

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - August 12

5:00 pm: Mary Bishop ---Mullarkey Family

SUNDAY - August 13

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie

2. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

3. Ana M. Chang--- Flores Family

12:30 pm: Dr. Caroline Blaum (Living) - Mary
BentivegnaMonday- August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30 am: Lucy & Michael Sica --- Family

Tues. - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Marylou Chiauzzi --- Diane Chiauzzi

12:00 pm: Peter P. Shanahan (30 Anniv.) -- Family

7:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Wed.- Aug. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am: Arlene Scherne --- Family

Thurs. - August 17

8:30 am: William Dolan --- Irene

Fri. - August 18

8:30 am: Manuel Franquinha --- Pat Herbert

Sat. - Aug. 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30 am:

1. Owen Lennon, Jr. --- Joe, Patricia & Michael

2. Warren Forrest --- Fr. Frank

3. Diane Thomas --American Martyrs Parish

5:00 pm: Hugh Friel --- Wife, Daughter & Family

Sunday - August 20

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Filomena Zafferese --- Family

2. Regina Horvat --- Barbara & Win Froehlich

3. Helen & Daniel Brandt --- Denise Mucha

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Theresa Kavaliauskas ~
Requested by her Family**The Altar Candles are offered this week :**~ In Thanksgiving for Grandchildren ~
Requested by Maria Mathew***CALENDAR OF EVENTS****CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School,
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center,
RC-Kateri (Rector) Chapel ---BR-Board Room****MONDAY- August 14**

- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - August 15**** NO BINGO ******The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary****WEDNESDAY - August 16**

- Rector Office Closed
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - August 17

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC
- Knights of Columbus --- 7:45 pm -- MC

SATURDAY - August 19

- Rector Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- Bingo will resume Tuesday, August 22
- The Rector Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during August

**Please visit our new website at:
Americanmartyrs-queens.org.****THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel. The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, is difficult to break.



By repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each Rosary for our intentions, we take a shortcut to Jesus by passing through the heart of His Mother. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - August 6, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,770.

This Weekend - August 13, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - August 20, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Parish Grounds.

*****NOTE: Please make all checks payable to:
American Martyrs Church.

If you are unable to attend Mass for a few Sundays, please use your "Catch Up" envelope for your contributions.

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. Just go to: e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch 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:

Paula Abel, Jackie Arriaga, Alex Aponte, Marge Aquino, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Donna McIsaac, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Pat North, Walter Panas, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Joan Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, Jacqueline Zeller, Genevieve Zenka, Fireman & 9/11 Survivor - Michael Arriaga.



If you would like to add a name to our sick list, please call the Rectory office.

Also, please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Parish men - What is in YOUR heart? Please consider joining our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council 14666. Open to ALL Catholic men 18 years and older who wish to share in the Charity, Fraternity, and Unity of Christ with Brother Knights. We meet at 7:45 every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in the Murray Center (rectory basement). We have a red shirt waiting for YOU! Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com Web: kofcam.weebly.com

GREAT NEWS - WORTH THE WAIT



After many years of advocating and communication with the appropriate parties, our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council is happy to report that approval has been given to co-name the corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Tpke, in honor of Father Murray. The ceremony will likely take place in September. More details to follow as they become available.

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
And grant us your salvation.**

The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm in Church.

Don't neglect God's gift of **Reconciliation**.
"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!"

Everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle and carrying a heavy load. Give them the benefit of the doubt. You never know what someone is carrying around inside.

There are four words that embody the challenge of the Christian life; we find them in the fifth line of the **Our Father: Thy will be done. These four words present the greatest challenge of Christianity.**

**** **The July 50/50 Winner:** ****

Congratulations to Grace Fitzsimmons who won \$115 in our July drawing. Ms. Fitzsimmons has graciously donated her winnings back to American Martyrs. Look for the August 50/50 (yellow) envelope which is included in your monthly mailing of donation envelopes. The next drawing will be held after the last Sunday in August. Good Luck!

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew, we hear the remarkable story of Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. St. Peter reflects his faith in the Lord when he says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."



