#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

# SATURDAY - October 28

5:00 pm: Frank Smaldino --- Gregg & Mary Ann

# SUNDAY- Oct. 29

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Rosaria Falanga --- Falanga Family

2. Florence D'Anna --Lois & Peter D'Anna

3. Maria Antonia Nieto de Ruiz --- Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - Oct. 30

8:30 am: Eleanor & Vincent Calace -- Victoria &

**Robert Babich** 

**Tues. - Oct. 31** 

8:30 am: Jerome Iacobelli --- Paul Portughese

# Wed. - November 1 --- All Saints

8:30am: Anna & Joseph Yandoli --- Cami 12 noon: Kelly Gibson Di Nonno --- Mother

7:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Thurs. - Nov 2 -- All Souls' Day

8:30 am: All Souls' Novena

Fri. - Nov. 3 -- St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am: All Souls' Novena

7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions

Sat. - Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borrmeo

8:30 am: All Souls' Novena

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

# Sun. - Nov. 5 - Vocation Awareness Week

8:30 am: All Souls' Novena

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Rosa Mascioli --- Di Lucci Family

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory Demetrio Santarina ~ Requested by Violeta Santarina

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ For a Special Intention ~

# + REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

#### Consorcia Quibir

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 Room

#### **SUNDAY - October 29**

- Religious Ed S
- Rosary Luncheon Tickets on Sale after all Masses
- Catholic War Veteran's Recruitment Drive

# **MONDAY- October 30**

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

# TUESDAY - Oct. 31- Happy Halloween!

- 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 - Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day

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

# THURSDAY - Nov. 2 - All Souls' Day

- Leisure Club 11 am 3 pm --SC
- Knights of Columbus MC & SC

# Sunday Nov. 5- Daylight Savings

• Religious Education -S

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Wed. Nov. 1- All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation
- Mon. Nov. 6 Rosary Luncheon 12 noon SC
- Sat. Nov. 11 Rectory Office Closed -Veteran's Day
- Sun. Nov. 12 -Veteran's Day ceremony 10:30 Mass
- Nov. 18- "White Elephant" collection SC- 10-4 pm
- Nov. 19 "White Elephant" collection -SC 2-4 pm
- Mon. Nov. 20-Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH
- Fri. Nov. 24 -Rectory Office closed
- Sat/Sun. Dec. 2 & 3 Christmas Fair SC
- Fri. Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day
- Sat. Dec. 9 Breakfast with Santa 10 am- SC
- Sat. Dec. 9 Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols



#### **Sunday Collections**

# Last Weekend - October 22, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,495. World Mission Sunday - \$968.

# This Weekend - October 29, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church. 2nd collection --- All Souls Mass Remembrance. Wed. Nov. 1 -- All Saints Day.

# Next Weekend - November 5, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: Please make <u>all</u> 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: <a href="mailto:e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch">e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch</a> 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, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Z Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, 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, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickt, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, 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, 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.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

# **SNOWFLAKE LUNCHEON**

The Rosary Society Annual Luncheon will be on Monday, Nov. 6, at 12 noon in the Sullivan Center. Tickets are \$30.



Please call Carol Fortune at 718-631-0896, Barbara Froehlich at 718-465-0585 or Diana Iorio at 718-740-0643 if you have any questions. Tickets and raffles will be sold after all Masses on Oct. 21/22 and Oct. 28/29. All Ladies and Gentlemen are welcome to attend our yearly fundraiser. We will have a "Sweet Shop" table with cake, cookies and candy. Anyone interested in donating baked goods, please drop off your goodies after Sunday Masses on November 5 to the Sullivan Center. Donations of wine and liquor accepted at Masses on Oct. 21/22 and Oct. 28/29.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

# WED.-NOVEMBER 1- ALL SAINTS DAY

Masses will be celebrated in Church at 8:30 am; 12 noon; and 7:30 pm. It is a Holy Day of Obligation

# Thanksgiving INTERFAITH GATHERING



Interfaith Prayer Service

Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center and American Martyrs Church

Rabbi David Wise ~ Rev. Frank L. Schwarz Cantor Sol Zim

Mr. Patrick White, Director of Music

THE AMC CHOIRS ~ THE HHBJC CHOIRS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

7:30 PM

American Martyrs Church 216-01 Union Turnpike Bayside , NY 11364

#### 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

# \*\*\* 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.

<u>Catholic Charities Home-base Program</u> - 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

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.

<u>Meals-on-Wheels --</u> Sub. Drivers needed on call--Mon - Sat. 4 hours per workday. 718-357-4903 #1 - Maria or Kathy

<u>Alzheimer's Adult Day Program</u> - Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services. Mental and physical stimulation, a hot lunch and door to door transportation. 718-358-3541. Weekly caregiver support group.

<u>Nar-Anon Never Alone</u>: 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: \$100,960.
Amount Received: \$96,852.
Donors: 281

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to <a href="www.rcdobdonate.org">www.rcdobdonate.org</a>, 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:

<u>americanmartyrs-queens.org.</u> Remember, every d ollar received over goal comes back to the Parish.

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord, and My Father will love him and We will come to him.

### VIANNEY - WED. - NOV 8 - 7:30 PM

A **live production** will be presented at the Immaculate Conception Center on **Wed. Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm.** Experience the gripping story of St. John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Admission is free. Suitable for ages 9 and up. Register at **queensdeanery5.org**, or call: St. Anastasia Church Office- 718-631-4454.

# **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered this past Saturday to help keep our Greenway a Clean-way. See you in April for the next installment.

#### **INFANCY NARRATIVES**

**Deacon Stan** is conducting a class in the Murray Center on the Infancy Narratives which will run through Advent

### **OKTOBERFEST --- THANK YOU**

I would like to say "Danke schoen" to the Knights of Columbus for putting on a wonderful Oktoberfest celebration. By all accounts, it was the best one ever! The food was delicious and the entertainment was outstanding!! Everyone who attended experienced the "Gemuetlichkeit" of a truly fun-filled evening.

#### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, a lawyer among the Pharisees again tries to entrap Jesus by asking Him the question, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest." Jesus'



response appears multiple times in Holy Scripture, as He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." The Lord then adds another that He cites as almost equally important, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Much has been written and conjectured about both of these, and often the focus is on who our neighbor is. However, there is another element of the second Great Commandment that is worthy of note, and that is loving the neighbor "as yourself." Too often people conclude that this means that you have to love yourself first.

Most of us grasp what it means to the love the Lord with all we are, although it is nearly unattainable to accomplish. However, that second Great Commandment does not mean that it is necessary for us to love ourselves before we can love anyone else. It means, quite simply, that most of us are concerned with our own interests and our own personal situations. Jesus is telling us that just as we often think of ourselves, we need to take care and have concern for the interests of others as well.

In the familiar Prayer of St. Francis known to many Catholics, we sum up what this kind of love to which we are called really is, when we pray, "Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved, as to love."

~ thecatholicsteward.com

All Souls Mass Remembrance envelopes are located at the Altar rails, front pews and Church tables.

# **2018 Mass Book Intentions**

The 2018 Mass Intention book is now open. There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2017. 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.

#### **CATHOLICS CARE**

DeSales Media Group, the communications arm of the Diocese of Brooklyn, is seeking volunteers for a mission trip to Houston, Texas to help hurricane victims between Nov. 11 and Nov. 19.

Email: <u>Catholicscare@desalesmedia.org</u> if you would like to help.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

#### **GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000. Total Paid on Pledges: \$699,141.



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

#### **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 for events!!

Email: olsamcyg2@gmail.com. Youth Minister: Karen DeRose

Pray ~ Play ~ Serve

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

