

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - June 23

5:00 pm: Thomas Hatch --- Family

SUN. - June 24

8:30 am: Father's Day Novena

10:30 am:

1. Thaddeus Spivack - Mary Ann Brackx
2. Dominick D'Andrea, Sr. - AM Columbiettes
3. Raymond Stahl --- Mary

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - June 25

8:30 am: Father's Day Novena

Tues. - June 26

8:30 am: Helena Rodriguez -Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Wed. - June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30am: Michael Kearney --- Joan

After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thursday - June 28 - St. Irenaeus

8:30 am: Florence Ruggieri --- Family

Friday -- June 29 - St. Peter & St. Paul

8:30 am: Michael Sica --- Family

Sat. - June 30 - First Martyrs of the Church

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday- July 1

8:30 am: Rita Boyle --- Boyle Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

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

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

*Marianne Seufert**Requested by Misuzu Kato**The Altar Candles are offered this week :*

~ In Healing ~

*John Chu**Requested by his Mother***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAY- June 25

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

TUESDAY - June 26

- **BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC**

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

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

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



- **TUESDAY, JULY 3 - NO BINGO**

WEDNESDAY - June 27

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

THURSDAY - June 28

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

SATURDAY - June 30

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

SUNDAY - July 1

- Fr. Patrick Dorelus Mass --10:30 -CH

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Wed. July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed
- Wed. Aug. 15 - The Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation - Masses 8:30, 12 noon 7:30 pm -CH
- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass

Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinics offer same-day access to individuals in crisis. Individuals may walk into a Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinic or call the Center at 718-722-6001 for information.

National Suicide Prevention- 1-800-273-8255.

Preventing Suicide ... everyone can help.



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - June 17, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,839.

This Weekend - June 24, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Peter's Pence - Join Pope Francis's work in solidarity as a witness of Charity.

Next Weekend - July 1, 2018

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, Janet Altieri, Ana Lucia & Jairo, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Ramon Dickson, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joe Kinney, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Estella Palucious, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Picket, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, Elfrieda Sommers, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.

Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of American Martyrs 70th Anniversary on Sept. 29th at the



Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.

Great time to connect with former classmates and enjoy reminiscing! For more information please email: maureens@jwhampton.com.

RELIGIOUS ED. RE-REGISTRATION

Religious Education re-registration has begun. Please return your re-registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible to receive your discount.

70th ANNIVERSARY GALA

The American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The gala will follow a 5 p.m. Anniversary Mass at American Martyrs Church. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets at \$90 each should contact Jovie Chorzepa at jovie212@yahoo.com or Theresa Asche at 718-428-5308. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** **We look forward to celebrating with you!**



The Bridge to Life (www.thebridgetolife.org) is looking for an Administrative Assistant who's committed to our mission of serving mothers & their families.

Requirements:
Administrative Office experience required (minimum 1 year);
Experience in Social Media platforms;
knowledge of Microsoft Office; Ability to exercise sound business judgment & reasoning skills. Type 50 WPM.
Personable, friendly, and a good sense of humor. Bi-lingual in Spanish a plus. Please send resume to Cathy Black, ED, cblack@thebridgetolife.org

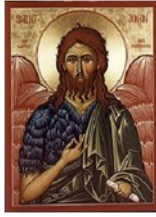
PATRICK DORELUS ORDINATION

Dear Parishioners,
On Saturday, June 30, our seminarian, Patrick Dorelus, will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, at 11 am, by Bishop DiMarzio at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY. We are very pleased that he will be celebrating **his first Mass here at American Martyrs, on Sunday, July 1, at 10:30 am.** We will have a reception for the Rev. Patrick Dorelus in the Sullivan Center immediately after Mass, at which he will impart his first blessing. Please join us for this joyous occasion.

~ Fr. Frank, Pastor

REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (the Feast Day of the birth of John the Baptist). To say John the Baptist and Jesus were closely related and connected is an understatement.



