

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - February 4, 2017

5:00 pm: Special Intention - Regina & John Horvat

SUN. February 5, 2017 -

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Anne Graffeo -- Danielle, Rudy & Linda

Monday - February 6 - St Paul Miki

8:30 am: Paprocino Appostadero - Jovie Chorzepa

Tues. February 7

8:30 am: Gabriella Losasso (Healing) --Norma

Wed.- Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

8:30 am: Rev. Joseph F. Wiseman - Fr. Frank

Thurs. Feb. 9

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

Fri. - February 10 - St. Scholastica

8:30 am: Betty Mancino --- Patricia Adams

Saturday - February 11- Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am: 1. Donald Halmy --- Diana Meehan

2. Sadie Bartkowski -- Patricia & Family

3. Rev. Msgr. Gerard Arella - Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Joann Walsh --- Maureen Cullen

Sunday - February 12, 2017

8:30 am: Carlton Klein, Sr. - Maryann & Jack Brackx

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

2. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

3. Michael Miller --- Susan Miller

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

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

*~ In Loving Memory of Ed Malench ~*

*Requested by the Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week:*

*~ In Loving Memory of Louis Foresta ~*

*Requested by his wife, Ellie*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please visit [AMReligionClass.Weebly.com](http://AMReligionClass.Weebly.com) for information regarding Religious Education School closing for inclement weather, and other useful information about our Religious Education program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- February 5, 2017

- Religious Education - S
- CWV "Troop Drive"

MON. - February 6

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

TUESDAY - February 7

- **BINGO - SC -7:30 PM**

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

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

"NO Smoking" "Air Conditioned" Please join us!  
We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

BINGO				
16	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

WEDNESDAY - February 8

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

THURSDAY - February 9

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

FRIDAY - February 10

- Family Night Movie- Imm. Concep. Center - 7 pm

SUNDAY- February 12, 2017

- Religious Education - S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat/Sun.-Feb.4/5-CWV "Troop Drive"-all Masses
- Sat. Feb. 18 - Defensive Driving - MC
- Sat. Feb 25-AMAA "Paint Night - 2- 4pm - SC
- Wed. March 1 -- Ash Wednesday - Lent
- Sat. March 11 - St. Patrick's Day Party - SC
- Sat. April 8 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-SC
- Sun. April 23 - CWV -Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. April 30 - Blood Drive -- SC

On Sunday, February 5, at all Masses, there will be a general *Blessing of the Throats* in Honor of St. Blaise (Feb. 3).



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --January 29, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,460.  
The Tablet - \$716.

This Weekend - February 5, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - February 12, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

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

**\*\*\*\* The January 50/50 Winner: \*\*\*\***

**Congratulations to Norma Gonzalez who won \$140 in our January drawing. Ms. Gonzalez has graciously donated a part of her winnings back to American Martyrs. Look for the February 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 February. Good Luck!**

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, Jeffrey Arcello, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, Gilda Bavaro, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jen Costa, Florence D'Anna, Eva Maria Ditaranto, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Margaret Grasso, Mary Grecco, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, 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, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Sheila Still, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, John Tymon, Joan Wagner, McCaila Young, Fred Uy, 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.*

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Angelina Lazzaruolo      Rosemary Seyfert  
Rev. Msgr. James A. Hunt  
Rev. Msgr. Gerard J. Arella  
Rev. Joseph F. Wiseman

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

Queens Deanery #5 Facebook Page

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[www.queensdeanery5.org](http://www.queensdeanery5.org)  
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+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

*~New Members Enrolled for January & February ~*

Virginia & Joseph Laraia	Robert Sonneman
Clotilde Licata	Patricia Castaldo
Rev. Msgr. George Schuster Smaldino & Granieri Families	
Theresa Kavaliauskas	Adele Andrela
Frank & Anna Smaldino	Irene Paplaskas
Charles Kavaliauskas	Aldona Kavalaiauskas
Ronald Kavaliauskas	Mildred Callahan
Sharon Kavaliauskas	Raymond Paplaskas
Joseph Kearns	Mildred Stukas
Mae & Joseph Muessle	Josephine Carr
Ronald & Craig Schneider	Recardo Crespin
Hop Yee Li Chiu	Rev. Msgr. James H. Hunt

**All Deceased Catholic War Veterans of Post 1772**

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.

To be truly neighbors means to consider **love** as our main task. Let us, therefore, dare to recover the liberating potential of this Christian commandment of love, which is capable of creating a true democratic coexistence by injecting it with real and lived communion, open to inclusiveness, listening, dialoguing, respecting other's opinions and orientations. ~ Pope Francis

## REFLECTION

Stewardship is putting our faith in action through the use of the gifts given to us by God. It is becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Lord did not want us to be passive in our approach to living. He wants more from us than just being quietly holy.

Remember that stewardship is a call from God to recognize that all of our blessings and talents have been given to us for a purpose. As baptized Catholics it is our obligation to share these gifts willingly in order to serve the Church and our parish community.

As we have pointed out many times, stewardship is much more than financial support. It is, as stated, putting our faith in action with the key word there as "action." In that way we can become, also as stated, a true disciple of the Lord.

