

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - February 3

5:00 pm : Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- February 4, 2018

8:30 am: Anthony Pagano ( Healing) --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Margaret Muller --- Regina Corker

Mon. - February 5 - St. Agatha

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis -- Ellie Foresta

Tues. - Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 am: Patrocinio Apostadero --- Jovie

Wed. - Feb. 7

8:30am: John Sklivas -- Dianna &amp; Arthur Ferrante

Thurs. - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am: Mary Schab -Mary Ann &amp; Patrick McCabe

Fri. - Feb. 9

8:30 am: Konstanty &amp; Benigna Wilkowski -- Donna &amp; Steve

Sat. - February 10 - St. Scholastica

8:30 am: 1. Alex Gonzales (In Thanksgiving)---Family

2. Marie de Angelis --- Misuzu Kato

3. Rev. Thomas Kehoe -- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Edward Malench --- Suzanne

Sun. - Feb. 11- World Day of the Sick

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

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

2. Maria Markou -- Nancy Gracin &amp; Family

3. Raul Miguez --- Cipolla Family

12:30 pm: Margaret Corker --- Regina Corker

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

~ *In Honor of Deacon Stan* ~

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Msgr. William J. Rodgers**

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

SUNDAY - February 4, 2018

- Religious Education - S
- CWV "Warren Forest" Drive for Troops

MONDAY- February 5

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

TUESDAY - February 6

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY - February 7

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

THURSDAY - February 8

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

SUNDAY - February 11

- Religious Education -S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. Feb. 12 - Catholic Medley - 7:30 pm -MC
- Ash Wednesday, February 14
- Sat. Feb. 17 - Defensive Driving- 9- 3:30 pm-MC

2018 Mass Book Intentions

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. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.



Sunday Collections

**Last Weekend - January 28, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church-- \$6,473.  
Aid to Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa- \$894.

**This Weekend - February 4, 2018**

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

**Next Weekend - February 11, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Heating Fuel.

**\*\*\*\*\*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, Elsa Barbagallo,  
Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride  
Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang  
Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi,  
Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John  
Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson  
Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela  
Ierardi, Joe Kinney, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida  
Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath,  
Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North,  
Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Walter Panas, Rosemary  
Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez,  
Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike  
Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer,  
George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine  
Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner,  
Lorraine 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.**



**Knights Of Columbus**

Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)

Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.weebly.com)



**Praise the Lord,  
who heals the broken hearted.**

**PRAYER INTENTION BOOK**

The Parish has a prayer intention book available near  
the tabernacle. Please write your petitions for the sick  
or any other special intentions in the book---your  
intentions will be remembered during the Masses of  
the week in the Parish.

**Please pray for the men and women of our  
Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:**

**SPC Ruby Russo - US Army  
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC  
SM 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.

**St. Patrick's Day Party!**

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
@ 6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**



**American Martyrs Church  
216-01 Union Turnpike, Bayside,  
Knights of Columbus  
Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666**

**Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers  
DJ + Dancing Raffles 50/50**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free /Ages 7 to  
12 - \$10 / Ages 13 to 18 - \$20  
Ages 19 & Up - \$30**



**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)**

Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade 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 transferring to American Martyrs’ program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.



Please check our website:

**AMReligion Class.Weebly.com**

*for school closings due to inclement weather.*

Religious Education email:

**AMReligionClass@gmail.com**

**\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul: 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](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.

**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 ~*

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2017: \$61,392.**  
**Amount Pledged: \$105,335.**  
**Amount Received: \$102,575.**  
**Donors: 308**

Please fulfill your pledges if you have not already done so.



Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge.

The **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal** will begin this month.

**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*

**CATHOLIC MEDLEY**

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, February 12** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, March 5, & March 19.



We will be discussing the **Holy Eucharist** using *Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire* series video as our starting point. Please join us!

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE:** The church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY- February 14 and ALL FRIDAYS of Lent.**



**FASTING:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 & 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the fasting regulations on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on 2 other occasions in the course of the day. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three disciplines of Lent. The faithful and the elect should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

## REFLECTION

The fact that today's Gospel from Mark makes reference to Jesus curing Peter's mother-in-law would seem to point to the fact that Peter was married. However, the majority of scholars are of the opinion that the wife may have died before Peter was called by Jesus as an Apostle. In fact, there are many misconceptions about St. Peter. For one, although often portrayed as much older, he was probably younger than Jesus. In fact all 12 Apostles were most likely younger than Jesus.



Also, Peter is often presented in paintings and movies and books as being a very old man, but historians have also concluded that Peter was martyred in Rome when he was about 66 years old. He was never the old, old man in his 80's we see quite often.

All of that is secondary to a simple statement in today's Gospel about the mother-in-law. Specifically, St. Mark writes, "He (Jesus) approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." St. Matthew reveals this same fact in his Gospel (Matthew 8:15), and he writes, "He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him."

The message for us is very basic. Peter's mother-in-law responded to Jesus the same way we should when Jesus blesses us. She responded to the Lord and immediately served Him out of gratitude. That should be our motivation, and action, as well.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

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**Christ took away our infirmities  
and bore our diseases.**



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$758,480.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 311**

**I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has been completed.**



We are now working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. ***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.

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### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information, **please call Marty at: 631-360-9720.**



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### AMERICAN MARTYRS CWV POST

Our **Warren Forest Drive for the Troops** will be held this weekend **February 3/4.** We will be collecting personal items such as:



shaving items, food items (hard candy & gum) and practical items (stationary, etc.) Cash contributions are also welcome. Please see the detailed list of needed items on the Church tables. The CWV will be at the doors of the Church before and after all Masses collecting donations.

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### + PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

**Marie de Angelis  
Marianna & Michael Jesiolkiewicz**

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.