Both were foretold by prophets, especially Isaiah. The only record of the birth of John the Baptist appears in the Gospel of Luke and it is at the heart of our Gospel Reading today. A key player in this event is, of course, John the Baptist's father Zechariah. Zechariah was a Jewish priest, but when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to him that he would father a child, Zechariah refused to believe it. As a result he was rendered speechless until John was born.

Zechariah had total trust in the Lord, however. Although it was traditional at that time to name the first son after the father, he and Elizabeth had been told that they were to name him John. As reported in the Gospel, Elizabeth said "He will be called John." The family protested at which time Zechariah wrote "His name is John." When he did that, Zechariah could speak once more. He did not say "should be"; he said "is."

The trust shown by Zechariah is an example to us that we must trust in God, not just when it is convenient, but all the time. Those of advanced generations know who Lawrence Welk was. Born and raised Catholic, Welk practiced his faith throughout his life. He once said, "Never trust anyone completely but God. Love people, but put your full trust only in God."

~ thecatholicsteward.com

I praise You, for I am wonderfully made.

Why do Catholics do that?

Why do Catholics cross their forehead, lips, and chest before listening to the Gospel at Mass? One reason is to ask God to let its message dominate our thoughts, words, and feelings. Before the Priest or Deacon proclaims the Gospel, we trace the sign of the cross first on the forehead, then the lips, and finally over the heart. Some even say a prayer similar to this, "May the Lord purify my understanding, my speech and my heart, so that I may receive the words of the Gospel."

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$821,155.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$405,939.

Number of Parishioners participating: 311

We are working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. ***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.

Maggie's Little Theater
presents
MAN OF LA MANCHA
MUSIC BY MITCH LEIGH LYRICS BY JOE DARJON
BOOK BY DALE WASSERMAN

MUSIC DIRECTOR Paul L. Johnson	CHOREOGRAPHER Jonathan Mora
DIRECTOR Bill Logan	

Saturdays, June 30 & July 14 at 8pm
Friday, July 13 at 8pm
Saturday, July 7 at 2:30pm
Sundays, July 1 & 8 at 2:30pm

ST. MARGARET PARISH HALL
66-05 79th Place, Middle Village
(bet. Metropolitan Ave. & Juniper Valley Rd.)
Rev. Robert J. Armato, Pastor

Tickets: Adults \$20 • Seniors 65+ and Children (under 11) \$17
For tickets call (917) 579-5389 or visit www.MaggiesLittleTheater.org

"Man of La Mancha" is produced by arrangement with Tama-Witmark Music Library, Inc.
560 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022

**You, child, will be called prophet of the
Most High,
For you will go before the Lord to prepare
His way.**

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - JUNE 24

At the Annunciation, Mary was told that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month. Notice that we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist three months after the annunciation.

+ 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 pray for the men and women of our
Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:
SPC Ruby Russo - US Army
LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
PO3 John Schaefer - USCG**

If you know of any parishioner who is currently serving in the Armed forces and would like to be added to our prayer list, please call the Rectory. 718-464-4582.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home, Bayside, Served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are looking for Volunteers to interact with Residents and staff. 9AM and 7PM. Please call Gail D. O'Donovan at 718-971-2020

St. John's - Free speech & hearing screenings -- 6/19 - 8/8
718-990-6480

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.

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, Truck or Van - 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 contact:
SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM

IRS Tax Deduction - Free Towing - Any Condition.

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.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ Answer The Call ~



We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

Annual Appeal Goal for 2018:	\$59,000.
Amount Pledged:	\$101,151.
Amount Received:	\$85,093.
Donors:	227

**You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org**

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. You may be able to double your gift by contacting your company's Personnel/Human Resource office.

**For more information about Matching Gift Opportunities, call the ACA office at:
718-965-7375, ext. 1602.**

The work and services made possible through your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone. Your donation is tax deductible.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: **CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.**

Remember, every dollar received over our goal comes back to American Martyrs Parish.

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention in May.

Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

AMERICAN MARTYRS LEISURE CLUB

New Members are always welcome! Open all year!

Come join us on any Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm, in the Sullivan Center for a few fun-filled hours, to socialize, play cards, celebrate holidays & plan occasional excursions. Our facility is air -conditioned & handicap accessible.



We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!