

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - August 18

5:00 pm: Marie Kulesha ---Annie & Mary Servillo

SUNDAY -- August 19

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

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

2. Filomena Zafferese --- Family

3. Steve Mattaliano --Rose & Jessie Carlone

12:30 pm: Marion Manzi --- Pontorno Family

Mon. - August 20 - St. Bernard

8:30 am: Johnny Liu (Living) -- Misuzu Kato

Tues. - August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas -- Charles & Family

Aug. 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am: Agatha Rice --- Marie de Angelis

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

Thurs. August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am: Rita Dawson --- Boyle Family

Friday -- August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:30 am: Victor Ruggieri --- Family

Sat. - Aug. 25 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Livia Alvarez --- Mariana Speer

Sunday- August 26

8:30 am: Theodore & Edna Stumpf --- E. O.

10:30 am: 1. Mary O'Malley --- Mary Rose Bosko

2. Marianne Seufert --- Rose & Jessie Carlone

3. Special Intention --- Chozepa Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ Josephs Bastien (Living) ~
Requested by the Volmar Familyl

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:

~ John Chu (Healing) ~
Requested by his Mother

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MONDAY- August 20

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

TUESDAY - August 21

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

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

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

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

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

WED. - August 22

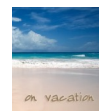
- Rectory Office Closed
- **Atlantic City - Leisure Club**
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm - SC

THURSDAY - August 23

- **Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC**
- **Knights of Columbus --- MC**

SATURDAY - August 25

- **Rectory Office Closed**
- **CWV 9 am - SC after 8:30 am Mass**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **Wed. Aug. 22 --Atlantic City - Leisure Club**
- **Sat. Aug 25 - CWV -SC -after 8:30 am Mass**
- **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.

Tickets are on sale for our
70th Anniversary
Dinner Dance after all Masses.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - August 12

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,324.

This Weekend - August 19, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Our Parish Grounds.

Next Weekend - August 26, 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, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Eva Ditatanto, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Joe Kinney, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Michael Marino, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, 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, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, 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 70th 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 or Theresa Asche at 718-428-5308. *No tickets will be sold at the door. We look forward to celebrating with you!*

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm in Church. Don't neglect God's gift of Reconciliation.

**"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
His mercy endures forever!"**

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.**

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If there are any homebound parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory. (718-464-4582). We will make arrangements for a home visit.

Need does not take a summer vacation

During the summer months, many of us are on vacation, but the basic needs of many families in our community are never on vacation. During the summer, poor box donations drop and community food pantries reach low levels. Our own food pantry is in need of: canned ravioli/pasta meals, bottled juices (non-perishable), canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxes of macaroni and cheese, jars of pasta sauce, cookies, jars of peanut butter, dried pasta. Please help us fill this vital need. Thank you for your generosity.

REFLECTION



Jesus said to the crowd, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....” We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awe-struck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

Thankfully we don’t need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today’s readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards.

The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work.

The Eucharist is the ultimate *inspiration* for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

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.

THE TREASURE OF FAMILIES

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

The Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is recited weekday and Saturday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Rectory Chapel. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother, and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son’s saving love.

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: \$405,939.

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.

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

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.

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
Remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of **American Martyrs 70th Anniversary on Sept. 29th 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. RE-REGISTRATION

Religious Education registration has begun.



Please return your re-registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible. There will be a \$15 late payment per family for any registration received after August 31.

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

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

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 -- 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.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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: \$106,442.
Amount Received: \$95,201
Donors: 243

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!

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, August 22, 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!**