

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - May 2

- Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday - May 4

- George Maple --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - May 5

- Vincent Joyce --- Fr. Frank

Wed. - May 6

- William Drourr --- Fr. Frank
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - May 7

- Thomas Gonzalez (Living) --- Family

Friday - May 8

- Angie Giamarino - Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Sat. - May 9

- Gizella Fitzsimmons --- Family
- Syliah Volmar --- Family
- Dennis J. Asche --- Family
- Anna Smaldino --- Mary Ann & Gregg

May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Elizabeth Ruggieri --- Family
- Charles Kavaliauskas --- Family
- Alevamma Devasia --- T. D. Sebastian
- Mother's Day Novena

The Bread & Wine are offered for:

~ Anthony DiCicco ~

Requested by the Family

The Altar Candles are offered for:

~A Special Intention ~

Requested by M. B.

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday - May 3, 2020 ---

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WIL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - May 4

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

TUESDAY - May 5

- NO BINGO

We are grateful for all of our Volunteers.



WED. - May 6 - National Nurses Day

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - May 7

- NO Leisure Club

Mother's Day

SUNDAY- May 10 - Mother's Day!

- **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**April 26, 2020**

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -\$3,319.

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 MARY

May is the month of Mary. We are encouraged to pray the rosary always, but especially during the month of May.

Our Blessed Mother Mary is a powerful advocate on our behalf. True devotion to Mary will **ALWAYS** lead us to Jesus.



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

~ New Members Enrolled for May ~

Joseph T. Sosna

Arunas Miciulis

Rev. Adnel Burgos

Rev. Ed Brophy

Rev. Gicchino Basile **Rev. Jorge Ortiz- Garay**

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.

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.

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know Me.**

+ **REMEMBER THE DECEASED** +

Joseph T. Sosna Rev. Ed Brophy
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 participating: 317.

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



Dear faithful people of American Martyrs,

To quote the song, "Truckin'" from the band, The Grateful Dead: *"Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me, Other times, I can barely see, Lately it occurs to me ~ What a long, strange trip it's been."*

These last two months certainly have been a long, strange trip for me. I want to thank you all for your prayers and cards during my recovery.

On Thursday, February 27, 2020 (seems like 800 days ago) I had my pacemaker replaced at St. Francis Hospital. The procedure went well and I was back home at American Martyrs ten hours later. That Sunday, March 1, (888 days ago) after celebrating Mass, I found myself having difficulty walking up one flight of stairs. I figured that my new pacemaker probably needed a little tweaking. The next day, at my doctor's suggestion I went to the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital.

Fortunately, after a few tests the doctors determined that my pacemaker was fine. After what seemed like 200 more tests, along with a cardio angiogram my Doctor told me I would need Bypass surgery. He assured me that while they were in there, they would fix everything else that needed fixing. I was scheduled for Triple Bypass on Friday, March 6th (about 950 days ago).

While it was hard for me to pray that Thursday night and Friday morning before my surgery, I was overcome with a sense of peace knowing that I had hundreds of people praying for me at that time. I was then, and continue now to be humbled by your prayers and get well wishes.

While the Coronavirus has held New York City and the entire United States in lockdown, I was also in my own self-imposed lockdown. I was recovering alone in my sister's home in Rockaway Beach (Marylou and her husband were in Florida). It was a blessing to have a place to stay with no stairs to climb when I returned from the hospital. The recovery has been slow and the weather has not been one bit cooperative. The rain and dampness have played havoc with my recovery and healing. I cannot wait for the warm weather to make its way to New York.

The bottom line is that I am on the mend after my second open heart surgery in less than 9 years. I can honestly say it is no fun being a member of the infamous "Zipper Club". Trust me, I guarantee you I will be working hard to avoid the Hockey "Hat-Trick". I have returned to the rectory at American Martyrs to continue my recovery, knowing that it will still be somewhat of a roller coaster ride. But during this time please know that I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I am looking forward to the day when I will once again be able to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together with you.

Fr. Peter Rayder

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "**Good Shepherd.**" He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

~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.



PRAYER

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, call out to us when we are straying from the course you've set, lead us when we are lost. Even when we stand at the gates unwilling to enter, we pray that you will patiently wait for us to follow. ~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: \$53,195.

Amount Received: \$43,439.

Donors: 735

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)

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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.

