

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - July 29

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

SUNDAY - July 30

8:30 am: Edward &amp; 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

Monday- July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am: Vincenzo Ciano --- Andy Paccione

Tues. - August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am: Fitzsimmons Family --- Family

Wed.- St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian

8:30am: Anna Laub --- Paul Portoghese

Thurs. - August 3

8:30 am: Michael Sinis --- Gerard &amp; Diane Fessman

Fri. - August 4 - St. John Vianney

8:30 am: Barbara Abdi --- Carol Silak

Sat. - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30 am:

1. Theresa Mignone --Nancy &amp; William Burke

2. Margherita Carullo --- Antonietta Dirado

3. Special Intentions of the Pepe Family -- Family

5:00 pm: John MacPherson --- CWV Post 1772

Sunday - August 6

8:30 am: Theodore &amp; Edna Stumpf --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**John MacPherson**requested by Catholic War Veterans Post 1772**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 31

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

TUESDAY - August 1

- **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 - August 2

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

THURSDAY - August 3

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

SATURDAY - August 5

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **BINGO** - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during August
- Wed. Aug. 9 - Leisure Club -- Atlantic City

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 CollectionsLast Weekend --July 23 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church -  
(Contributions will be reported next week.)

This Weekend - July 30 2017

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

Next Weekend - August 6, 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](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.**

*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](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; for you have revealed to little  
ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

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 at 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  
29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm; Sundays, 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. 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

Jesus presents us with more parables in today's Gospel from St. Matthew. He opens the first one with "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."



According to most biblical scholars and theologians who study and draw conclusions on Jesus' teachings, in this particular parable, and those which follow, the field is the world. The man who values the treasure is not any of us because we do not have anything with which to purchase this treasure. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself.

And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. What makes the treasure so wonderful that the Lord would give all, His very life? Each of us. In other words, each of you! Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world to preserve a treasure it contains. He gave all because we His people are the treasure.

Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: "You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you." (Romans 5:8) ~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.



## Friday, August 4 --- Feast Day of St. John Vianney

**St. John Vianney is the patron Saint of Parish Priests.** St. John Vianney was known as the "*Cure of Ars*" who was a compassionate spiritual counselor who heard confessions of people from all over the world for sixteen hours each day. He was beloved by crowds but retained a child-like simplicity, and he remains the living image of the Priest after the heart of Christ. Please pray for our Priests here at American Martyrs and the Priests throughout the world. Remember those Priests who have nourished and encouraged your faith on your journey.

## + 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 +

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.

## **Lord, I love your commands.**



## 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>\$94,430.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$85,947.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>258</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.**

