

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 30

8:00 pm: Thomas Murolo --- Mildred &amp; Mario

SUNDAY - October 1

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Bentivegna Family --- Mary Bentivegna

Monday- Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am: Federico Cadiente --- Family

Tues. - October 3

8:30 am: Juan Carlos Donoso -Irish Rover Staff

Wed. - Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am: Relatives of Mr. &amp; Mrs. Hofmann -- Family

Thurs. - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:30 am: Gloria Morales - Ken &amp; Christine

Fri. - October 6 - St. Bruno

8:30 am: Blanca Ponce -- Ponce -Osego Family

7:30 pm -- First Friday Devotions -- RC

Sat. - Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am: 1. Susan Corker (Living, Birthday) -- Regina

2. Dolores De Fonte --- Regina

3. George Boyle --- Regina

5:00 pm: Zicari Family --- Anita Mascoli

Sunday - October 8

8:30 am: Joseph Borst --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Pascucci Family ---Marianne &amp; John

2. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

3. Arturo Marciano --- Gregg &amp; Maryann

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Theresa Kavaliauskas ~  
Requested by Her Family**The Altar Candles are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Carol Paprocky ~  
Requested by the Columbiettes***+ 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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School,  
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center,  
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel ---BR-Board RoomSUNDAY - October 1

- Religious Ed.- S- 8:50am
- Columbiette Bake Sale - SC

MONDAY- October 2

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

TUESDAY - October 3

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- **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 - October 4

- Atlantic City -- Leisure Club
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - October 5

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm -MC
- Crafty People - 7:30 pm-SC

SATURDAY - October 7

- CWV mtg - 9 am - SC after 8:30 am Mass

Sunday -- October 8

- NO Religious Education

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. Oct 9 -Rectory Office Closed- Columbus Day
- Sat. Oct. 14 - ZUMBA - 2 pm - 3:30 pm --SC
- at. Oct 21 - CYO Mass - 10:30 am - CH
- Sat. Oct. 21 - Greenway Cleanway
- Sat. Oct. 21- OKTOBERFEST - 6 PM - SC
- Sun. Oct. 22- Blood Drive -- SC
- Sat. Oct. 28 - Defensive Driving - 9:30 am - MC
- Nov. 6 - Rosary Luncheon - 12 noon - SC
- Mon. Nov. 20-Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH
- Sat/Sun. Dec. 2 & 3 - Christmas Fair - SC
- Sat. Dec. 9 - Breakfast with Santa - 10 am- SC

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 24, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,158.  
Sisters of Mercy - Propagation of the Faith - \$2,839.

This Weekend - October 1, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
\*\*\*2nd Collection - HURRICANE IRMA

Next Weekend - October 8, 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](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, Elsa & Vivian Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, 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, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, 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, Jesse 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.*

Please visit our new website at:  
[Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://Americanmartyrs-queens.org).

HURRICANE IRMA COLLECTION

Sadly, so soon after the recent appeal following the destruction left after Hurricane Harvey, we are once again requesting assistance in response to the devastation brought by Hurricane Irma upon significant parts of Florida and the Caribbean, most especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and beyond. In an effort to provide aid to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas, we have been authorized to take up a voluntary collection on the weekend of **September 30 & October 1st.**

We have many envelopes specifically for that purpose at the front pews of the Church, in the vestibules, and on the Altar rails. We ask that you please make an effort to help our fellow Americans in their time of need. **Simply put cash or make checks out to American Martyrs Church in the designated envelopes** and we will forward the donations to the Diocese. All donations from the Diocese will be distributed through Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Fr. Frank

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
SAT.- OCT. 21st at 9am

Please join us in volunteering for our 13th semi-annual **Greenway Clean-way Day** on the old Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path"). We will provide gloves and bags, all we need is YOU! Community service participation forms provided for students. Sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council.



Email [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) for more info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)  
Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.weebly.com)

OLSAM CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

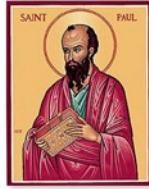
A Spiritually enriching environment where young people can gather for fun and games, food and friends, service and faith. Visit our website: [www.olsamcyg.weebly.com](http://www.olsamcyg.weebly.com) for events!!

Email: [olsamcyg2@gmail.com](mailto:olsamcyg2@gmail.com).  
Youth Minister: Karen DeRose

Pray ~ Play ~ Serve

## REFLECTION

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.



To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, "God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them."

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to "Love your neighbor." That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

## CRAFTY PEOPLE

Our first Crafty People meeting of the season will be on **October 5, at 7:30 p.m., in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we will be making button pumpkin wall hangings. For this craft, you will need your glue gun and glue sticks, scissors, a pencil, and \$5 for additional supplies. 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](mailto:amcraftypeople@ymail.com).

## AMAA - CYO MASS

The annual CYO Mass for our young athletes, PAR's, coaches and assistants, parents and guardians, priests, deacons and lay leaders will be **celebrated at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 21st here at American Martyrs Church.** Father Frank Schwarz will be the main celebrant and newly ordained, Father Robert Mema, will be the homilist. Mr. Bob Caldera, Diocesan CYO Director, will be present again this year.

**All Are Welcome!**

## ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

**On Wednesday, October 4, 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. For information and reservations, please call **Rosemarie at 718-479-9479.** **All are welcome!**



**Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH- CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$680,346.**

**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 is almost completed.** 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.

## VENDORS WANTED!!!

**American Martyrs Christmas Fair - Dec. 2 & 3.**  
**E-mail: [Christmas.fair@yahoo.com](mailto:Christmas.fair@yahoo.com)**

## OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

**SAT. - OCT. 21st - 6:00 PM - SC**

Our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring our **Oktoberfest celebration in the Sullivan Center after 5:00 mass on Saturday, October 21st.** Join us for a night of food, refreshments and lots of fun, including a catered buffet featuring both traditional German and American fare. Tickets on sale beginning the weekend of 9/30-10/1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) for further information.



## + PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

**Louise Jugenheimer**

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.

## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade 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 transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

Please check our website:

**AMReligion Class.Weebly.com**

*for school closings due to inclement weather.*

Religious Education email:

**AMReligionClass@gmail.com**

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### **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

**St. Josaphat's Flea Market** at 210th St and 35Ave-  
Sunday Oct. 8, 2017 from 9am-4pm.  
Vendors call Steve for a table -718-224-3052.

#### **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 contact: [SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM)

**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.

**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* ~

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:</b>	<b>\$61,392.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$99,230.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$93,714.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>271</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*

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### **ROSARY SOCIETY**

*All Ladies Invited! Welcome Back!*

Our first meeting will be **Monday, October 2 at 1 pm in the Sullivan Center.** Coffee & cake will be served. **Our "Annual Luncheon" will be on Monday, November 6 at 12 noon.** Tickets are available and are \$30. *Please come join us!*

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### **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 28, 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.**



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### **BAKE SALE DONATIONS**

Please consider making a home made pie, cake or bread to be sold at the **Columbiette Bake Sale on Sunday, October 1st.** We will gladly pickup & accept all donations by calling 917-209-1596 or emailing: [barbara.romano1@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.romano1@gmail.com). All proceeds will be used to help the needy!



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### **ZUMBA -SAT. OCT 14- 2pm - 3:30 pm**

The American Martyrs Columbiettes will hold a **Zumba Master Class with Mayra & Diana**, in the Sullivan Center on Sat. Oct 14, from 2 pm - 3:30 pm, to benefit the **American Breast Cancer Foundation.**