

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - April 25

- Anna & Frank Smaldino - Mary Anne & Gregg

SUNDAY- April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

- Stan Galazin (Healing) -- AM Choir
- Steve Mattaliano --- Joan
- Patrick Servillo --- Annie & Mary
- Jack Bills --- Ann Marie Bills
- Misa Pro Populo

Monday - April 27

- Arunas Miciulis --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - April 28

- Rev. Adnel Burgos --- Fr. Frank

Wed. - April 29

- Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - April 30 - St. Pius V

- Michael Valle --- Fr. Frank

Friday - May 1 -- St. Joseph the Worker

- In Thanksgiving --- Family

Sat. - May 2 - St. Athanasius

- Rev. Ed Brophy -- Fr. Frank
- Rev. Gicchino Basile --- Fr. Frank
- Rev. Dennis Rochford --- Fr. Frank

May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The Bread & Wine & Altar Candles are offered for:
~ Joseph Ossanna ~
Requested by Will & Barbara Rourk

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

*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 26, 2020 ---

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - April 27

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

TUESDAY - April 28

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.

**WED. - April 29 -**

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
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THURS. - April 30

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- May 3 -

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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**April 19, 2020**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$2,625.

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,

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

Please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer.

**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.

RECONCILIATION

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.

**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn while You speak to us.**

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.

**You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
The delights at Your right hand forever.**

+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

Genevieve Zenka Alma Fe
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 -- 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 par-

ticipating: 317. For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.



Dear parishioners,

The Gospel for this third Sunday of Easter is the Emmaus story, one of my favorite post-Resurrection encounters between Jesus and his disciples. On the way out of Jerusalem on that first day of the week, these two disciples are joined by the resurrected Christ, although they do not recognize him. They are downcast and dejected, having experienced all of the events of the past several days. Jesus asks them to tell him their story, and then he explains the Scriptures to them, the ones that refer to him. Then, after accepting the invitation to stay with them for the night, they recognize him the the breaking of the bread.

We are all on a journey, and at times we too can be disappointed and dejected by the events of life. It is at times like these, especially, that we need to turn to Christ and pour out our hearts to him by telling him our own story. We need to allow God to speak to through the Scriptures, and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten us. And, we need to invite Jesus to be with us because his company is so comforting in our own time of sorrow. Then, when we are finally able to share in the Eucharistic celebration, we may recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Our hearts will be filled with joy, and our sorrows will be lifted. Then we can share what he has done for us on our journey with others, who also need to have an encounter with Jesus.

During this time of pandemic, we need to be especially close to Jesus who is willing to stay with us if we invite him. We need to allow the Scriptures to speak to us so that, when we are finally able to break bread together, we can confess the real presence of Jesus among us. Perhaps this extended time of Eucharistic fast is an opportunity for us to learn to appreciate what has always been with us: Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. He has been with us all along on our journey, but sometimes we fail to recognize him. Or, perhaps more accurately, we take him for granted.

The Eucharist is such an extraordinary gift to us that we should never allow ourselves to be complacent when we are able to celebrate and receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. May your desire to receive Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be realized soon and often.

~ Fr. Frank

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven. Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported. How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on journey towards heaven.

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, you are the Bread of Life, the food that nourishes, the presence that comforts, the truth that lights the way. Stay with us; live in us. ~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: \$51,945.

Amount Received: \$42,169.

Donors: 73

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.

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.

