

**With Grateful Thanks to God for Fr. Frank Schwarz's
Priestly Ministry to American Martyrs**



**Grateful Thanks to God for Fr. Nester Martinez Ordination to
the Priesthood of Jesus Christ**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT. - June 27

- Father's Day Novena

SUN. - June 28

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

Monday - June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul

8:30 am: Father's Day Novena

Tues. - Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 am: John & Hedwig Sosna—Donna & Steve

Wed. - July 1—St. Junipero Serra

8:30 am: Margaret Lief — Fr. Peter

- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs - July 2

8:30 am: Marie Rose Felix—Jessie & Nicholas

Fri. - July 3 — St. Thomas

8:30 am: Charles & Peter Costa—Soviero Family

Sat. - July 4 — Independence Day

8:30 am: For Our Country

5:00 pm: For Our Country

SUNDAY — July 5

8:30 am: Zofia Stanislawski—Dominika & Madeleine

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread & Wine are offered for:
~ Those who have died for our Country ~*

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

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 28

- **NO PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED**

Monday - June 29

- **Daily Mass celebrated in Church
Monday - Saturday at 8:30 am.**
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners mtg.
- NO Alcoholics Anonymous (Open mtg.)

TUESDAY - June 30

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

WED. - July 1

- NO Alcoholics Anonymous

THURS. - July 2

- NO Leisure Club

SAT.— July 4

- **5 pm Mass celebrated in Church**
Masks and social distancing are mandatory

SUNDAY— July 5

- **Masses: 8:30 am; 10:30 am; & 12:30 pm**
Masks and social distancing are mandatory

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
AMPARISH.ORG

Masses will be live-streamed daily.
Visit: Amparish.org to view Masses, for
daily prayers, and updates from the Diocese.

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 21, 2020

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church --\$1,890.

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.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.



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.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

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.



My dear parishioners,

This weekend is, for me, both a joyous one and a sad one. It is joyous because we will witness the ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ our Deacon Nestor Martinez. It has been a long road for him to this point, and we wish him many years of fruitful and joy-filled ministry. Even during this time of pandemic, Father Martinez can certainly share in his master's joy. He will be configured to Christ. I know you will all join me as we congratulate Fr. Martinez, and wish him all the best as he celebrates his first Mass here at American Martyrs and begins his ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Sadly, due to the restrictions at this time his first Mass will be celebrated with limited attendance. We will live stream this Mass.

For me it is also a sad time because this weekend will be the last time I will celebrate Mass in our beautiful Church as you pastor. Deacon Martinez has asked me to preach at his first Mass, an honor I have gratefully accepted. When I return to American Martyrs at some future date I will no longer be Pastor here. Although I am grateful for my new assignment, I will certainly miss this parish and the wonderful people that are part of it. I have accepted that I am leaving, but a part of my heart will always be here at American Martyrs. I want to thank everyone who has been supportive of me during my twelve plus years here.

God sometimes asks us to accept difficult things in our lives for a greater good. We may not always be able see how something difficult can turn out for the better, but we trust in God's loving providence. Only He sees the big picture, and only He has all the answers. I have had to put everything in His hands and hope that my new assignment as pastor of Our Lady of Mercy will be just as fulfilling as this one at American Martyrs has been for me.

Father Peter Rayder will be a wonderful pastor, and I am very happy to be leaving this parish in his very capable hands. I hope and pray that you will show him as much love and support as you have shown me.

I wish each and every single one of you all the best and God's blessings. I'm sorry we couldn't say goodbye in person, but Fr. Peter has invited me to come back at some future date to celebrate a proper farewell. Mass. And so, until we meet again, I am humbly asking for your prayers for myself in my new assignment. Be assured of my prayers for you. In Christ's Love,

Fr. Frank

PARISH CALANDAR

As we begin to open our parish for daily and Sunday Masses, we will strive to reach our "new normal".



All parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Board Room, Church, or School for parish functions are asked to submit a written **calendar of dates, times and locations** to Pat at the Rectory by **July 29**. We have not received word yet on when we can hold meetings at American Martyrs, but we would like to be prepared. Thanks for your help!

*** 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 +

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.

Work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.

Ephesians 6:7

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.



Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

The simple brilliance of stewardship living? Only our infinitely creative, compassionate God could conceive it! ~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: \$80,790.

Amount Received: \$70,841.

Donors: 123

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. Peter is 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) and 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.