

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - July 1

5:00 pm: Marie Rose Felix -Jessie, Laurent & Nicholas

SUNDAY - July 2

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Francis Colby --- Barbara & Jack Goydas

Monday- July 3

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

Tues. - July 4 - Independence Day

8:30 am: For Our Country --- Fr. Frank

Wed.- St. Anthony Zaccaria & St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30am: Daniel Irizarry --- Maria Irizarry

Thurs. - July 6 - St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am: Theresa Carragee --- George McDermott

Fri. - July 7

8:30 am: Carlos Sanclemente -- George & Elizabeth

Sat. - July 8

8:30 am: 1. Marilyn Sasadek --- Frank & Family

2. Susan Calace Scheno --- Victoria

3. Robert Rusinovich - Rachele & Adeysi Ventura

5:00 pm: John MacPherson --- Gregg & Mary Ann

Sunday - July 9

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Jeremy Sanchez --- Mother

2. John MacPherson -- Chorzepa Family

3. Nancy Campanella --- Millie San Severino

12:30 pm: Theresa Alvarez --- Family

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Sadie C. Arnone

Requested by Christina

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Theresa Kavaliauskas

requested by her Family

**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 3

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

TUESDAY - July 4 -Independence Day

- Rectory Office Closed
- NO BINGO



Bingo will resume on Tuesday, July 11

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

WEDNESDAY - July 5

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

THURSDAY - July 6

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm - MC

SATURDAY - July 8

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August

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 love.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --June 25

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,809.
Peter's Pence - \$900.

This Weekend - July 2, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - July 9, 2017

My Weekly 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, 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, 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 Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, John Tymon, Joan Wagner, 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.

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.



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

Web: 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.

**Forever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.**

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!"**

Independence Day, also referred to as the **Fourth of July** or **July Fourth**, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.



Please don't forget to fly your American Flags!

REFLECTION

Our First Reading from Second Kings, chapter 4, features Elisha. You may recall that Elisha was plowing in a field when the prophet Elijah called him to follow him. Something happened at that moment and Elisha chose to do it, which is what brought him to this point in his journey (as reported in today's Holy Scripture). We often address the fact that each of us is called as well. Our calling, like Elisha's and like those of Christ's Apostles, is really not that much different.



Christ said, "Follow Me," and the Apostles basically dropped everything, ceased pursuing what they were doing — in some cases with good jobs and vocations — and followed Christ. We are called to follow the Lord from the moment of our Baptism, but how many of us actually take that calling seriously?

It is not just a question of hearing the call; the key is whether we are listening for it? It is there, but we must be aware of it in order to respond.

Elisha's call and our calls are signs of God at work. God has a plan for each of us. We are the means by which God's work is continued in our parishes, in our communities, and in the Church. God's ministry on earth will be carried out and accomplished. None of us is the entire ministry; we can all be replaced. However, by the same token in God's eyes we are absolutely necessary. Are we ready to respond? Are we ready to be disciples of the Lord?
~ thecatholicsteward.com

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club Summer Casino

Trip to the Tropicana, Atlantic City. Gamble, shop or walk the boardwalk. Cost \$32.00 get back \$25.

Wednesday, July 12. Leave at 8:30. For reservations and info call Joy : 917 921 7631.

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.



+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

**William Santic
Peter Shevlin**

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 +

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: \$619,460.

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@srgtg.org or call 718-989-2451 to reserve your seats.

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FLUSHING (718) 463-1810
ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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 1st 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 ***

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- 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 -- 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:	\$92,405.
Amount Received:	\$81,891.
Donors:	245

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to 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. **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*

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation; announce the praises of Him
who called you out of darkness into
His wonderful light.**

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.