

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 7, 20175:00 pm: **Misa Pro Populo**SUN. January 8, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am: Frank &amp; Anna Smaldino- Gregg &amp; MaryAnn

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

2. Domenick Pinto --- Marianne &amp; John Pinto

3. Grant Gegchian -- Rachelle Ventura

12:30 pm: Herman (Hank) Rohde --AM Leisure Club

Mon.- Jan 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am: Chacko Varkey --- Molly Mathew

Tues. Jan. 10

8:30 am: Kathy Meyer --- Andy Paccione

Wed. - Jan 11

8:30 am: Lucy Sica --- Family

Thurs. Jan 12

8:30 am: Jean Kozinoski --- Lillian Santos

Fri. - Jan 13 - St. Hilary

8:30 am: Jean-Robert Louis --- Family

Saturday - Jan 14

8:30: am: 1. Patrick Egan --- Burke Family

2. Rev. Dennis Rocheford -- Fr. Frank

3. Rev. Michael Parisi --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Charles Menduni -- Mom, Dad &amp; Family

Sunday - Jan. 15, 20178:30 am: **Misa Pro Populo**

10:30 am: 1. Joseph Galani - Marianne &amp; John

2. Michael Fogarelli --- Rosemarie Louras

3. Florentino Apostadero - Jovie Chorzepa

12:30 pm: Frank &amp; Rose Francis--Anthony &amp; Maria LaSala

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**Anthony Zafferese**requested by Deme Kesikiades***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

Sunday- January 8, 2017

- Religious Education - S

MONDAY- January 9, 2017

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

TUESDAY - January 10

- **BINGO - SC -7:30 PM**

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

\*\*\*\*\* HANDICAP ACCESS \*\*\*\*\*

“NO Smoking” “Air Conditioned” Please join us!

We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WEDNESDAY - January 11

- Religious Ed. 8th Grade Class-7 pm - MC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - January 12

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

FRIDAY - January 13

- Boy Scout/Cub Scout mtg. 7:15 pm --SC
- Youth Group - 7:30 pm --MC

SUNDAY- January 15, 2017

- NO Religious Education

MONDAY - Jan. 16, 2017-Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Thurs. Jan 19 - Habitat for Humanity - 7 pm - SC

SATURDAY MORNING MASS-TIME CHANGEPlease note the time change:

The Saturday morning Mass will now be at 8:30 am. Monday through Saturday, all Masses will be at 8:30 am in the Rectory Chapel.

All Sunday Masses will stay the same: 5 pm-Saturday; 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm.

**Sunday Collections**

**Last Weekend --January 1, 2017**

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,786.  
Solemnity of Mary -\$1,409.

**This Weekend - January 8, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Diocesan Mission.

**Next Weekend - January 15, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

**\*\*\*NOTE:** Please make all checks payable to:  
**American Martyrs Church.**

**\*\*\*\* The December 50/50 Winner: \*\*\*\***

**Congratulations to Grace Fitzsimmons who won \$135 in our December drawing. Ms. Fitzsimmons has graciously donated her winnings back to American Martyrs. Look for the January 50/50 (yellow) envelope which is included in your monthly mailing of donation envelopes. The next drawing will be held after the last Sunday in January. Good Luck!**

**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 our website: [Americanmartyrsbayside.com](http://Americanmartyrsbayside.com) and click on the big **Parish Giving red button** on the right 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, Jeffrey Arcello, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jen Costa, Florence D'Anna, Eva Maria Ditaranto, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Margaret Grasso, Mary Grecco, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Philip Hren, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, C. J. Marino, Danny Montchal, Minor Morales, 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, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Sheila Still, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Denise Tully, 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.**



**+ 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 take pleasure in our new seat cushions, but please do not bring food or drinks into the Church.**

**A Note From The Music Ministry**

**Our Adult Choir needs reinforcements.** We sing at the Sunday 10:30 Mass every week, and rehearse after Mass, with a few additional rehearsals down the road. Please see Pat White at the organ, for more information.

**CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS**



The Catholic War Veterans will conduct their Annual "Troop Drive" collection on Saturday & Sunday February 3 & 4, 2017. Please see the flyer on the Church tables for more information.

**Queens Deanery #5 Facebook Page**

Join Queens Deanery #5 on Facebook where you will learn more about the upcoming spiritual events in the parishes of our Deanery, as well as find all of the weekly bulletins, contact information, Mass schedules and so much more. Just visit Queens Deanery #5 on Facebook and "like" the page to receive updates, or visit us on the web at: [www.queensdeanery5.org](http://www.queensdeanery5.org)  
**Facebook.com/Queens Deanery 5**

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**+ 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.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**



The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, February 18, 2017 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.**

## REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

The Epiphany should be and is a great Feast for us. The joy we felt at the birth of Christ on Christmas must be renewed today (and every day for that matter). In a sense this is a second Christmas Day as it puts the Lord in a new light. This day manifests the divinity of Jesus. At Christmas it was a few shepherds who were invited by the Angels to go and witness and recognize the Lord.