Jesus says simply, "Come." We do not know if Peter stepped into the water or jumped and it does not matter. His faith and trust in the Lord allows Peter, too, to begin to walk on the water. Clearly when Peter's focus is on Christ, he is able to accomplish this.

However, when Peter loses his focus and begins to observe and think about the storm raging around him, he begins to sink. To Peter's credit he knows exactly to Whom to turn in that situation. "Lord, save me." We may often find ourselves in similar circumstances. Peter knew exactly Who to call out to at the moment of crisis. We may do the same.

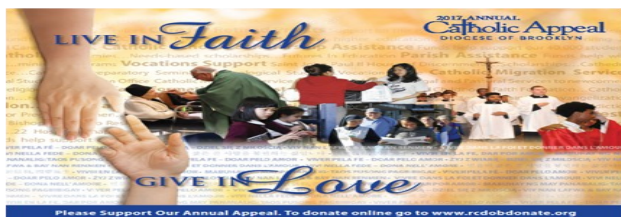
God truly loves us; we are His children. Listen to the Word of the Lord in Psalm 91: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

St. Francis de Sales wrote, "**Either God will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then; put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.**"

~ thecatholicsteward.com

RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.



+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

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.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Gerard Gaveau Warren Forrest

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

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$638,037.



Amount returned to American Mar-tyrs: \$270,375. Number of Parishioners participating: 310

I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has begun and will continue through the summer. We will do everything possible to minimize any inconvenience to our parishioners. *Please be patient as this long overdue work progresses!*

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It is due to your generosity that this work can be done.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Will present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, –August 13th, in the air conditioned Oak Room. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors & students and \$9 for children under 12. For tickets email: tickets@sgtg.org or call 718-989-2451 to reserve your seats.

**I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for His word.**



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017

has begun. Children who are currently enrolled in American Martyrs Religious Education program have received their re-registration forms. Please return the completed form to the Rectory, or their teacher, or mail to the Religious Education office.



Children entering the 1st grade in September 2017 should enroll NOW in order to receive first communion in second grade—registration forms can be found at the Church entrances. **Children in all grades** who have not previously been enrolled in Religious Education or who are returning or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

*** COMMUNITY NEWS ***

Healing Mass - St. Anastasia - Tues. Aug. 22 - 7 pm

Rosary, Mass and Healing Service - 718-631-4454

This Mass and special blessing will be offered for couples trying to become parents.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine-- 9/24/17 -

St. Mel's --- Call Ed Rice - 917-209-5829 -- \$45.

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.

Family, Marriage and Individual Therapy- The Catholic Counseling Center offers professional therapy by NYS licensed therapists. 631-243-2503. Dr. George Giuliani. Or visit: thecatholiccounselingcenter.com

Catholic Charities Home-base Program - assists those with housing crisis, (i.e.-- rental arrears, utility shutoffs, etc.) Call 718-674-1000 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul: donate your old car- 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.

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 North-east 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.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:	\$61,392.
Amount Pledged:	\$95,655.
Amount Received:	\$88,032.
Donors:	262

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to www.rcdobdonate.org, or simply mail in the commitment form on the back of the **Tablet** with the amount of your pledge. Some companies have matching gift programs, so please check to see if your place of employment participates. If you have not yet seen the video presentation, you may do so on our **website:** americanmartyrs-queens.org. **Remember, every dollar received over goal comes back to the Parish.**

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

~ *Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor*

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

ACA Theme for 2017 --- Live in Faith - Give in Love

God our Creator, Giver of all good gifts,
we praise and glorify you.

Teach us to acknowledge always, and with enduring gratitude,
the many blessings your infinite love has showered upon us.
Widen our vision and enliven our generosity, as we seek to
support the pastoral and charitable works of our diocese in
Brooklyn and Queens.

All-loving Father, Fountain of Mercy, we honor and adore you.
Open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit, who enables us to
live in faith and give in love, so that the joy of the Gospel may
penetrate every heart in our local communities.

Open our eyes and stir up in us your compassion, so that all may
come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the
life, now and forever.

Amen.