

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - May 6, 2017

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY - May 7, 2017 -

8:30 am: Aleyamma Devasia --- T. Sebastian

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Frank Mantel - Barbara & Jack Goydas

Monday- May 8

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving - Maryann Brackx

Tues. - May 9

8:30 am: Special Intention --- Jean

Wed. - May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster

8:30am: Gizella Fitzsimmons --- Family

Thursday - May 11

8:30 am: Angie Giamarino -- Mr. & Mrs. G. Ballesteros

Fri. - May 12- Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, & Pancras

8:30 am: Aud & Addie Fitzsimmons -- Family

Saturday - May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am:

1. Fr. Kevin O' Donoghue -American Martyrs
2. Theresa Greenstein -- Deboruah Glsser
3. Elvira Fajardo --- Zonia Carbajal

5 pm: Anna Smaldino-- Gregg & Mary Ann Schreiber

Sunday - May 14, 2017 - Mother's Day

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Elizabeth Ruggieri --- Family
2. Joseph & Suzette Jelicks --- Malench Family
3. Anthony DiCicco --- Family

12:30 pm: Mother's Day Novena

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Dennis Asche

requested by the Asche Family

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:

~ All Family & Grandchildren ~

requested by Maria Mathew

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 7- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- Religious Education - S
- International Night tickets on sale

MONDAY - May -8

- Rosary Society Day of Recollection 11 am Mass & SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - May 9

- **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 10

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

THURSDAY - May 11

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

SUNDAY-May 14 - Mother's Day

- Religious Education- S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. May 20 - International Night - 6 pm - SC
- Tues. May 30 - Calendar Meeting - 7 pm- MC
- 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 +

~ New Members Enrolled for May ~

**Adoracion Luna ~ Elaine Mullany
Mary Kinney**

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 Collections

Last Weekend --April 30, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,178.
Catholic Home Missions - \$987.

This Weekend - May 7, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Bishops Overseas Appeal - provide relief and support to struggling communities around the world.

Next Weekend - May 14, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Mothers' Day Mass Remembrance - envelopes are at the front pews and doors of the 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, Margaret Grasso, 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, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Lydia Roldan, 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.



MAY -- THE MONTH OF MARY



The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass, and Saturdays before the 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel. The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, is difficult to break. By repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each Rosary for our intentions, we take a shortcut to Jesus by passing through the heart of His Mother. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.

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

MOTHER'S DAY MASS NOVENA



A Novena for **Mother's Day** will begin **Sunday, May 14**. This is a beautiful way of remembering our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Mothers-in-law, Step-Mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Please return the envelope that you received in the mail, or **there are extra Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available on the Church tables**. You may return them in the collection basket, or the Rectory Office.

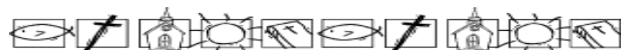
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that donated to our Blood Drive on Sunday, April 30. The New York Blood Center collected 35 pints! We hope to see you again in the fall.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the Ladies that did the planting of the Spring Flowers around the Church grounds last weekend. In the spirit of Earth Day, they re-planted some of the Easter flowers which were on the Altar to the grounds around the Church and Rectory. Thank you again for your time and effort!



REFLECTION

Shepherds and sheep were so much a part of life for Jesus and those from Galilee. Galilee was, after all, largely a rural area and raising sheep and sheep-herding was an intricate part of their lives. That is why the image of a shepherd with his sheep was so often used during biblical times. It was a connection with which people could identify.



It is equally important for us today to understand this important cultural connection for them. Shepherding was all about feeding the lambs and the sheep (recall that Jesus tells Peter "Feed my sheep."), bringing them to good pasture lands and water ("The Lord is my shepherd... He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul."); going after lost lambs ("Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"); and protects the sheep in the field and the fold ("The watchman opens the gate, and the sheep listen to his voice.").

Our Gospel reading today comes from St. John 10: 1-10. In St. John 10: 11, the next verse, Christ declares "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." As Catholics and Christians, we, too, are called to be Good Shepherds to all those with whom we come in contact. It may be from another culture than ours, but we should understand full well the implications of that.

~ 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!

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club

Sands Casino Trip, Bethlehem PA, Thursday May 25 2017. Cost \$30 get back \$30 plus \$5 in food. Leave corner of 35th Ave & 210 street. Bayside at 8:30 am. For info and reservations call Joy: 917 921 7631.

For God we are not numbers!

We are the most important of all His creatures, the closest to His heart whether we are saints or sinners.

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 by **May 20**.

**The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.**

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: \$1,241,365.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$564,852.

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 will commence this week and 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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Catholic War Veterans would like to thank all those who contributed to the "White Elephant" table, and to all those who participated in making our Garage Sale success!



THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

PREGNANT? WORRIED? NEED HELP?

CALL BRIDGE TO LIFE, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

FLUSHING (718) 463-1810

ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

ROSARY SOCIETY Day of Recollection - MAY 8

Please join us on **Monday, May 8** for our **Annual Day of Recollection**. We will begin with a Mass at 11am. Our guest speaker will be Msgr. John Strykowski. A lunch will be provided so please call Carol at 718 631-0896 or Barbara at 718 - 465-0585. New members will be inducted. We ask you to bring baby items for Bridge to Life. If you have a favorite dessert, please bring it. All ladies Welcome. Come join us!



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED + **John Bowan**

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

*** 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: \$62,575.
Amount Received: \$47,358.
Donors: 119

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.