

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - February 17

5:00 pm: Veronica & Vincent Carroll --- Daughters

SUNDAY- February 18, 2018

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis --- Tavcar Family

10:30 am: 1. Marie de Angelis -- Fortune Family

2. Michael Lorenzo --- Costa Family

3. Norbert & Ellen Griessmer --- Fr. Frank

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - February 19

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis (Mother)- Daughter, Marie

Tues. - February 20

8:30 am: Maria Markou -- Dianna & Arthur Ferrante

Wed. - Feb. 21- St. Peter Damian

8:30am: Marie de Angelis --Rose & Jessie Carlone

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

Thurs. - Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 am: Stephen Brown -- Carole Sandhovel

Fri. - February 23 - St. Polycarp

8:30 am: Joseph & Sophie Kresse --- Family

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- (Church)

7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- (Church)

Sat. - February 24

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Nicholas De Mauro --- Anita Mascioli

Sun. - Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis ---- Family

10:30 am:

1. Paul & Angela Radacinski - Steve Radacinski & Family

2. Marie de Angelis --- Barbara Svitlik

3. Rafaela Escobedo Diaz --- Friends

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

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

*~ In Loving Memory of ~*

*Michael Lorenzo*

*requested by the Costa Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week for:*

*~ A Special Intention ~*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

SUNDAY - February 18, 2018

- NO Religious Education

MONDAY- February 19 - Presidents' Day

- Rectory Office Closed. Please fly your American Flags proudly!
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - February 20

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- 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.

WEDNESDAY - February 21-

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

THURSDAY - February 22

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

SATURDAY - February 24

- CWV mtg - SC after 7:30 am Mass

SUNDAY - February 25

- Religious Education - SC
- St. Patrick's day tickets on sale after all Masses

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. March 10 - St. Patrick's Day party - SC- 6 pm
- Sat. Mar. 24 - CWV Easter Bunny Bkfst - 10 am-SC
- Mon. March 26- Reconciliation (Church) 3 - 9 pm
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Wed. June 6 - AM Golf Outing - N. Shore Towers

Family Night at the Movies - Fri. Feb. 23 -7 pm.

Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.

Son Of God

Please call Jane by Wed. Feb. 20, at 718-229-5929 ext. 3.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - February 11, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,374.  
Heating Fuel. - \$1,254.

This Weekend - February 18, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Black and Indian Mission Office.

Next Weekend - February 25, 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](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,  
Marge Aquino, Josephine Attard, Elsa Barbagallo,  
Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Irde  
Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang  
Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi,  
Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John  
Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson  
Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela  
Ierardi, Joe Kinney, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida  
Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath,  
Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North,  
Estella Palucious, Anthony Pagano, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas,  
Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo  
Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily  
& Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam  
Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz,  
Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse  
Wagner, Lorraine Walsh, 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.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
King of endless glory!*

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

The Parish has a prayer intention book available near  
the tabernacle. Please write your petitions for the sick  
or any other special intentions in the book---your  
intentions will be remembered during the Masses of  
the week in the Parish.

**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  
SN 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.

**St. Patrick's Day Party!  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
@ 6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**



**American Martyrs Church  
216-01 Union Turnpike, Bayside,  
Knights of Columbus  
Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666**

**Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers  
DJ + Dancing Raffles 50/50**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free / Ages 7 to  
12 - \$10 / Ages 13 to 18 - \$20  
Ages 19 & Up - \$30**



**Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)**

**Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.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

## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade should enroll NOW in order to receive first communion in second grade— registration forms can be found at the Church entrances. **Children in all grades** who have not previously been enrolled in Religious Education or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.



Please check our website:

**AMReligion Class.Weebly.com**

*for school closings due to inclement weather.*

Religious Education email:

**AMReligionClass@gmail.com**

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## **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

**St. John's University Speech & Hearing** - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 718-990-6480

### **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.

**St. Vincent de Paul: 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

**The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal will begin this month.**



**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*

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## **CATHOLIC MEDLEY**

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, March 19** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, April 2 and April 16.



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## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Wednesday, JUNE 6, 2018 - American Martyrs Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers**

**Saturday, SEPT. 29, 2018- American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.**

**(More information on both events to follow)**

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## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE:** The church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on **ALL FRIDAYS of Lent.**

**FASTING:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 & 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the fasting regulations on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on 2 other occasions in the course of the day.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three disciplines of Lent. The faithful and the elect should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

**Reconciliation Monday: March 26, 3 to 9 pm**

On the **Monday of Holy Week**, this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing. Members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

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**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**





## REFLECTION

It seems fitting that our readings on this First Sunday of Lent begin with the Old Testament Book of Genesis. The book was first called "Genesis" — ΓΕΝΕΣΙΣ — in the Greek Septuagint translation, as it presents both the origin of the world and mankind, and in particular, the Hebrew people. The book in Hebrew was known by its opening expression, "In the beginning."



In today's particular reading from Genesis 9, we hear of God's relationship with Noah and his family. God says, "I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you." God goes on to say, "I set my bow (rainbow) in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings."

As is often the case, we have lost sight of the significance of the rainbow in relation to our faith. Yet it is biblically confirmed as a sign from God. Some live in areas where rainbows are common, and others in areas where they are rare. Regardless, there is something divine about a rainbow. When you look up in the sky and see a multi-colored arc looking back at you, you should be filled with wonder. It is a reminder that we live in a world of wonder, of beauty, of adventure. A rainbow should give us hope that life really isn't just about death and taxes, but much, much more. It is a clue to the meaning of the universe and where we stand within it.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

## ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18, 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!**



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$758,480.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 311**

**I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has been completed.**



We are now 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.

## 2018 Mass Book Intentions

**You may choose to commemorate a death, anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15.** Please 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. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.**

## LENTEN JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Dear Lord,

As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the world.



~ Amen