

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 20

5:00 pm: Joan Dziedzic --- Tomczyk

SUNDAY- January 21 - Ecumenical Sunday

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Angelina DiCicco --- Family

2. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen Macchia

3. Terry Kennedy --- Robert & Phyllis

12:30 pm: Philip Palase --- Robert Goetz & Family

Mon. - Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

8:30 am: Hedwig D. Sonsna --- Donna & Steve

Tues. - Jan. 23 - Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope

8:30 am: Robert Giamarino -- Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Wed. - Jan. 24 -- St. Francis de Sales

8:30am: Marie de Angelis -- AM Rosary Society

Thurs. - Jan. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 am: Caden (Living) --- Misuzu

Fri. - Jan. 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:30 am: Rose Sgambati -- AM Rosary Society

Sat. - January 27 - St. Angela Merici

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Frank & Rose Francis --Anthony & Maria

Sun. - Jan. 28 - National Catholic Schools Week

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Dominick & Rose Servillo -- Annie & Mary

2. Jack Antolini --- Family

3. Maria Markou --- Theresa Asche

12:30 pm: Rosa Morales --- Family

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

~ *In Loving Memory of Marie de Angelis* ~
requested by American Martyrs Parish

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Marie de Angelis

Rose Sgambati

Rev. Msgr. John A. Burns

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 - January 21, 2018

- Religious Education - S

MONDAY- January 22, 2018

- 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 - January 23

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

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

***** HANDICAP ACCESS *****

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

WEDNESDAY - January 24

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

THURSDAY - January 25

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

SATURDAY - January 27

- CWV -SC after 8:30 am Mass

SUNDAY - January 28

- Religious Education -S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Ash Wednesday, February 14
- Sat. Feb.17 - Defensive Driving- 9 - 3:30 pm-MC

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Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - January 14, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church-- \$5,472.

This Weekend - January 21, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - January 28, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Aid to Latin America, Eastern Europe and 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, 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, Bill Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, 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.



MITTEN DRIVE



Our Mitten Drive has only two more weekends for your donations,. It will be ending Sunday, January 28.

This Parish has been amazing, donating an abundance of new, handmade or gently-used Mittens/ Gloves, Hats and Scarves.

There are many grateful recipients of your generosity.

Knights Of Columbus

Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com



**The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.**

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.

LENTEN SEASON WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT

Please join Sister Ave Clark, O.P. on **Saturday, February 3, from 9:30 - 11:45 am**, here at American Martyrs in the Sullivan Center for a Mini Brunch Women's Retreat.



Spirit of Women... Graces Galore

Please call 718-428-2471 for more information and to register.

Handicap accessible. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Children entering the 1st 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 -- 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:	\$104,360.
Amount Received:	\$101,269.
Donors:	290

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 in the month of February.

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 January 29, at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center.



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

EUCCHARIST

Pope Francis reminds us that, when we come to Mass, we are taking part in Christ’s death and resurrection and following His call to take up His life in all that we do. It is His true Body and Blood that we consume -- His everlasting gift to Himself. Eucharist calls us to **action**, to do whatever we can to make Jesus’ message heard by all those who need His blessing and grace.

God of mystery and wonder, give me courage and strength to follow your call wherever it leads me!



REFLECTION

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” With these words, Jesus invites Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew to follow Him and be His disciples.



We often speak of the subtleties of translation. In the original Greek in which St. Mark wrote his Gospel, a better translation would be, “Come after me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” It is the beginning of a process.

We are called to that same process. It is not as if it happens quite suddenly. It happens over time, and it is a progression. If we are to be “fishers of men,” we are to be evangelizers and disciples of the Lord, and we are to represent what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Of course, Simon and Andrew “abandoned their nets and followed him.” It may be more difficult for us to “abandon our nets” so to speak, but it does prompt us that we need to make major changes in our lives if we are going to follow Jesus. Simon and Andrew, and then James and John, were common men, normal people. They had no theological credentials nor did they have any special status in the world.

Most of us are similar. Jesus did not select them (or us) for who they were. He called them for what He could do through them. It is the same with each of us. Yes, we are called, but in order to really fulfill our calling we need to follow and trust in Jesus.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

Teach me your ways, O Lord.



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$728,135.

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.

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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+ 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.