However, today, at the Epiphany, the voice of God calls the whole world, each and every one of us, to adore Jesus, and to hear Him. The Epiphany or the realization of the divinity and saving grace of the Lord should lead us as individuals to a personal epiphany. In a sense an epiphany is representative of conversion, conversion to the truth.

If we accept Christ as our Savior and if we truly strive to live our lives as His disciple, we begin to pursue lives of stewardship, lives of love and service. Today of all days should help us in that realization and in that goal.

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Lord, as we begin this new year, we ask You to help us grow in holiness. Come and fill us with your love. Melt our hardened hearts, and mold us into your likeness.

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,270,665.**



**Total Paid on Pledges: \$491,485.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$195,822.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 307**

**Work on the Church roof and pointing will commence in the Spring of 2017. Total projected cost of the project is \$725,000.**

**For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.**

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**We saw His star at its rising  
and have come to do Him homage.**

## Mitten Drive !

Boxes are at the entrances of our Church, through January, to collect gently-used or new Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Hats for children and adults. These items will be donated each week to the Salvation Army family residence for those less fortunate than ourselves to help make their winter more comfortable.



## 2017 Mass Book Intentions

**The 2017 Mass Intention book is 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.**

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.**

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

***Please consider making a Christmas gift to American Martyrs Church.***

Envelopes have been placed at the doors and front pews of the Church for the convenience of those who do not receive envelopes at home.



## LIFE LINE SCREENING

American Martyrs will be hosting a **mobile health screening service on Friday, February 3, in the Sullivan Center**, to offer potentially life-saving ultrasound screenings. According to the National Stroke Association, about 97% of Americans cannot recognize the signs of strokes. These tests are important and not typically offered during a regular physical. Please call the Helping Hands registration office at **1-888-653-6450** for more information. See the flyers on the Church tables.

**You must be registered to participate.**

Ask our a special \$10 discount.

**[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please join us on **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 pm**, at American Martyrs Church in the Sullivan Center to learn about the 20 homes Habitat NYC is starting to build in Queens for low-income, hardworking families and how you can be part of this exciting project.

## CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND - K of C

To help aid our suffering Christian sisters and brothers in the Middle East the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council will be selling buttons and magnets during Advent. All proceeds are being donated to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. **There are five different "Keep Christ in Christmas" buttons that sell for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.** The "Jesus - The Reason for the Season" car magnets are 5.75" round and depict a beautiful, full color version of Mary holding baby Jesus and sell for \$5 each. Thank you in advance for your support and your prayers.



## Monday- Jan 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan is also an occasion of God's self revelation. At His Baptism, Jesus heard the father say, "This is my beloved Son." Take time today to delight in being God's beloved child.

### \*\*\* 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](http://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-718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$50/\$100 to American Martyrs.

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.

## 2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Share the Joy of the Gospel* ~

Annual Appeal Goal for 2016: \$61,392.

Amount Pledged (as of 11/28/16): \$88,250.

Amount Received: \$81,051.

Donors: 245



Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://www.rcdobdonate.org), or simply mail in the commitment form with the amount of your pledge. Some companies have matching gift programs, so please check to see if your place of employment participates. **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*



**American Martyrs  
Athletic Association**

Presents...

**Family Paint  
a fundraising event**

**Saturday, Feb 25  
2 - 4 PM**

**Wintry Night Landscapes  
Acrylic on Canvas**



Explore creating mood & expression in painting with technique instruction by Kimmy Ma, MA, School of Education, NYU. Enjoy painting with artist mentors from Kimmy Ma Art Studio. [www.kimmyma-artstudio.com](http://www.kimmyma-artstudio.com)

Cost (includes materials): \$25 for 1 Adult, \$40 for 1 Adult + 1 Child, \$50 for 1 Adult + 2 Children  
\*Suitable for children 5 and up

**Pre-registration with payment is required by January 31<sup>st</sup>** (to ensure sufficient supplies)

Make check payable to: AMAA

Mail check to: Julie Baez, 80-35 Springfield Blvd, Apt 3L, Queens Village, NY 11427

Please call Julie if you have any questions 917-734-8441.

**Seating is limited, reserve your tickets today!**

Refreshments will be available for additional purchase.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/kimmymartstudio>

Net proceeds go to benefit the AMAA sports programs - [www.americanmartyrssports.com](http://www.americanmartyrssports.com)

