

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SATURDAY - August 17, 2019**

8:00 pm: Juanita Collazo --- Dones Family

SUNDAY- August 18, 2019 -

8:30 am: Yolando Lopez -- Capity family

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

2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie

3. Jorge Sanz --- Zaida Lozano

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. -August 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30 am: Noe Quibir --- Eva & Charles Vietri

Tues. - August 20 - St. Bernard

8:30 am: Johnny Liu (Living) --Kato & Liu Family

Wed. -August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30am: Jeannette Boles-Bobstein -- Frank & Elsie

After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thurs.-Aug. 22-Queenhip of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: George Andrela --- Family

Fri. - August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am: Hortensia & Antonio Torres, Sr. -Vince Torres

Saturday- August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:30 am: 1. Victor Ruggieri --- Family

2. Rev. Thomas Kehoe --- Fr. Frank

3. Medardo Jao --- Visitacion

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday - August 25

8:30 am: Charles Kavaliauskas, Sr. --- Family

10:30 am: 1. William Moran --- Moran Family

2. Anne Cajigas -- Frank & Elsie

3. Angela Sinacori --Mr. & Mrs. G. Caliendo

12:30 pm: Arlene & Raymond Condon -- Pat Merola

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered for:**Gladys Milan**Requested by The Baquero Family**The Altar Candles offered for:**A Special Intention*

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays during August.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAY - August 19

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

TUESDAY - August 20

- **BINGO -7:30 pm - SC**

Total prizes: \$3,00 - Early Bird- 7:15 pm

***** **HANDICAP ACCESS** *****

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

WED. - August 21

- **Atlantic City -- Leisure Club**
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

THURS.-August 22

- **LEISURE CLUB - 11 am - 3 pm -- SC**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **Wed. Aug. 21- ATLANTIC CITY - Leisure Club**
- **Sat. Oct. 26 - Defensive Driving - 9 - 3:30 - MC**

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Please join us on Sunday, September 8, at 10 am, (before the 10:30 am Mass) to pray the Rosary. Fr. Frank and the Rosary

Society welcomes all Parishioners to come pray the Rosary on the **first Sunday of every month** before the 10:30 am Mass.

During the month of October, the Month of Mary, we will pray the Rosary **every Sunday at 10 am**, before the 10:30 am Mass.

**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.

**2019 Mass Book Intentions**

There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2019.

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 come to the Rectory or call 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.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - August 11, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$4,762.

This Weekend - August 18, 2019

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

Next Weekend - August 25, 2019

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*******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: americanmartyrs-queens.org/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:

Jackie Arriaga, Jack Agler, Alex Aponte, Janet Altieri, Joel Arapiles, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Alice Cersosimo, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Jessie Carlone, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Janette Gadell, Maria Geiger, Anne Gorry, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Brian Mastrorocco, Susan McConnell, Peter Mesologites, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Amelia Reyes, Mike & Lilly Rivera, Steven Roach, Patrice Rohde, Kinsey Saleh, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, Gussie Stellakis, Shelia Still, Mary Sweeney, Rosemary Tricarico, Julio Villagran, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Jim Walsh, Theresa Walsh, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**



PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU

THE PASSION PLAY

Visits to: Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Regensburg, Passau, Salzburg & Munich

MAY 12 - 21, 2020

Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Spiritual Director
Rev. Frank Schwarz, Chaplain

**For a Brochure call: Peter's Way Tours at:
516-605-1551 ext 17.**

Or visit: Kaitlin@petersway.com.

Information is available at the Rectory Office

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention.

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

Religious Education registration has begun.
Please return your registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible.



RECONCILIATION

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!"



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If there are any homebound parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Pat at the Rectory. (718-464-4582) We will make arrangements for a home visit.



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 every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in the Murray Center (rectory basement). We have a red shirt waiting for YOU! Please contact us at:



Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

REFLECTION

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.



In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

AMERICAN MARTYRS LEISURE CLUB

New Members are always welcome! Open all year! Come join us on any Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm, in the Sullivan Center for a few fun-filled hours, to socialize, play cards, celebrate holidays & plan occasional excursions. Our facility is air-conditioned & handicap accessible. *We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!*

On Wednesday, August 21, we are planning a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15 am returning about 9:15 pm. For information and reservations, please call: **Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. Come have some fun! All are welcome!**



SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS MEETINGS

FALL 2019 AT 10:00 AM

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE IN SCHOOL

SACRED HEART --- BAYSIDE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 17, 2019 THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 THURSDAY

DECEMBER 3, 2019 TUESDAY

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ FAITH & GOOD WORKS ~

We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2019 Appeal.



Annual Appeal Goal for 2019:
\$58,725.

Amount Pledged:	\$103,967.
Amount Received:	\$96,026.
Donors:	204

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. Call the ACA office at:

718-965-7375, ext. 1602.

Your donation is tax deductible.

Please visit: AnnualCatholicAppeal.org to watch the video. Remember, every dollar received over our goal comes back to American Martyrs Parish. Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.
~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

ST. GREGORY'S THEATRE GROUP-Presents:

SHREK the Musical.



Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15.00 for Seniors & Students and children 12 and under -- \$9.

AUGUST 17 at 8 pm. AUGUST 18 at 2 pm.

For more information and to reserve tickets visit WWW.SGTG.ORG, call 718-989-2451 or go to: TICKETS@SGTG.ORG.

******* SCAM - "Pastor" message *******

There is a scam going around where parishioners are receiving text messages and e-mails on behalf of their "Pastor", asking for help or money. In all cases, the messages were "signed" with the Pastor's full name, including middle initial. The text message is also personalized using the recipient's first name. The message asks people for gift cards and to scratch the back of the card to reveal a pin and to message the information back to the sender. **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO IT, AND DELETE IT.**



Please beware of this scam and be assured that this parish and no other parish would make this kind of request.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Julia M. Maley

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 pray for the men and women of our
Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG**

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.

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Nov. 13 - Our Lady of the Angelus
Call 718-897-4444 - 10 days - \$3,198 per person, for details.

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.

***For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.***

~ Chaplet of Divine Mercy

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-Capital Campaign

Amount Pledged: \$1,231,649.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$978,692.

Amount returned to American

Martyrs: \$554,910.



Number of Parishioners participating: 317

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

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited weekday and Saturday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Rectory Chapel, and the first Sunday of the month at 10 am in Church.

Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother, and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.

"Mary...is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that He can untangle the knots of our soul..."

- Pope Francis



+ 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.

2020 MASS BOOK

The 2020 Mass Book is now open for intentions. Please pick up a copy of the 2020 Mass Intention form on the tables in the back of the Church or come to the Rectory to fill out a form. The offering is \$15.

When we work, we work; when we pray, God works!

~Author Unknown

Is there anything more amazing than prayer? As mystifying and challenging as prayer may be, it is still quite incredible. Imagine: We have the ability to communicate with the eternal, all-powerful God, the creator of the entire universe. And not only that, He takes delight in our prayer. That is extraordinary. I may not be able to talk to the president or the Pope, even my cable company may put me on hold. But I can talk to God whenever and wherever I am. It is the grace from being in a relationship with our Father. Prayer focuses us, slows us down and orients us to God.