

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - July 22

5:00 pm: D'Anna Family --- Daughter

SUNDAY - July 23

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Jose Benigno Ruiz --- Family  
 2. John MacPherson --Usher at American Martyrs  
 3. Carlos Pineda --- Family

12:30 pm: Francis Family -- Anthony & Maria LaSala

Monday- July 24

8:30 am: Joseph de Angelis --- Family

Tues. - July 25 - St. James

8:30 am: Nicholas Parfait (Living) --Mom, Jessie Richard

Wed.- July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:30am: Leticia Cueva (Healing) --Larry & Mary Pugh

Thurs. - July 27

8:30 am: Irene Wlodarski --Susan & Robert Dziedzic

Fri. - July 28

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

Sat. - July 29 - St. Martha

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Emily Della Pina ---Mildred & Mario

Sunday - July 30

8:30 am: Edward & Agatha Borst --- Family

- 10:30 am: 1. Ed Malench --- Family  
 2. Guadalupe Chavez --Yolanda Shaw Murphy  
 3. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

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

~ In Loving Memory of ~

*Theresa Kavaliauskas  
 requested by her Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week:*

~ For a Special Intention ~



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAY- July 24

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

TUESDAY - July 25

• **BINGO - SC -7:30 PM**

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



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

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

**\*\*NO BINGO -TUESDAY, AUGUST 15\*\***  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

WEDNESDAY - July 26

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

THURSDAY - July 27

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC

SATURDAY - July 29

- Rectory Office closed
- CWV meeting -SC - after 8:30 am Mass

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm**
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August
- Sat. July 29 -CWV mtg -SC - after 8:30 am Mass

Please visit our new website at:  
**Americanmartyrs-queens.org.**



THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel. The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, is difficult to break.



By repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each Rosary for our intentions, we take a shortcut to Jesus by passing through the heart of His Mother. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --July 16, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$6,224.

This Weekend - July 23, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - July 30, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Youth Ministry.

\*\*\*\* The June 50/50 Winner: \*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Ms. Debra Rich who won \$122.50 in our June drawing. Look for the July 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 July. Good Luck!

\*\*\*\*\*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](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, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Warren Forrest, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, 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, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Joan Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Parish men - What is in YOUR heart?

Please consider joining our Father John J.

Murray Knights of Columbus Council 14666. Open to ALL Catholic men 18 years and older who wish to share in the Charity, Fraternity, and Unity of Christ with Brother Knights. We meet at 7:45 every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in the Murray Center (rectory basement). We have a red shirt waiting for YOU! Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)

Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.weebly.com)

GREAT NEWS - WORTH THE WAIT

After many years of advocating and communication with the appropriate parties, our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council is happy to report that approval has been given to co-name the corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Tpke, in honor of Father Murray. The ceremony will likely take place in September. More details to follow as they become available.

**Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of Heaven and earth.**

The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm in Church.

Don't neglect God's gift of **Reconciliation**.  
"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!"

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

**On Wednesday, August 9, we are planning a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City.** We will leave from the parking lot at 9:15 am returning about 9:15 pm. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call **Rosemarie 9at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!**

Maggie's Little Theater, Middle Village

will present **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, at St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village. Performances are Saturdays, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm; Sundays, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm; and Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors; and \$12 for children. For more information and to order tickets, visit [www.maggieslittletheater.org/tickets](http://www.maggieslittletheater.org/tickets) or call 917-579-5389.

## REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us of the fact that it is God who guides us, and it is God who influences our decisions through the Holy Spirit.



Today's Gospel is again a series of parables shared by our Lord Jesus to teach us and to explain Holy Scripture.

Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat, which is relatively clear to us in terms of the facts. However, there is an important point within it that we must acknowledge. When the decision is made to allow the weeds to grow with the wheat, it is clear the separation will occur later, not at that moment. When the decision is made as to what will be harvested and kept and what will be destroyed, that is a decision made by God.

It is somewhat a reflection of another point made in scripture. Today's Gospel comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13; however, in just a few chapters prior to that (Chapter 7) we are told "Stop judging, that you may not be judged... for as you judge, so will you be judged." There is no question that there are "weeds" among the flock, but it is not our place to identify them and sort them out. That is the work of God.

As Catholics and Christians we must take care not to be self righteous and judgmental. Before we call into question someone else's walk with God, we need to scrutinize and take care of our own. Stewardship is what we do, not what we necessarily think others should do. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

## RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.



**Lord, You are good and forgiving.**



## + 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.

## + REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

### **Craig Rivera**

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 do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$638,037.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 310**



**I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has begun and will continue through the summer. We will do everything possible to minimize any inconvenience to our parishioners. *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.

## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Will present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, August 3rd –August 13th, in the air conditioned Oak Room. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors & students and \$9 for children under 12. For tickets email tickets@sgtg.org or call 718-989-2451 to reserve your seats.



## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017 has begun. Children who are currently enrolled in American Martyrs Religious Education program have received their re-registration forms. Please return the completed form to the Rectory, or their teacher, or mail to the Religious Education office.



**Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September 2017** 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 who are returning or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

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

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine-- 9/24/17 -**  
St. Mel's --- Call Ed Rice - 917-209-5829 -- \$45.

#### **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- 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.

**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 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.

## 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:</b>	<b>\$61,392.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$93,625.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$85,152.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>251</b>

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://www.rcdobdonate.org), or simply mail in the commitment form on the back of the **Tablet** with the amount of your pledge. Some companies have matching gift programs, so please check to see if your place of employment participates. If you have not yet seen the video presentation, you may do so on our **website: [americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://americanmartyrs-queens.org)**. **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*

### **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer**

*ACA Theme for 2017 --- Live in Faith - Give in Love*

God our Creator, Giver of all good gifts,  
we praise and glorify you.

Teach us to acknowledge always, and with enduring gratitude,  
the many blessings your infinite love has showered upon us.  
Widen our vision and enliven our generosity, as we seek to  
support the pastoral and charitable works of our diocese in  
Brooklyn and Queens.

All-loving Father, Fountain of Mercy, we honor and adore you.  
Open our hearts to welcome the Holy Spirit, who enables us to  
live in faith and give in love, so that the joy of the Gospel may  
penetrate every heart in our local communities.

Open our eyes and stir up in us your compassion, so that all may  
come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the  
life, now and forever.

**Amen.**

