

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - April 4

- Dragica Bosnjak -- Ana & Joe Fraioli

SUNDAY- April 5 - PALM SUNDAY

- Martin Chorzepa --- John & Jovie
- Purgatorial Society
- Misa Pro Populo



Monday - April 6

- William Drourr --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - April 7

- Kevin Dowling --- Fr. Frank

Wed. - April 8

- Fitzsimmons Family --- Family
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - April 9 - HOLY THURSDAY

- Morning Prayer
- Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday - April 10 - GOOD FRIDAY

- Morning Prayer
 - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- Pray at home the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Pray at home the Stations of the Cross

Sat. - April 11 - HOLY SATURDAY

- Morning Prayer
- Easter Vigil -- Misa Pro Populo

April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY

- Walter & Catherine Schretzman -- E.O.
- Ruggieri Family --- Family
- Josephine Ruzalski -- Robert Ruzalski
- Margaret Mary Artemchuck --- Sister
- Patrick & Joan Kearney --- Family

*The Sanctuary Lamp is Offered for:
~ Patrick & Joan Kearney ~
Request by the Family*

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday - April 5, 2020 - Palm Sunday

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - April 6

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

TUESDAY - April 7

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



WED. - April 8

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - April 9

- NO Leisure Club



SUNDAY- April 12- Easter Sunday

- **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

Sunday Collections

March 29, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$2,430.

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:

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, Iride Bubek, Rose & Jessie Carlone, Bill Carrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, Diana Ferrante, Michael Gorry, Mary Ellen Guthenberg, Joe Kinney, Jack Kopcinski, William Krug, CJ Marino, Brian Mastrococco, 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, Genevieve Zenka.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

~ New Members Enrolled for April ~

Susan Marcantonio Marina Garcia-Franke
Eduardo Garcia Walter Sokolich
Mr. & Mrs. John Macko, Sr.

The Purgatorial Society enrolls a deceased loved one in 12 monthly Masses (starting on the month of enrollment) offered on the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30 am Mass. The stipend to enroll a loved one is \$25.00. The names of those enrolled for the first month will be published in the bulletin.

**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. This includes the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. I 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.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Monday has been canceled. If there is dire need (emergencies only) for someone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the Rectory Office and leave a message.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for 2020

Freedom from Addiction: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Bridge to Life Center is in dire need.

Their lease is ending, and they're in need of funds to move into and afford a new home. Bridge to Life provides pregnant women and mothers with counseling and material assistance. **Either forward a check to them at 14732 Sanford Ave # 2, Flushing, NY 11355, or go to their GoFundMe page (put Bridge to Life in the search box). Their service is too important to let closedown.**

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.

My God, my God, Why have you abandoned me?

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Lee Servillo

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 -- 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 Parishioners,

As we now enter our third week of no "public" liturgies during this covid-19 pandemic, our hearts are rightfully saddened by the fact that we are not able to gather as a community to celebrate the beautiful and meaningful Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. We have been humbled by a little virus that is not even visible to the human eye. I wish to remind everyone, however, that even as we practice social distancing, Holy Week and Easter have NOT been cancelled. Although we may not be able to participate, in person, in the celebration of the Mysteries of our Redemption, we can still watch them on TV and make a spiritual communion in the hopes of once again being able to come to Church and receiving the Holy Eucharist for which our souls yearn (Psalm 42). I encourage you all to do so as our Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio presides over the sacred rites from the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn. (Please see the schedule of liturgies on NET TV in the bulletin or on the diocesan website).

I have been in touch with some of our parishioners over the phone. I am particularly concerned about our seniors who are especially vulnerable at this time. Frequently I am asked when this will all end. Behind that question is a desire to return to the Holy Eucharist, to receive the bread of life, to drink of the cup of salvation. I am truly encouraged by such faith, and the most difficult part of this entire ordeal, for me, is not being able to share this sacred meal with my parishioners. Although I have been celebrating Mass daily in the St. Kateri Rectory Chapel, it is not the same. While I am not able to answer when this crisis will end, I do know that it will someday be possible for us all to gather around the table of the Lord and celebrate what God has done for us in His Son Jesus Christ.

So, my dear parishioners, I encourage you to continue to pray and to look forward to the day when we can once again come to Church, to be together as a people of faith, to celebrate the reason for our hope, to worship our God who loves us infinitely more than we can ever imagine. Be safe, stay healthy, do not take any unnecessary chances during this time of pandemic, but above all be glad that God has saved us. Yes, he has saved us, and that is after all what we truly celebrate during these Holy Days.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Let us pray for one another.

Rev. Frank Schwarz
Pastor



BULLETIN REFLECTION - PALM SUNDAY

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.



One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

~ 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.



Lord God, give us the courage to hear your passion as though for the first time. Grant that we might for this moment stand in the darkness that enveloped the world before you redeemed it, that we might more deeply experience the dawning of our new life in the days to come.

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: \$19,330.

Amount Received: \$13,520.

Donors: 56

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

During Holy week and Easter, Masses will be celebrated by the Bishop in St. Joseph's Cathedral without a congregation and will be broadcast for the benefit of the faithful in their homes. We encourage you to please take advantage of the opportunity to join all of us in spirit as we commemorate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil during this time of crisis.



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.

The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV.

The celebrations are scheduled as follows:

Saturday at 6 pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception in Jamaica (English)

Sunday at 11 am: Live from St. James Cathedral in Downtown Brooklyn (English)

Sunday at 1:30 pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97).

Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48).

Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.



