

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - September 22

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY -- September 23

8:30 am: Henry & Rose Frey --- E. O.

- 10:30 am: 1. Vito Merola --- Wife, Patricia
- 2. Marianne Seufert --- Barbara & Jack Goydas
- 3. Gloria Mazza --Millie Sanseverino

12:30 pm: Anastasio, Connie & Emilio Moffa - Sisters

Mon. - September 24

8:30 am: Marilyn Sasadek --- Family

Tues. - September 25

8:30 am: Catherine S. Kearney ---- Family

Wed. - Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

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

Thurs. - Sept 27 -- St. Vincent

8:30 am: Hortensia & Antonio Torres --- Vince

Fri. - Sept. 28 -Sts. Wencelaus & Lawrence Ruiz

8:30 am: Alex & Luz Gonzalez (Anniv) --- Family

Sat. - Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans
 5:00 pm: Thomas Murolo -- Mildred & Mario

Sunday- September 30

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo
 10:30 am: 1.Rosa Glass -- Aunt Joanne & Family
 2. Marianne Seufert --- Rosemarie Louras
 3. Susan Edquila --- Elena Cruz
 12:30 pm: Jerry Amato --- Ronald & Diana Iorio

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

*~ For Prisca Vilsaint & Evensky Valere ~
 In Thanksgiving for their Engagement
 Requested by Ynela Cepeda*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week for:
 ~ In Thanksgiving ~
 Requested by Maria*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - September 23

- Rel. Ed. - 8:50 am - S
- AMAA sports mtg - SC
- Propagation of the Faith speaker at all Masses

MONDAY- September 24

- 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 - September 25

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

BINGO				
15	28	97	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

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

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

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

WED. - September 26

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

THURSDAY - September 27

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- K of C - 7:45 pm - MC

SATURDAY - September 29

- CWV mtg - SC after 8:30 am Mass -RC
- 5 pm American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY - September 30

- Religious Ed. -- S
- Parish Baptisms - 2 pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass
- Mon. Oct. 1 - Rosary Society mtg. - 1 pm - SC
- Thurs. Oct 4 - Crafty People - 7:30 pm - MC
- Sat. Oct. 6 - Defensive Driving - MC 9 am -3:30 pm
- Sun. Oct. 14 - AM Feast Day- bagel bkfst after 10:30 am Mass
- Sun. Oct. 21 - Blood Drive - SC-after all Masses

National Suicide Prevention- 1-800-273-8255.
 Preventing Suicide ... everyone can help.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 16, 2018

**Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,203.
Catholic Education - \$903.**

This Weekend - September 23, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - September 30, 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, Janet Altieri, Ana Lucia & Jairo, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Sue Decina, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Herman Hiris, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Michael Marino, Susan McConnell, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Marie Scuderi, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, 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.



THE MAGNIFICAT DAY OF THANKSGIVING

The Jubilee Magnificat Day of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at the **Kings Theatre in Brooklyn on Sat. Oct. 6.** Special guests include Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Most Rev. Robert Barron, Sean Cardinal O’Malley, OFM, Cap, and others. The holy relics of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux, and of her parents will be available for veneration to registered attendees only. Please go to: Magnificatday.com to register and for more information.

2019 Mass Book Intentions

The 2019 Mass Book is now open. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. You can pick up a Mass Intention sheet at the doors of the Church, 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.**

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club-Sands Casino trip,

Bethlehem PA, September 27. Cost \$30.00 leaves at 8:30 sharp receive back \$30.00 in slot play & \$5.00 in food. Bus is filling up fast. Call Joy for reservations and additional info. 917-921-7631. No answer leave message will get back to you asap.

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

St. Josaphat Church Flea Market- Sunday, October 7th, 2018 9am-4pm.

HELP NEEDED

The Bridge to Life, Inc. (www.thebridgetolife.org) is seeking dedicated & ambitious applicant for PT AA position. Hours are Tues-Fri 11 am- 5 pm and Saturday 9 am -1 pm. Requirements: Exp. in office procedures; MS Office; database mgt.; social media campaigns; type 50 WPM; bilingual in Spanish a plus. 718-463-7810

THE GIFT OF EUCHARIST

Jesus gives us Himself in the Eucharist to nourish us. When we accept and believe this gift, it transforms our life into a gift to God and all we meet.

God of mystery and wonder, help me to be aware of the great gift you give us in the Eucharist.

REFLECTION

This week's readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our "me-first" culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers.



Jesus illustrates in today's Gospel. "Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

In this context, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise."

They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them.

Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life.

This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom to see the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself. ~thecatholicsteward.com

ROSARY SOCIETY

Welcome Back! Please join us on **Monday, October 1, at 1 pm in the SC.** Coffee and cake will be served. Our "Annual Luncheon" will be on Monday, November 5 at 12 noon. Tickets are available and are \$30. Please join us.



Special Needs Parents Group

We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. We will be meeting on:

Wednesday September 26
Thursday October 18
Thursday November 8
Tuesday December 4

At 10:00 AM in the Sacred Heart Religious Education Office located in the school building at 216-01 38th Avenue. For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$838,711.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$445,745.87

Number of Parishioners participating: 312

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.



RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

Classes for Level 1 - 8 are on Sundays at 8:50 am in the School.

For information, visit:

AMReligionClass.Weebly.com



CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **October 4th, 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** We will be making painted wood slice pumpkins. For this craft, you will need your gluegun and glue sticks (Tacky Glue or any very strong adhesive would be fine, too), scissors, one or two small autumn embellishments or flower picks, and \$5 for additional materials that will be supplied for you. 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.

American Martyrs Church Blood Drive

Please donate blood and help save the life of a friend or neighbor in your community!

Sunday, October 21, 2018
9:15am ~ 1:45pm ~ Sullivan Center

To make an appointment, please call Ed Pearce
718-464-2061

Long Island hospitals and their patients need over 800 pints of blood every day.
For medical questions, call 1-800-688-0900.

RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Mary Marazzo

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.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Oznam Hall Nursing Home - seeks a p/t Activity Leader
Mon - Fri. Call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708

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.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn:
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: \$106,602.
Amount Received: \$98,192.
Donors: 245

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. **call the ACA office at: 718-965-7375, ext. 1602.** Your donation is tax deductible. **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

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!

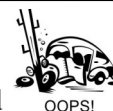
ATLANTIC CITY



On Wednesday, October 17, 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!**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 6, 2018 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.**



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will begin on Monday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 pm in the MC. This year we will be reading the Gospel according to St. John.