

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 28, 20175:00 pm: **Misa Pro Populo**SUN. January 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

Monday - January 30

8:30 am: George Pearce --- Ed Pearce

Tues. Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco

8:30 am: Marie & Edward Schern -Arlene & Barbara

Wed.- February 1

8:30 am: Angela Radacinski - Stephen & Family

Thurs. Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am: Walter Stone --- Barbara & Win Froehlich

Fri. - February 3 - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

8:30 am: Rudi Schwarz --- Fr. Frank

7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions -- RC

Blessing of Throats and Holy Hour

Saturday - February 4

8:30 am: 1. Michael Natale -- Steve Radacinski

2. Michael Miller --- Teresa Klaum

3. Joseph Scaduto --- Larry DeFrancis

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

Sunday February 5, 20178:30 am: **Misa Pro Populo**

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

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

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ For a Special Intention ~*RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONPlease visit AMReligionClass.Weebly.com

for information regarding Religious

Education School closing for inclement

weather, and other useful information about our Religious Education program.



Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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 29, 2017

- Religious Education - S

MON. - Jan. 30 - 2017

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

TUESDAY - January 31

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

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

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

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

“NO Smoking” “Air Conditioned” Please join us!

We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WEDNESDAY - February 1

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

THURSDAY - February 2 - Groundhog Day

- Leisure Club - 11 -3 - SC
- Crafty People - 7:30 pm -SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm- MC

FRIDAY - February 3

- **Lifeline Screening - SC**

SATURDAY - February 4

- Sister Ave Clark retreat-9:30 am-12 noon- SC
- CWV “Troop Drive”

SUNDAY- February 5, 2017

- Religious Education - S
- CWV “Troop Drive”- at all Masses

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
- Sat. March 11 - St. Patrick’s Day Party - 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 22, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,985.
Diocesan collection for Latin America - \$1,052.

This Weekend - January 29, 2017

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

Next Weekend - February 5, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*****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.

**Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.**

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




+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Archangela Lazzaruolo
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

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www.queensdeanery5.org
[Facebook.com/Queens Deanery 5](https://www.facebook.com/QueensDeanery5)

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

~New Members Enrolled for January & February ~

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| Virginia & Joseph Laraia | Robert Sonneman |
| Clotilde Licata | Patricia Castaldo |
| Rev. Msgr. George Schuster | |
| Theresa Kavaliauskas | Adele Andrela |
| Frank & Anna Smaldino | Irene Paplaskas |
| Charles Kavaliauskas | Aldona Kavaliauskas |
| Ronald Kavaliauskas | Mildred Callahan |
| Sharon Kavaliauskas | Raymond Paplaskas |
| Joseph Kearns | Mildred Stukas |
| Mae & Joseph Muessle | Josephine Carr |
| Ronald & Craig Schneider | Recardo Crespin |

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.

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.**



For information about the Youth Group, visit:
OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com
or email: olsamcyg2@gmail.com

REFLECTION

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

~ 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!



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.

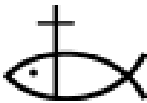
You must be registered to participate.

Ask our a special \$10 discount.

[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

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 ***

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*

CRAFTY PEOPLE

Our next **Crafty People** meeting will be on **February 2, at 7:30 p.m., in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we will be making ribbon wreaths. For this craft, you will need a smooth (extruded) styrofoam wreath form (8 or 10 inches would be good for this craft). You will also need several spools of ribbon in a variety of widths, patterns, colors, and textures, either seasonal or to match your decor (one inch wide or wider would be best). (You would need a total of 35 yards of ribbon for a 12 inch wreath form, so figure on an amount of ribbon according to your wreath form size and ribbon widths. **NO WIRE RIBBON.**) Also bring scissors and a ruler or yard stick. Please let Annie know if you will be attending. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.

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.

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