

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 8

5:00 pm: Martin & Irene Kelly --- E. O.

SUNDAY -- September 9

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Rita & Norman Chini -- Suzanne Malench

2. Stephen Mattaliano -- Rosemarie Louras

3. Rita Boras --- Rosemarie Louras

12:30 pm: Delligatti Family ---- Family

Mon. - September 10

8:30 am: Marianne Seufert --- Ingrid & Ludwig

Tues. - September 11

8:30 am: In Memory of all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001---- AM Parish Family

Wed. - Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30am: Theresa Kavaliauskas -- Charles & Family  
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thurs. Sept. 13 - St John Chrysostom

8:30 am: Rita Boras --- Chimenti Family

Friday -- Sept. 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am: Marianne Seufert -- Margaret & Carl

Sat. - September 15 -- Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am: 1. Marianne Seufert --- George Benczak

2. Petra Blando --- Violet Santarina

3. Dora Bernal -- Mr. & Mrs. Stachiw

5:00 pm: Barbara Hageney --- John O'Rourke

Sunday- September 16

8:30 am: Joseph & Marion Borst --- E.O.

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

2. Anthony Zafferese --- Family

3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen Macchia

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:*

~ In Loving Memory of ~  
Anthony Zafferese  
Requested by his Family

*The Altar Candles are offered this week for:*

~ Yolanda Hernandez de Estrada ~  
Requested by Elvira Silva

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAY- September 10

- 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 11

- **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.

WED. - September 12

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

THURSDAY - September 13

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

SUNDAY - September 16

- First day of Religious Ed. -- SC- 9:50 am

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. Sept. 9 - Grandparents' Day
- Sun. Sept. 16 - First day of Religion Education - SC
- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass
- Sat. Oct. 6 - Defensive Driving - MC 9 am -3:30 pm
- Sun. Oct. 21 - Blood Drive - SC-after all Masses

Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinics offer same-day access to individuals in crisis. Individuals may walk into a Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinic or call the Center at 718-722-6001 for information.

National Suicide Prevention- 1-800-273-8255.

Preventing Suicide ... everyone can help.

Please join us for our  
American Martyrs  
70th Anniversary Dinner Dance.  
Last chance to buy tickets.  
Tickets are on sale after all Masses.  
All are Welcome!



**Sunday Collections**

**Last Weekend - September 2, 2018**

Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church-\$5,564.

**This Weekend - September 9, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Catholic University of America.

**Next Weekend - September 16, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Catholic Education- help support Catholic Education in the Diocese.

**\*\*\*\*\*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, Janet Altieri, Ana Lucia & Jairo, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Eva Ditantano, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & 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, 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.*



**70th ANNIVERSARY GALA**



The American Martyrs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The gala will follow a 5 p.m. Anniversary Mass at American Martyrs Church. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets at \$90 each should contact Jovie Chorzepa at [jovie212@yahoo.com](mailto:jovie212@yahoo.com) or Theresa Asche at 718-428-5308. *No tickets will be sold at the door. We look forward to celebrating with you!*

**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.

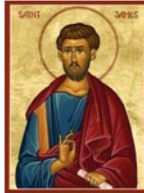
**YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA**

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

**JOIN US FOR A FREE BUFFET DINNER AND PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR, TUES. & WED. SEPT. 12 & 13 at 6:30 PM AT DONOVAN'S GRILL**

As we know, making funeral arrangements after a loved one's recent passing can be one of the most difficult experiences in life. However, there is another way. By pre-arranging your own funeral or a loved one's, in advance has tremendous emotional, financial and long-term benefits. *Join us for complimentary dinner and a "light" yet informative discussion that affects us all. This seminar is hosted by Frederick's and Quinn-Fogarty Funeral Homes, RSVP to Gloria Rivera at (718) 793-2725 or Email [Gloria.Rivera@sci-us.com](mailto:Gloria.Rivera@sci-us.com) DONOVAN'S - 214-16 41<sup>ST</sup> Avenue Bayside, NY 11361 / Parking Available*

## REFLECTION



Today's readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the "Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship" — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring. Our second reading, from the letter of St. James, teaches that all are equally worthy of our hospitality. We must welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church's doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of Christ's love. Sometimes we can offer that love simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in "our" pew. The Gospel reading from Mark demonstrates the connection between hospitality and service. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and "people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him." These people had already heard the Good News that Jesus was preaching. In response, they reached out to a man who literally could not hear and brought him close to Jesus so that he could receive the Good News, too. This is true service and hospitality at its finest. Jesus responds immediately with a miraculous healing. He blessed those whose service and hospitality had made this encounter possible, confirming their faith to such an extent that they could not stop themselves from proclaiming the wonder they had witnessed. This week, let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

~ thecatholicsteward.com

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**Saturday, September 15, 2018 1:00-3:00 PM**

***Presented by John A. Golden, President of  
Martin A. Gleason Funeral Home, LLC***

*Hosted at St. Luke RC Church  
In Pastoral Center*

*16-34 Clintonville Street, Whitestone, NY 11357*

***Light Refreshments will be served.***

*Planning ahead and having your arrangements in order provides peace of mind by reducing the stress on your family. Allow loved ones more time to cope and understand the loss; they will have serenity knowing your final tribute is being done just the way you wanted.*

**Special Presentation by Ann-Margaret Carrozza, Esq.**  
Elder Law/Estate Planning Attorney

Dr. Phil Legal Expert, Author, Former & NYS Assemblywoman

*Learn how to protect your home and other assets from financially devastating taxes, estate contests and long-term care expenses. Questions? Contact Martin A Gleason Funeral Home  
718-428-2210*

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**

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.

### Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of **American Martyrs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.** Great time to connect with former classmates and enjoy reminiscing! For more information please email:



**maureens@jwhampton.com.**

### RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

**Please return your registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible. There will be a \$15 fee per family for late registrations.**



**Classes for Level 1 - 8 will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8:50 am in the Sullivan Center.**

For information, visit:

**AMReligionClass.Weebly.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.

**+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**Alice Tahaney  
Claude Boniello**

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.

**\*\*\* 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](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 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: \$106,992.**  
**Amount Received: \$96,001.**  
**Donors: 244**

**You can make your gift online at:  
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*

**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!***

**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.**



**BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**