

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 27

5:00 pm : Frank & Rose Francis --Anthony & Maria

SUNDAY- January 28 -

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Dominick & Rose Servillo -- Annie & Mary
2. Jack Antolini --- Family
3. Maria Markou --- Theresa Asche

12:30 pm: Rosa Morales --- Family

Mon. - January 29

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis -- Margaret & Carl

Tues. - Jan. 30

8:30 am: Sadie Bartkowski -- Family

Wed. - Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco

8:30am: Marie & Edward Scherne --- Barbara & Jack

Thurs. - February 1, 2018

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis -- Maryann Seufert

Fri. - Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am: Rosary De Blasi - Dianna & Arthur Ferrante

7:30: First Friday Devotions - (RC)

Sat. - February 3 - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

- 8:30 am: 1. Carol Nagiel ---Agnes Walsh
2. Angela Radacinski - Steve Radacinski & Family
3. Marian Carolan -- Patricia Adams & Family

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sun. - February 4, 2018

8:30 am: Anthony Pagano ( Healing) --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Margaret Muller --- Regina Corker

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

~ *In Loving Memory of* ~

*Rudolfo (Jun) Celeridad  
requested by Jovie & Family*

+ 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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

SUNDAY - January 28, 2018

- Religious Education - S

MONDAY- January 29

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

TUESDAY - January 30

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
  - **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.

WEDNESDAY - January 31

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

THURSDAY - February 1

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm -- MC

SATURDAY - February 3

- Mini Retreat - 9 am - SC
- CWV "Warren Forest" Drive for Troops

SUNDAY - February 4

- Religious Education -S
- CWV "Warren Forest" Drive for Troops after all Masses

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Ash Wednesday, February 14
- Sat. Feb.17 - Defensive Driving- 9 - 3:30 pm-MC

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.

Sunday Collections**Last Weekend - January 21, 2018**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church-- \$6,864.

**This Weekend - January 28, 2018**My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Aid to Latin America, Eastern Europe and Africa.**Next Weekend - February 4, 2018**

My Monthly 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, Iride  
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, 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.****MITTEN DRIVE****Our Mitten Drive will be ending this  
Sunday, January 28.**This Parish has been amazing, donating an  
abundance of new, handmade or gently-  
used Mittens/Gloves, Hats and Scarves.  
There are many grateful recipients of your generosity.**Knights Of Columbus**Email: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com)Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://kofcam.weebly.com)**If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts.****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.**LENTEN SEASON WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT**Please join Sister Ave Clark, O.P. on **Saturday,  
February 3, from 9:30 - 11:45 am,**  
here at American Martyrs in the  
Sullivan Center for a Mini Brunch  
Women's Retreat.**Spirit of Women... Graces Galore**Please call 718-428-2471 for more information and to  
register.

Handicap accessible. Please join us.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS****ABSTINENCE:** The church requires all the faithful who  
have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from  
meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY- February 14 and 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.

## 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 \*\*\***

#### 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 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* ~

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:</b>	<b>\$61,392.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$104,360.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$101,269.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>290</b>

Please fulfill your pledges if you have not already done so.



Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge.

The **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal** will begin in the month of February.

**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, January 29, at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, February 5, March 5, & March 19.



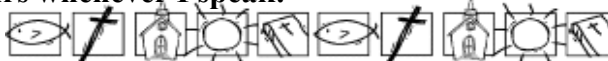
We will be discussing the **Holy Eucharist** using *Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire* series video as our starting point. Please join us!

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### EUCCHARIST

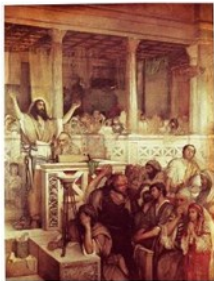
Pope Francis brings together the two parts of our liturgy when he speaks of the moment when Jesus, the Word of God, asked his disciples to take and eat, take and drink. In that one action, says Pope Francis, Word and food came together, to become-- and to offer us -- everything Jesus is and has done. We repeat this action in each Mass, and we are asked to live it outside the Church doors, nourishing one another with the words and signs and food of hope.

**God of mystery and wonder, may my words be yours whenever I speak!**



## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, it is reported that Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach, but His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Often those who taught in Jesus' time (the scribes) simply quoted others, a variety of Rabbis.



However, Jesus taught with authority because He had authority. Jesus' divine message was not quoting other humans, but quoting God. Jesus was One with God so He knew what He was talking about. Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching. He was familiar with the information which allowed Him to teach boldly. People listening could perceive that this was someone Who knew.

Up until this time we have seen the Lord as the Son of Man Who submitted to His Father. He submitted to God in His Baptism, and to the Holy Spirit in the wilderness. To have authority also requires submission. We, too, are called to submit to God, but for us that is sometimes challenging because it requires humility, something that is not easy for many of us.

Later in the Gospel of John there is another account of the Lord teaching at the Temple. He is challenged, and His response is quite simply, "My teaching is not from myself; it comes from the one who sent me." We are not divine, but we, too, are sent.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

**The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.**



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.

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, February 17, 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.**



### AMERICAN MARTYRS CWV POST

Our **Warren Forest Drive for the Troops** will be held next weekend **February 3/4.** We will be collecting personal items such as:



shaving items, food items (hard candy & gum) and practical items (stationary, etc.) Cash contributions are also welcome. Please see the detailed list of needed items on the Church tables. The CWV will be at the doors of the Church before and after all Masses collecting donations.

### + 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.