In today's Gospel reading from the Book of Matthew Jesus calls us salt and then light. He tells us, for example, that we are the light of the world, reflecting His light. Specifically He says to those who choose to be His disciple, "Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand."

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "To keep a lamp burning you have to keep putting oil in it." If we see ourselves as lamps as Jesus told us we should be, we need to keep the oil in it and that requires action on our part.

~ the catholicsteward.com



## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,242,665.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$510,655.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$195,822.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 308**

**Work on the Church roof and pointing will commence in the Spring of 2017. Total projected cost of the project is \$725,000. For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.**



## DEANERY FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES.

Following the success of the first "Family Night at the Movies" in December we are pleased to offer another Movie Night on **Friday, February 10th at 7:00PM in the Immaculate Conception Center Auditorium, Douglaston.** The acclaimed and inspiring film, **HEAVEN IS FOR REAL**, will be shown on the big screen and it's FREE! Parents and children, friends and neighbors and parishioners throughout Queens Deanery #5 are invited! Seating is limited so please call Jane by February 8th at 718-229-5929 ext. 110 and let her know how many people will be attending. Snacks will be available for purchase too!



## 2017 Mass Book Intentions

**The 2017 Mass Intention book is open.**

**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.**

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



The Catholic War Veterans will conduct their Annual "**Troop Drive**" collection on Saturday & Sunday February 4 & 5.

1. Body & Foot Powders
2. Tooth brushes & tooth paste
3. Canned Foods: - Tuna, beans, Mac & Cheese, etc.
4. Mouth Wash (Non- Alcohol Types)
5. Wet Wipes
6. Hand Towels (Any Tan Type Colors)
7. Power bars: Granola type energy boosters, etc.
8. Dry Mix Drink Packets (Any & All Flavors)
9. Shaving gear (Cream, razors, etc.)
10. Socks (Military type (Tan or Green)
11. Deodorant (For Male & Female)
12. Female personal care type items.

\*\*\*\* When making donations: - Please note that the vast majority of deployed troops are males.

## THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

The Bridge to Life is a crisis pregnancy center in Queens that supplies thousands of families in the NYC area with their necessary supplies. Bridge is in need of the following items: cribs (no drop-down), pack and plays, strollers, car seats, and clothing sizes 2t-8. We accept gently used and new. Thank you and God Bless. "God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory." - Pope Benedict XVI



**For information about the Youth Group, visit:**

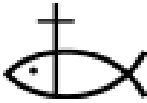
**OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com**

or email: **olsamcyg2@gmail.com**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
Whoever follows Me will have the light of life.**

## CATHOLIC MEDLEY

The next scheduled date for **Catholic Medley** is Monday, February 27 at 7:30 pm in the MC.



### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, February 18, 2017 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.



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

**Healing Mass - St. Anastais 45-14 245 St. Douglaston 7 pm**  
Tues. Feb. 14 -Rosary, Mass & Healing Service - 718-631-4454

**Catholic Widows/Widowers meeting - St. Kevin's**  
Monday, Feb. 13. - 7 pm - 718-296-4642

**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-718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$50/\$100 to American Martyrs.

**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 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.



## 2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Share the Joy of the Gospel* ~

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2016: \$61,392.**  
**Amount Pledged (as of 11/28/16): \$88,250.**  
**Amount Received: \$81,051.**  
**Donors: 245**



The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal has come to an end. The final numbers will be reported within the next few weeks. I am grateful to all the Parishioners who have made a pledge and on behalf of Bishop DiMarzio, I thank you for sharing the **Joy of the Gospel.**

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.  
~ *Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council congratulates the winners of the **Keep Christ In Christmas** poster contest:

1st Place: **Megan Hsu, Lelaina Madrazo, & Julia Farley**  
2nd Place: **Kaitlin Farley and Mellissa Tyska**

Thank you to all of the children who submitted wonderful works of art!

**Please take pleasure in our new seat cushions, but please do not bring food or drinks into the Church.**

**Do Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.**



**American Martyrs Athletic Association**  
Presents...  
**Family Paint**  
a fundraising event  
**Saturday, Feb 25**  
**2 - 4 PM**  
**Wintry Night Landscapes**  
Acrylic on Canvas



Explore creating mood & expression in painting with technique instruction by Kimmy Ma, MA, School of Education, NYU. Enjoy painting with artist mentors from Kimmy Ma Art Studio.  
[www.kimmyma-artstudio.com](http://www.kimmyma-artstudio.com)

Cost (includes materials): \$25 for 1 Adult, \$40 for 1 Adult + 1 Child, \$50 for 1 Adult + 2 Children  
\*Suitable for children 5 and up

**Pre-registration with payment is required by January 31<sup>st</sup>** (to ensure sufficient supplies)

Make check payable to: AMAA

Mail check to: Julie Baez, 80-35 Springfield Blvd, Apt 3L, Queens Village, NY 11427

Please call Julie if you have any questions 917-734-8441.

**Seating is limited, reserve your tickets today!**

Refreshments will be available for additional purchase.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/kimmymaartstudio>

Net proceeds go to benefit the AMAA sports programs - [www.americanmartyrssports.com](http://www.americanmartyrssports.com)

