

American Martyrs

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Father's Day Blessing

**God our Father,
in your wisdom and love
you made all things.
Bless our Fathers,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.
Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honor them
always with a spirit
of profound respect.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

Rev. Peter J. Rayder, Associate

Msgr. John F. Keppler, Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Stanley Galazin

Sunday Assistance

Msgr. George Cowan

Parish Staff

Ms. Patricia Adams, Business Manager

Mrs. Theresa Asche, Coordinator of
Religious Education

Mr. Patrick White, Director of Music

Ms. Cynthia Macias, Youth Minister

Mr. Jose Espindola, Maintenance

Mass Schedule

Vigil 5pm

12:30 pm

**Mass is Live-Streamed
Everyday at 8:30am**

8:30

Kateri Chapel

Holy Days 8:30am - 12:30pm

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Religious Education Office

(718) 464-6411

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - June 20

- Frank Smaldino — Mary Ann & Gregg

SUN. - June 21

- Father's Day Novena
- Jack Bills — Ann Marie Bills
- Theodoros Markou — AM Rel. Ed.
- Anne Chimenti — AM Choir
- Misa Pro Populo

Monday - June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola

- Father's Day Novena

Tues. - June 23

- Father's Day Novena

Wed. - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- Father's Day Novena
- Pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - June 25

- Father's Day Novena

Fri. - June 26

- Father's Day Novena

Sat. - June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria

- John Peterkin — AM Catholic War Veterans
- Father's Day Novena

SUNDAY — June 28

- Misa Pro Populo
- Florence Ruggieri — Family
- Francis W. Colby—Barbara & Jack
- Irmgard Hippeli—Gregg & Mary Ann
- Father's Day Novena

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered for:
~ Demetrio Santarina ~
Requested the Family*

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY !

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- June 21-Happy Father's Day!

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - June 22

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

TUESDAY - June 23

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

WED. - June 24

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - June 25

- NO Leisure Club

SUNDAY- June 28

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

***** ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

AMPARISH.ORG

Masses will be live-streamed daily. Go to: Amparish.org to view Masses, and updates regarding confessions and the opening of our Parish and for daily prayers.

**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

June 14, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church --\$3,225.

It appears that more parishioners are making their donations electronically. **THIS IS A VERY GOOD THING**, and I encourage more people to do so, especially during this time of pandemic. Thank you so much for your continued support of American Martyrs Church.

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:

AMPARISH.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, Fr. Peter D. Gillen, 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.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.



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. We 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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - REGISTRATION

While parish buildings are closed, Religious Education registration for September are taking place online. Please visit:

amreligionclass.weebly.com to

print an application. Please send the completed form back to the Rectory.



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.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

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.



Dear People of God,
A Blessed Father's Day to all Dads and to all men who love in a Fatherly way! This Father's Day weekend coincides with the official start of summer. Spring is "sprung" and we jump start into summer season. I also hope summer "jump starts" MLB Season as a way to lighten our current situation in New York City, and in our Diocese. Also as a way to lighten summer, I share with you vignettes.
Enjoy ... ponder ... smile ... and pass it on

What is a Grandparent? (Taken from papers written by class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

- A grandfather is a man grandmother.
- Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the store and have lots of quarters for us.
- When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.
- They show us and talk to us about the color of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on "cracks."
- They don't say, "Hurry up."
- Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.
- They can take their teeth and gums out.
- Grandparents don't have to be smart.
- They have to answer questions like "Why isn't God married?" and "How come dogs chase cats?"
- When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.
- Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grown-ups who like to spend time with us.
- They know we should have snack-time before bedtime and they say prayers with us every time, and kiss us even when we've acted badly.
- A 6-year-old was asked where his Grandma lived. "She lives at the airport, and when we want her we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

**And ponder these "Pearls of Wisdom"
not written by children!**

- If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
 - My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
 - It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
 - If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
 - Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
 - Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.

- No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
 - Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
 - Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
 - Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again. - By the time you can make the ends meet, they move the ends.
 - Thou shall not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Pray. Pray. Pray. Trust in God — always know faith is a gift from God —and live life for others one day at a time rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ. And go to Mass as a family!

Happy Father's Day and ...

A safe and blessed summer to all, Fr. Peter

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

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.

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

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Rev. Msgr. William J. Flood

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

GENERATIONS OF FAITH- Capital Campaign

Amount Pledged: \$1,227,929.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$1,035,288.

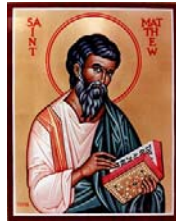
**Amount returned to American Martyrs:
\$588,687.**

Number of Parishioners participating: 317.

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

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.



The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures.

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times: **"Fear no one."**

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

"Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body."

"So do not be afraid."

And the reassurance continues. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." Notice that Jesus says, "your Father" in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each one of us. He is truly "Abba," our Dad, Who knows us inside and out.

With that, let us all breathe a huge sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us.

Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.
~thecatholicsteward.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **CATHOLIC CHARITIES POP-UP FOOD** **PANTRY**

Each week Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers to assist with preparing and distributing bags of food at their pop-up food pantries. Typically on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Queens and Brooklyn parishes in neighborhoods with the most need. Participating in this Corporal Work of Mercy is a chance to bear witness to what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Please email Mike Shoule at shoulekofc@gmail.com if you would like to receive more info.

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: \$78,290.

Amount Received: \$67,691.

Donors: 122

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.

A message from Fr. Frank Schwarz **and Fr. Pete Rayder**

Please remember that although the Rectory Office is closed for the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic, Fr. Frank and Fr. Peter are living in the Rectory building. Confessions will be heard on **Saturdays from 11 am to 1 pm** and anointing of the sick may be celebrated in dire need (danger of death) we will always take proper precautions. Hospitals do have Catholic Chaplains on call. Please leave a message on the Rectory voice mail if you need a Priest and we will respond as soon as reasonably possible.

2020 Mass Book Intentions

There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2020. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.

Please contact the Rectory 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.**