

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 21, 2017

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

SUN. January 22, 2017 -

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

Monday - Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

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

Tues. Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales

8:30 am: Eleanor Calace --Victoria & Family

Wed.-Jan. 25 - Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 am: Abuelo & Abuela Lara --Aida Moronta

Thurs. January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:30 am: William Bennett - Margaret & Carl Reyes

Fri. - Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici

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

Saturday - Jan 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday Jan. 29, 2017 -

8:30 am: Robbie Di Masi --- Cami

10:30 am:1. Antoinette Graffeo - Tony & Susan

2. Anthony Zafferese --- Nancy Soviero

3. Beverly Seignious --- Ginelle Klein

12:30 pm: Mauro Cuevas & Emma Feliciano-Noemi Cuevas

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Deceased Family Members & All Souls

Requested by Maria Mathew

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of Tereza Santos ~

Requested by her Family

Please visit 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- January 22, 2017

- Religious Education - S
- 1 - DAY ONLY COAT DRIVE until 2:30 pm - SC

MON. - Jan.23 - 2017

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

TUESDAY - January 24

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY - January 25

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

THURSDAY - January 26

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

Saturday - January 28

- CWV-SC- after 8:30 am Mass - RC

SUNDAY- January 29, 2017

- Religious Education -S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Fri-Feb.3 - Lifeline Screening - SC
- Sat. Feb 4- Sister Ave Clark retreat-9am-12 - SC
- Sat/Sun.-Feb.4/5-CWV “Troop Drive”-all Masses
- Sat. Feb 25-AMAA “Paint Night - 2-4pm-SC
- Sat. March 11 - St. Patrick’s Day Party - 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.

For information about the Youth Group, visit:

OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com

or email: olsamcyg2@gmail.com

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --January 15, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,542.

This Weekend - January 22, 2017

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

Next Weekend - January 29, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Contribution for publication of the Tablet newspaper.

*****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, 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 Riccioppi, 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.

**Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
And cured every disease among the people.**

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Police Officer Steven McDonald
Marie Dalia
Walter Stone**

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

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](https://www.facebook.com/QueensDeanery5)**

+ 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.**



WOMEN'S NEW YEAR RETREAT

Please join **Sister Ave Clark, O.P.** on Saturday, February 4, at 9:45 am until noon for a **Mini Brunch Retreat** here at American Martyrs, in the Sullivan Center. Please call to register: **718-428-2471.** ~ **Bring a friend, a mom, a grandmother, an aunt, a neighbor.**



COAT DRIVE- 1 DAY ONLY- SUN. JAN. 22

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s commitment to service, in partnership with the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, today, at all Masses, we will have a **1 DAY ONLY COAT DRIVE.** Please bring your **cleaned and gently used coats in plastic bags please, not loose** - down to the Sullivan Center. They will be picked up and delivered by the Hollis Hills Jewish Center at **2:30 pm.**

REFLECTION

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes an appeal to the Christian community in Corinth. Paul writes, "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose." It would seem that not much has changed over the centuries. There are still divisions in the Christian community, and even in our own parish and faith communities these may well exist. The First Reading is what should unify us and that is the presence of Christ. Isaiah prophesies "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Christ, the Light of the World, is that light, of course. It is He who unites us, who inspires us to work together toward unity, and who provides us with the joy at what His sacrifice and promise for us portends. Jesus' victory is complete, but we must accept that and respond to that. Paul's point, is that Jesus the Lord should be the center of our faith and the center of our Church. For us as Catholics that is the case, but the reality indicates that it is not always the reality we experience. Before we can eliminate the worldwide factions that have arisen through the centuries we must remove any conflicts that may exist in our own faith communities. That is certainly part of Paul's point in today's reading. Jesus gives us the answer to these disagreements over and over when He says, "**Love one another.**" It is really quite simple.

The Gospel Reading is the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and then through His disciples in our own world. We have pointed out previously that when Jesus called His Twelve Apostles, eleven of them were Galileans (the only exception being Judas Iscariot who was a Judean). Galilee, although we tend to focus on fishermen in the Sea of Galilee, was mainly agricultural with rich fertile soil. It was a natural place for Jesus to minister initially for many reasons: it was His native place; the population was large and compact; and there were an estimated more than 200 significant towns there. A key part of our Gospel is the onset of the Lord gathering His Apostles, as He initially calls Peter and his brother Andrew, closely followed by the brothers James and John. It is important to note that their response was immediate: "At once they left their nets and followed him (Jesus)." There were no debates, no discussions, and no long considerations. That is a great example to us. Do we hesitate; do we wait to become a disciple of the Lord? We really should not. If we accept Him as our Savior and as the cornerstone of our Church, our response, too, should be immediate and definite. ~thecatholicsteward.com

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 !

January 29 will be the last day to collect gently-used or new Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for children and adults. Boxes are at the entrances of our Church. These items will be donated to the Salvation Army family residence for those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you all for your overwhelming generosity!



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.

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.

