug, Daniel Limberg, Brian Mastrococco, Steve McCabe, Ed Miles, Mary Modica, Frank Mollo, Danny Montchal, Frank Pagano, John Pinto, Lorraine Rensch, Amelia Reyes, John Sheridan, Jr., Sheila Still, Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Paulette Wilson, Genevieve Zenka.

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.

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.
Information is available at the Rectory Office
ONLY 10 SEATS LEFT!

CWV - GARAGE SALE - SUN. APRIL 26
VENDORS WANTED



Please contact:
Theresa @ 718-428-5308 or Jovie at:
Vetsgaragesale@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry

Please join our Youth Ministry. Young people from Middle School through High School are invited to join. We meet bi-monthly in the Murray Center.
amreligionclass.weebly.com/youth-group.html

For more information please contact:
Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister -
youthministryam@gmail.com

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Reconciliation Monday will be observed in the Diocese and here at American Martyrs on the Monday of Holy Week - **April 6, 2020**. Observance of this day allows the faithful to experience the grace of forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Those conscious of grave (mortal) sin are obligated to confess before receiving Holy Communion.

THE TOOLS OF LENT ~ Be Merciful ~

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

O Lord, be not mindful of my many sins, but forgive me all my misdeeds, for your mercy to me is without limit. You have been my help and my protection.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020

Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.



The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 26

VENDORS WANTED!

Come join us for our 16th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. Free Admission. Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available.



White Elephant table collection --Sullivan Center:
Friday - 4/17 -7 -8 pm & Sat. 4/18 - 11 - 4 pm
Help our Troops by helping our Vets!

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: \$2,425.

Amount Received: \$625.

Donors: 5

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish Hall

66-05 79th Place in Middle Village presents "**The Envelope, Please**" -- A Musical Revue of Academy Award-Winning Songs (plus a few that SHOULD have won)". Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for seniors and children 11 and under. at 8:00pm on Saturday March 14, Friday, March 20th, and Saturday March 21st. Matinee performances at 2:30pm will be Sunday, March 15th, and Sunday, March 22nd. To reserve tickets visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 6- Confessions: 3 pm to 8 pm-Church

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 9

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper -- Church**

Good Friday, April 10

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

3:00 pm **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion -- Church**

7:15 pm **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

7:30 pm **Stations of the Cross -- Church**

Holy Saturday, April 11

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

7:30 pm **Easter Vigil -- Church**

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm -- Church

The Paschal Triduum, Latin for "three days," commemorates the essential features of our redemption:

Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Christian life makes sense only when each of these moments is linked to the other two.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Walter R. Sokolich

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 *****

Marian Healing Mass - Tues. March 10 - St. Anastasia

7 pm -Rosary, Mass & Healing service - 718-631-4454.

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: \$1,031,138.

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.

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!

On Wednesday, April 1, 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. For information and reservations, please call: **Rosemarie at 718-479-9479.**



Come have some fun! All are welcome!

BUILD THE BLOCK - Thursday, March 26
Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting

The NYPD officers serving our community invite you on **Thursday, March 26** to a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood. **Their goal is to identify policing & public safety needs in our community. Doors open at 6 pm for light refreshments. Meeting starts at 6:30pm here in the Sullivan Center.**

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

“Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” will be held on **Saturday, April 4 from 10 am to 12 noon.** There will be breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt and many photo opps with the Easter Bunny. Every child gets Easter goodies to take home.



Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$5. Sorry, **NO** tickets will be sold at the door, so that we can plan properly for the event.

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for Tea, **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2 pm** in the Sullivan Center. Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, and Granddaughters are included. Tea sandwiches, scones, and dessert, along with a selection of teas will be served. Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest and most creative. **Tickets are \$15.** Please call Carol at 718-631-0896 or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!



