

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 3, 2018

5:00 pm:

Granieri & Smaldone Families - Gregg & MaryAnn

SUNDAY- March 4, 2018

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Patrick Zafferese --- Family

Mon. - March 5

8:30 am: Fitzsimmons Family --- Family

Tues. - March 6

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis -- John & Jovie

Wed. - March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity8:30am: Jan Mieszuk --- Margaret Benczak
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.Thurs. - March 8 - St. John of God

8:30 am: Herminia M. Hernandez -- Susan Dziedzic

Fri. - March 9 - St. Frances of Rome8:30 am: Sr. Winifred Mckevitt (Healing) Susan &
Robert Dziedzic

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- (Church)

7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- (Church)

Sat. - March 108:30 am: 1. Vivian Gargiulo - Ernst Edel
2. Rose & Michael Hogan -- Nancy Burke
3. Victims & Families of the Florida School Shooting
5:00 pm: Marie de Angelis - Barbara & Win FroehlichSun. - March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Eleanor Micillo -- Donna & Steve

10:30 am:

1. Suzette & Joseph Jelicks- Suzanne Malench
2. Patrick Servillo --- Annie & Mary Servillo
3. Amato & Geovanna Delligatti -- Daughters

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Altar Candles
are offered this week:**~ The Victims of the Florida School Shooting ~***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board RoomSUNDAY - March 4, 2018

- Religious Education
- St. Patrick's Day tickets on sale after all Masses

MONDAY- March 5

- Rosary Meeting - 1 pm -- SC
- Bible Study - 7:30 pm - MC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - March 6

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- 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.

BINGO				
16	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	80	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

WEDNESDAY - March 7

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

THURSDAY - March 8

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

SATURDAY - March 10

- St. Patrick's Day Party after 5 pm Mass - SC

SUNDAY-March 11- Day Light Savings Time

- Religious Education - SC
- CWV "Easter Bunny" tickets on sale Masses

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Mar. 24 - CWV Easter Bunny Bkfst - 10 am-SC
- Mon. March 26- Reconciliation (Church) 3 - 9 pm
- Sun. April 15 - "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Mon. May 14 - Day of Recollection -11 am - SC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6 - AM Golf Outing - N. Shore Towers

REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Michelina Sarna

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



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - February 25, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,907.

This Weekend - March 4, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 11, 2018

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, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, 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, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Lorraine Walsh, 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.



ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Monday, March 5 at 1 pm** in the Sullivan Center for coffee and Irish Soda Bread, celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Dues are \$10, and may be paid in person, mailed to the Rectory or dropped in the collection basket.

Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm -- Afternoon Tea
Monday, May 14 at 11 am -- Day of Recollection

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
SN 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.

St. Patrick's Day Party!

**Saturday, March 10th, 2018
@ 6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**



**American Martyrs Church
216-01 Union Turnpike, Bayside,
Knights of Columbus**

Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666

**Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers
DJ + Dancing Raffles 50/50**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free / Ages 7 to 12-\$10
Ages 13 to 18 - \$20 Ages 19 & Up - \$30**

Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

Reconciliation Monday- March 26, 3 to 9 pm

On the Monday of Holy Week, this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing. Members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.



CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **March 15th, 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center**. We will be making cookie sheet memo boards. For this craft you will need a cookie sheet (whatever size you like--or even a metal pizza pan), several sheets of coordinating scrapbook paper (in your choice of colors and patterns), coordinating ribbon, any other flat-ish embellishments you'd like to add, your gluegun and glue sticks (Tacky Glue or any very strong adhesive would be fine, too), scissors, pencil, and a ruler. **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.

*** 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. Anytime between 9AM and 7PM. For further information please call Gail D. O'Donovan / Sr. Charlotte Michael / Kathleen Baratta in the Development Office at 718-971-2020 / 2021 / 2022.

St. John's University Speech & Hearing - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 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* ~



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

American Martyrs 2018 ACA goal is \$59,000.

You can make your gift online:
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*

CATHOLIC MEDLEY

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, March 19** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, April 2 and April 16.



SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, **JUNE 6, 2018** - American Martyrs **Annual Golf Outing** --- North Shore Towers

Saturday, **SEPT. 29, 2018**- American Martyrs **70th Anniversary Gala** -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.

(More information on both events to follow)

REFLECTION

Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus presents the Ten Commandments, as God gave them to Moses. The Commandments also appear in the Book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 5; verses 6-21). The Commandments are reaffirmed in the New Testament by Jesus Himself and especially in the Gospel of John.



The Ten Commandments are also called the “Decalogue,” which means literally “ten words.” According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#2056) “God revealed these ‘ten words’ to His people on the holy mountain. They were written ‘with the finger of God.’ They are pre-eminently the words of God”.

At another point the *Catechism* fortifies the Commandments by saying, “...from generation to generation...the ‘deposit’ of moral teaching has been handed on. Along with the Creed and the Our Father, the basis for catechesis has traditionally been the Decalogue, which sets out the principles of moral life valid for all people.” (#2033)

The Commandments are considered essential for spiritual good health and growth. They serve as the basis for Catholic social justice. A review of the Ten Commandments is a common type of examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of Penance.

As Lent draws to a close, it is important for each of us to go to confession and receive the sacrament of Penance. As part of that we may wish to look at our lives and how we live them through the holy words of the Ten Commandments.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18, 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!



Pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

Please keep the men and women from our RCIA program in your prayers as they continue their conversion and preparation to receive the Sacraments on Easter.



Rite of Christian Initiation to

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$770,853.

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

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.

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

Jennifer Anne Zupicich

Michael T. Liskiewicz Myron W. Liskiewicz

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.

2018 Mass Book Intentions

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.**

Maggie's Little Theater - Auditions

Maggie's Little Theater, Middle Village announces **auditions for *Man of La Mancha*** on Wednesday, March 7th; Friday, March 9th from 7:30 to 9:30pm, and Sunday, March 11th from 7:00-9:00pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior for signup. Auditions in St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place. All roles open except Don Quixote and the Padre. You will be expected to sing, read, and learn a short dance routine. Songs from the show preferred but not required. Rehearsals begin April 4th. Six performances beginning June 30th. For cast description and information, visit www.maggieslittletheater.org or email maggieslittletheater@gmail.com.