

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SATURDAY - April 29, 2017**

5:00 pm: Joseph Della Pina --- Mario & Mildred

SUNDAY - April 30, 2017 -

8:30 am: Catherine & Edward Dolan --- Irene

10:30 am: 1. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family
2. John MacPherson --- Theresa & Ron Asche
3. Restrepo Nelly --- Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Monday- May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 am: Henry & Agatha Stamm -Marie de Angelis

Tues. - May 2 - St. Anthanasius

8:30 am: Jean Kozinoski --- Irene

Wed. - May 3 - St. Phip & St. James

8:30am: Peter Heiberger, Jr. --- Barbara

Thursday - May 4

8:30 am: Theresa Greenstein -- Deborah, Dina & Adam

Friday - May 5

8:30 am: Barbara Lannaman - Michelle & Richard
7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions -- RC

Saturday - May 6

8:30 am: 1. Donna & Sal Pastore -- Pastore Family
2. Mario Canizares -- Raul & Marisa Fojas
3. Carlos Enrique Hermosilla --Zonia Carbajal

5 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

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Rose Messa

requested by Christina

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:

~ Grace Jackman ~

requested by the Jackman Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- April 30, 2017

- Religious Education - S
- **Blood Drive -- 9:15 am - 1:45 pm - SC**
- **Communion Breakfast tickets on sale**
- **International Night tickets on sale**

MONDAY - May 1

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

TUESDAY - May 2

- **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 3

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

THURSDAY - May 4

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

SATURDAY - May 6

- **First Holy Communion - 11 am - CH**

SUNDAY-May 7- World Day of Prayer for Vocations

- Religious Education- S
- **Communion Breakfast - 11:30 am - SC**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **Mon. May 8 - Day of Recollection 11 am Mass & SC**
- **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**

BLOOD DRIVE--Today!

Sunday, April 30, SC - 9:15 am to 1:45 pm
~ Edward Malench Memorial Blood Drive ~
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
Please donate a pint to save a life !



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --April 23, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,924.
St. John Vianney Fund - \$1,765.

This Weekend - April 30, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Home Missions - to strengthen the Catholic faith community in the home missions.
Mothers' Day Mass Remembrance - envelopes are at the front pews and doors of the Church.

Next 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.

*****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

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on Thursday, **May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we will be making needle felted landscapes. Please bring your needle felting tools and any roving you may have, along with \$5 for additional supplies. Please RSVP to Annie if you will be attending, and let her know if you do not have your needle felting tools. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, **please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.**

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER - AUDITIONS

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish, Middle Village announces auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on April 30 from 4-7 pm. Auditions in St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place. All roles open. *Joseph* is entirely sung. You will be expected to sing and learn a short dance routine. Songs from the show preferred but not required. For cast description and information,

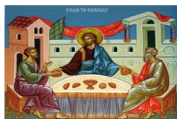
Visit: www.maggieslittletheater.org or
Email: maggieslittletheater@gmail.com.

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.



REFLECTION



Today's Gospel Reading recounts Jesus' appearance to two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. In various scriptural passages, there are 12 accounts of Jesus appearing in the flesh, a few times to just one person, but once to 500 people (1 Corinthians 15: 6). What is interesting about today's account is the two, although evidently familiar with the Lord, do not recognize Him ("...their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."). This is a challenge for us today as well. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) once wrote, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus; I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." That should be our motivation for serving, for being a disciple, for practicing stewardship.

Like the two disciples going to Emmaus we must be alert and prepared to see Jesus in places we least imagine Him. Stewardship is, of course, a two-sided perspective. Not only do we need to seek and search for Jesus in others and then serve, but also others need to see and recognize Jesus in us.

If we properly live out our faith, we, too, may experience the sense of joy and ecstasy the two disciples found in today's Gospel: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened Scriptures to us?" Jesus speaks to us every day, but we must learn to listen.

The original Greek word for what we read as "throes of death" could also be translated as "the birth pains of death." Jesus' resurrection is as if He was in the womb, and being raised in this way He was born to new life. That is what we, too, can expect and hope for.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

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.

GOLF OUTING --- Save the Date

American Martyrs 5th Annual Golf Outing – Wednesday, June 7th – North Shore Towers Golf Course – 1 PM shotgun start. Details to follow.

MASS OF INCLUSION AND RESOURCE FAIR

For Seniors, People with Disabilities and the Deaf. **Mass at 12 noon** with Bishop Raymond Chappetto, at **St. Kevin's Church, Sunday, April 30.** Service providers will be available at the Fair. Light refreshments.

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.**

Lord, You will show us the path of life.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

American Martyrs Church

Father John J. Murray Communion Breakfast

Sunday May 7, 2017 in the Sullivan Center

After the 10:30 Mass

Honoring Monsignor E. Bottino

Speaker Father George Cowan

Delicious hot breakfast – Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes, French toast, Coffee, Juice, etc.

*****Prizes to be raffled!!!!*****

Buy your tickets NOW! Buy your tickets NOW! Buy your tickets NOW!

Age 13 and older = \$15 per person Age 7 to 12 = \$7 per person Age 6 and under - Free

Tickets sold after masses prior to the event and OR

Complete the stub below and leave it at rectory WITH PAYMENT.

You can pay by cash, or make checks payable to *American Martyrs Church.*

Any questions? (347) 421 - 7676 or email JoeGT60@gmail.com:

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TURN IN THIS STUB WITH YOUR CASH, OR CHECK PAYABLE TO AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH by April 30

Father Murray Parish Breakfast Sunday May 7, 2017 11:30 A.M.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age 13 and older number of tickets _____ at \$15 = _____

Age 7 to 12 number of tickets _____ at \$7 = _____

6 and under number of tickets _____ Free = _____

Please try to sit me with: _____

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 +

Marie C. Hunt Deacon John P. Coffey

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 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.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

Annual Appeal Goal for 2017: \$61,392.
Amount Pledged: \$59,215.
Amount Received: \$44,938.
Donors: 101

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.