

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - January 14, 2017

5:00 pm: Charles Menduni -- Mom, Dad & Family

SUN. January 15, 2017 -

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Joseph Galani - Marianne & John
- 2. Michael Fogarelli --- Rosemarie Louras
- 3. Florentino Apostardero - Jovie Chorzepa

12:30 pm: Frank & Rose Francis--Anthony & Maria LaSala

Mon.- January 16

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving --Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Tues. Jan. 17 - St. Anthony

8:30 am: Michael Valle -- Fr. Frank

Wed. - January 18

8:30 am: William Bennett --- Maryann Brackx

Thurs. January 19

8:30 am: Elva Acevedo - Maria Irizarry

Fri. - Jan. 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:30 am: George Maple - Fr. Frank

Saturday - Jan 21- Saint Agnes

8:30: am:

- 1. Michael Miller --- Friend
- 2. Lora Viola (Living) --- Family
- 3. Kevin Dowling --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Ronald Schneider & Peter Stagnaro---Marilyn

Sunday Jan. 22, 2017 -Ecumenical Sunday

8:30 am: Hedwig Sosna --- Donna & Steve

- 10:30 am: 1. Peggy Fortune --- Fortune Family
- 2. Angelina DiCicco --- Family
- 3. Florence D'Anna --- Nancy & Tina

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

*~ In Loving Memory of ~
Antoinette Graffeo
requested by Anne Loughrey*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- January 15, 2017

- NO Religious Education

MON. - Jan.16, - 2017 - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

TUESDAY - January 17

- **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.

WEDNESDAY - January 18

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

THURSDAY - January 19

- Leisure Club - 11 -3 - SC
- Habitat for Humanity - 7 pm - SC

Saturday - January 21

- Youth Group - 7:30 pm --SC
olsamcyg2@gmail.com

SUNDAY- January 22, 2017

- Religious Education -S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon-Jan. 23- Catholic Medley- 7:30 pm - SC
- Sat.-Jan 28 -CWV-SC- after 8:30 am Mass-RC
- Fri-Feb.3 - Lifeline Screening - SC
- Sat. Feb 4 - Sister Ave Clark retreat-9am-1 - SC
- Sat/Sun.-Feb.4/5-CWV “Troop Drive”-all Masses
- Sat. Feb 25-AMAA “Paint Night - 2-4pm-SC

SATURDAY MORNING MASS-TIME CHANGE

The Saturday morning Mass will now be at 8:30 am.
Monday through Saturday, all Masses will be at 8:30 am in the Rectory Chapel.

All Sunday Masses will stay the same:
5 pm-Saturday; 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --January 8, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$4,028.
Diocesan Mission - \$633.

This Weekend - January 15, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - January 22, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Diocesan collection for Latin America, Eastern Europe & Africa.

*****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, Jeffrey Arcello, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, 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, Philip Hren, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, C. J. Marino, Danny Montchal, Minor Morales, 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, Denise Tully, 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.

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
To those who accepted Him,
He gave power to become children of God.**



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

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

A Note From The Music Ministry

Our Adult Choir needs reinforcements. We sing at the Sunday 10:30 Mass every week, and rehearse after Mass, with a few additional rehearsals down the road. Please see Pat White at the organ, for more information.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

The Catholic War Veterans will conduct their Annual "Troop Drive" collection on Saturday & Sunday February 4 & 5, 2017. Please see the flyer on the Church tables for more information.



Queens Deanery #5 Facebook Page

Join Queens Deanery #5 on Facebook where you will learn more about the upcoming spiritual events in the parishes of our Deanery, as well as find all of the weekly bulletins, contact information, Mass schedules and so much more. Just visit Queens Deanery #5 on Facebook and "like" the page to receive updates, or visit us on the web at: www.queensdeanery5.org
Facebook.com/Queens Deanery 5

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

+ 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.

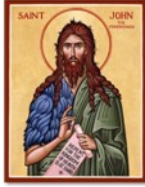
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

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.



REFLECTION

Our Gospel Reading today is quite short. However, it contains an important revelation from St. John the Baptist about Jesus, our Lord and Savior. John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." We are fond in the Church to use the symbol of the dove to represent the Holy Spirit, but what John says is not that the Spirit was a dove, but it descended like a dove.



The Spirit descends upon us as well throughout our lives as Catholics. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us, and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts at Confirmation. Nevertheless, we receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass and especially at the Eucharist. Just as John the Baptist spoke of seeing the Holy Spirit descend upon the Lord, that same Holy Spirit descends upon us.

You probably have never paid much attention to how a dove actually descends. It sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and in its own unique way. This Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. It fills us. What do we do with it? It is part of our very being, but for it to be effective we must share it and use it.

Our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "No one can give that which they do not personally possess, which means we cannot transmit the Holy Spirit if we ourselves are not close to the Spirit."

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,270,665.

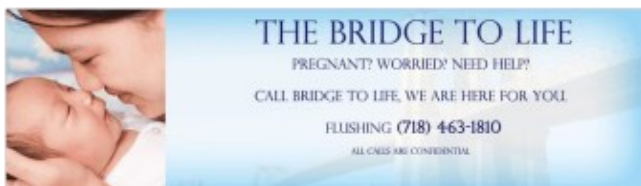
Total Paid on Pledges: \$491,485.

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

Number of Parishioners participating: 307

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.



Mitten Drive !



Boxes are at the entrances of our Church, through January, to collect gently-used or new Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for children and adults. These items will be donated each week to the Salvation Army family residence for those less fortunate than ourselves to help make their winter more comfortable.

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.**

LIFE LINE SCREENING

American Martyrs will be hosting a **mobile health screening service on Friday, February 3, in the Sullivan Center**, to offer potentially life-saving ultrasound screenings. According to the National Stroke Association, about 97% of Americans cannot recognize the signs of strokes. These tests are important and not typically offered during a regular physical. Please call the Helping Hands registration office at **1-888-653-6450** for more information. See the flyers on the Church tables.

You must be registered to participate.

Ask our a special \$10 discount.

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

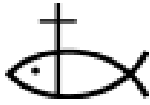
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please join us on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 pm**, at American Martyrs Church in the Sullivan Center to learn about the 20 homes Habitat NYC is starting to build in Queens for low-income, hardworking families and how you can be part of this exciting project.

Every Sunday, just before we receive the Eucharist, the Priest invites us to "**Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sin of the world.**" He invites us to fix our eyes, our hearts, and our whole selves on Jesus. "**This Jesus died for every sin that has been committed or will be committed--He died for every sin that I or anyone else will commit**". Jesus wants to open our eyes at the "**breaking of the bread**" so that we might know Him more deeply. So when you receive Communion today, make it a point to behold Jesus. Then ask Him to reveal Himself to you.

CATHOLIC MEDLEY

On Monday, January 23, at 7:30 pm in the Murray Center, we will continue our series of **Catholic Medley**. We will explore who God is and why He matters, using Fr. Robert Barron's excellent lecture series "**The Mystery of God**".



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

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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

*** COMMUNITY NEWS ***

ST. JOSAPHATS - Casino to EMPIRE CITY, Yonkers, Jan. 25, 2017. Cost \$25.00 get back \$10.00 in coin \$5.00 in food. Leave in front of Church 35 Ave. & 210 St. at 9:30 am. For reservations contact Joy 917-921-7631.

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-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 -- 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*



**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

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 31st (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.americanmartyrsports.com

