

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - August 19

8:00 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

Monday- August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30 am: Agatha Rice --- Marie de Angelis

Tues. - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Federico Cadiente --- Family

Wed.- Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30am: Erica Castillo (Living) ---- Family

Thurs. - August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:30 am: Christina Cadiente (Living) --- Family

Fri. - Aug. 25 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

8:30 am: Victor Ruggieri --- Family

Sat. - Aug. 26

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans  
Warren Forrest

5:00 pm: John MacPherson --- Maureen & Robert  
Shoule

Sunday - August 27

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: Joan Shanahan-Kearney (10th Ann.) -Family
- 2. Peter P. Shanahan --- Family
- 3. 3. Joan M. Shanahan --- Family

12:30 pm: Dr. Munro Levitzky --Mary, Susie & Ida

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:*

~ *In Loving Memory of Warren Forrest* ~  
*Requested by American Martyrs Parish*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week for:*

~ *A Special Intention* ~  
*Requested by Maria Mathew*



**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 21

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

TUESDAY - August 22

• **BINGO - SC -7:30 PM**

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 PM.

\*\*\*\*\* **HANDICAP ACCESS** \*\*\*\*\*

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



WEDNESDAY - August 23

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

THURSDAY - August 24

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC

SATURDAY - August 26

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm**
- The Rectory 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.

**I can do all things through Him  
who strengthens me.**

~ Philippians 4:13

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - August 13, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -  
(Contributions will be report next week)

This Weekend - August 20, 2017

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

Next Weekend - August 27, 2017

My 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: [e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch](http://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 Picket, 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.**



**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](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)  
Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://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.

**O God, let all the nations praise You!**

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.**

**As Christians, we are called to transform every  
activity in our lives into a prayer. This is how we  
become the best version of ourselves and live holy  
lives.**

**\*\*\*\* 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

Today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew describes what occurred in Tyre and Sidon when Jesus cured the daughter of a Gentile woman. Tyre and Sidon were Gentile cities. The Apostles faithfully followed the Lord wherever He went, just as we are called to do.



There was only one reason that the Lord made this trip (on foot, of course, as that was the only alternative at that time), and that was to cure the daughter of the Gentile woman. Making an effort like that is a sign of Christ's love, and His understanding of a need. He was also trying to teach His followers, which includes us, how important each individual and her or his faith is.

Jesus' Apostles found this situation, and perhaps even this entire trip, to be a fruitless and empty gesture, more of a bother than it was worth. They even plead with Jesus to ignore the woman and send her away. They said, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." However, Jesus is teaching a lesson to each of us, actually two lessons. He does not "send her away" but finally responds, saying "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

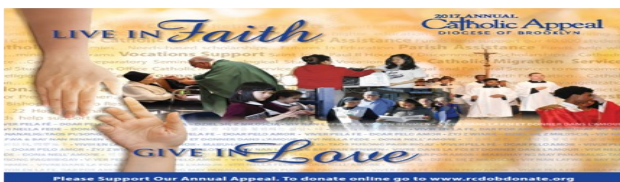
The two lessons (messages) Jesus provides to us are easily summarized. First, we need to know and understand that Jesus loves us and He is aware of our needs. The second is that when we pray and appeal for help (all the woman finally said was "Lord, help me!") a key to answered prayers is persistence. She had it, and we need to have it. ~ 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.



Rite of Christian  
Initiation



## + 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 Martyrs: \$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.

**Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom and cured every disease among the people.**

**The most practical way to improve all our relationships is to continually become a better listener. Make a conscious effort to listen to God and the people in your life.**



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## \*\*\* 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](http://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](http://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* ~

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:</b>	<b>\$61,392.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$95,855.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$88,415.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>263</b>

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://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](http://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*

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## 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.**