

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - August 26

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

SUNDAY - August 27

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

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

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

Monday- August 28 - St. Augustine

8:30 am: Madeline Castora --- Barbara Picot

Tues. - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am: Jane Smth --- Diana Iorio

Wed.- August 30

8:30am: Joan Shanahan Kearney --- Family

Thurs. - August 31

8:30 am: Mary & William Dolan --- Irene

Friday - September 1

8:30 am: Adeline Loguidice --- Ken & Christine
7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions (Chapel)

Sat. - September 2

- 8:30 am: 1. George Boyle -- Regina
2. Frank Neville --- Liam & Peggy & Family
3. Petra Blando --- Family

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday - September 3

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family
10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
12:30 pm: Rev. John Murray - Barbara & Jack Goydas

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

*~ In Loving Memory of ~
Joan Shanahan Kearney (10th Anniversary)
Requested by her Family*



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 28

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

TUESDAY - August 29

- **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 30

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

THURSDAY - August 31

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

SATURDAY - September 2

- Rectory Office closed

MONDAY - September 4 - Labor Day

- 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
- Sun. September 10 - Rel. Ed --SC -- 8:50 am

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



***** REMINDER - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first day of Religious Education is Sunday, September 10, at 8:50 am in the Sullivan Center, all grades 1 through 8. If you have not yet paid you're your tuition, please do so before September 10.



Sunday Collections

August 13, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,272.

Last Weekend - August 20, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$4,426.

Parish Grounds - \$875.

The Assumption -- \$1,171.

This 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 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, Elsa & Vivian Barbagallo, 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, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, 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, Jesse 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.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, October 4, 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. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!



**Lord, Your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

**You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church and the gates of the
netherworld shall not prevail against it.**

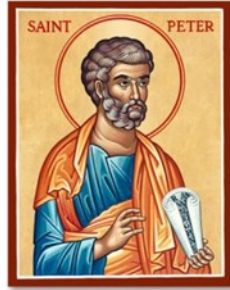
THE ROSARY

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.



REFLECTION

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered. Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples.



This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver. Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power.

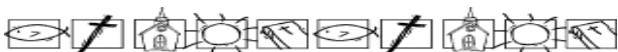
We are also fond of images and more showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1023) states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face." Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good." Our call is clear.

~ 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 +

Petra M. Blando
Rev. Michael A. Vendetti

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: \$663,476.

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.

With all the strength of my soul, I urge you to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on the bread of angels whence you will draw all energy you need to fight the inner battles. Because true happiness does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind.

~ **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**



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 ***

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.

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.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

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| Annual Appeal Goal for 2017: | \$61,392. |
| Amount Pledged: | \$97,005. |
| Amount Received: | \$90,415. |
| Donors: | 266 |

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.