

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - May 20

5:00 pm: Lucy Murolo --- Mildred & Mario Della Pina

SUNDAY - May 21, 2017

8:30 am: Mother's Day Novena

10:30 am: 1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- AnnMarie

2. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Monday- May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 am: Mother's Day Novena

Tues. - May 23

8:30 am: Lucy & Michael Sica --- Family

Wed. - May 24

8:30am: Edward J. McGrath --- Irene

Thurs. - May 25 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am: Domenick & Michael Carbone
- Sister & Daughter

12:00 pm: Janelle Jovellanos
-- Catherine Gascon-Geronimo

7:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Friday - May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:30 am: Guillermo Ballesteros, Sr.-- Ballesteros Family

Saturday - May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: John MacPherson --- Froehlich Family

Sunday - May 28

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Those who have died serving our country

12:30 pm: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Ed Malench

requested by the Malench Family

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Demetrio Santarina

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- May 21

- Religious Education - last day of classes - S

MONDAY - May 22

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

TUESDAY - May 23

- **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.

WEDNESDAY - May 24

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

THURSDAY - May 25

- Leisure Club - 11am - 3 pm - SC
- Knights of Columbus - 7:45 pm -- MC

SATURDAY - May 27

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

SUNDAY-May 28

- Memorial Day ceremony -Flagpole
- CWV- Poppies will be sold after all Masses

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Thurs. May 25- Ascension - 8:30, 12 noon, 7:30 pm
- Mon. May 29- Memorial Day - Rectory Closed
- Tues. May 30 - Calendar Meeting - 7 pm- MC
- Sat. June 3- AMAA Car Wash - lot 9am-3pm
- Sat. June 3- Defensive Driving 9 am-3:30 pm-MC
- Wed. June 7-Golf - North Shore Towers -1 pm
- Wed. June 14 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- June. 9/10 - Broadway Revue - SC - 8 pm

+ 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.



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --May 14, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,873.

This Weekend - May 21, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
 Little Sisters of the Poor will speak at all Masses.
 May 25 - Ascension Thursday.

Next Weekend - May 28, 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, Gilda Bavaro, 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, 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, Leo Palombo, Agnes Ragusa, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, John Tymon, Joan Wagner, McCaila Young, Fred Uy, 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.

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

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

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center. At this meeting, we will be making decorative wine bottles. Bottles, decorative embellishments, and glass stones will be provided for you, but you should bring your glue gun and any other embellishments you'd like to add. Visit our American Martyrs Crafty People Facebook page for a photo of this month's craft. Also, for our year-end celebration, please bring a small dish of snacks or treats. Please RSVP to Annie if you will be attending. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

American Martyrs Presents



**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
 JUNE 9th AND 10th
 at 8:00 pm**

American Martyrs Sullivan Center
 79-43 Bell Boulevard
 Bayside, New York 11364

Tickets are \$20
 and are available after all the Masses,
 at the Rectory (718-464-4582), or at the door.

The Sullivan Center is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

REFLECTION

Holy Scripture, the Word of God, is filled with so much meaning for us each and every week, if we only listen carefully and absorb what we are being told. In the last verse of today's First Reading we hear, "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." It is speaking of Sts. Peter and John who traveled to Samaria to more or less confirm those who had been baptized there.



In fact, most historians believe that the laying on of hands in the New Testament is the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the *Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation* Pope Paul VI affirmed that laying on of hands in the sacrament of confirmation continues the grace of Pentecost (on Sunday, June 4 this year).

If you have been confirmed, you have experienced the "laying on of hands." That means the Holy Spirit has been called to bless, sanctify, transform, and give grace to you. You have received the Holy Spirit, which is the ongoing life of the Church. You have been anointed with the Spirit of God. That means you have been called to not only live out that Spirit, but also to live a life which shares that Spirit with your parish and with others.

When the priest or Bishop imposes hands, it is called epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation." The "laying on of hands" is an important part of the ordination of priests and deacons. St. Paul reminded us all in his First Letter to Timothy, "Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands." ~ the catholicsteward.com

GOLF OUTING --- WED. JUNE 7

American Martyrs 5th Annual Golf Outing
Wednesday, June 7th – North Shore Towers Golf Course – 1 PM shotgun start.

Sign in and lunch at noon. Carts, lunch and dinner included \$175. Dinner only \$45. Dinner is immediately following at Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway - close by and plenty of free parking. Please reserve your foursome early - call Maureen at 718-276-0301. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 will add to the fun! Donations gladly accepted and will be much appreciated!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, June 3, 2017 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information, please call Marty at: **631-360-9720.**



PARISH CALENDAR MEETING



Tuesday, May 30 - 7:00 pm--MC

All Parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Board Room, Church, Rectory Chapel or School for parish functions are required to attend. Please submit a **calendar of dates, times and locations** to the rectory today.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Regina Horvat

Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily

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

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, June 14, 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!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$602,141.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$220,602.

Number of Parishioners participating: 309

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.

DIOCESAN CHAMPS!

Our 5th grade girls Volleyball team has won the Diocesan Championship. Congratulations to our young athletes.



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: \$80,310.
Amount Received: \$65,936.
Donors: 194

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



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.