

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - July 15

5:00 pm: Victor Mirandona (living) - Hollywood Family

SUNDAY - July 16

8:30 am: **Misa Pro Populo**

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

2. John MacPherson - Mullarkey Family

3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

12:30 pm: Angie & Sal Spina --Mary, Susie & Ida

Monday- July 17

8:30 am: Rudi Schwarz --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 am: John MacPherson --Susan & Ed Szempruck

Wed.- July 19

8:30am: Helena Riveros --Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Thurs. - July 20- St. Apollinaris

8:30 am: Ray Diaz --- Carmen Paccione

Fri. - July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am: Frank Sirna --- Pat Herbert

Sat. - July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am:

1. Melissa Holdefer (Healing) --Larry & Mary Pugh

2. Barbara Avdi --- Wilkinson Family

3. Marie Urban --- Sinead & Family

5:00 pm: D'Anna Family --- Daughter

Sunday - July 23

8:30 am: **Misa Pro Populo**

10:30 am: 1. Jose Benigno Ruiz --- Family

2. John MacPherson --Usher at American Martyrs

3. Carlos Pineda --- Family

12:30 pm: Francis Family -- Anthony & Maria LaSala

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

Theresa Kavaliauskas
requested by her Family

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ For my Children & Grandchildren ~
requested by Maria Mathew

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

MONDAY- July 17

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

TUESDAY - July 18• **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.

****NO BINGO -TUESDAY, AUGUST 15****
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY - July 19

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

THURSDAY - July 20

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

SATURDAY - July 22

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **BINGO** - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August
- Sat. July 29 -CWV mtg -SC - after 8:30 am Mass

Please visit our new website at:
Americanmartyrs-queens.org.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after 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.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --July 9, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,351.

This Weekend - July 16, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - July 23, 2017

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, Marge Aquino, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, , 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, Warren Forrest, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, 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, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, John Tymon, Joan Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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

GREAT NEWS - WORTH THE WAIT



After many years of advocating and communication with the appropriate parties, our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council is happy to report that approval has been given to co-name the corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Tpke, in honor of Father Murray. The ceremony will likely take place in September. More details to follow as they become available.

**The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower.
All who come to Him will have life forever.**

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!"

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, August 9, 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** 9at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!



Maggie's Little Theater, Middle Village

will present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, at St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place, Middle Village. Performances are Saturdays, July 22nd and 29th at 8:00pm; Sundays, July 23rd and 30th at 2:30pm; and Friday, July 28th at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for seniors; and \$12 for children. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.maggieslittletheater.org/tickets or call 917-579-5389.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Christ is asked why He speaks in parables. His response in part is the statement, **"To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away."** Christ's parables, of which there are many, may not always make sense to us, unless we consider them carefully.



Christ's speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning.

The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible. God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us.

One of the popular phrases about stewardship is "an attitude of gratitude." That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes. Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord's teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.



+ 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.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Craig Rivera

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 do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$619,460.

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

Number of Parishioners participating: 310



I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has begun and will 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.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Will present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, August 3rd –August 13th, in the air conditioned Oak Room. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors & students and \$9 for children under 12. For tickets email tickets@srgtg.org or call 718-989-2451 to reserve your seats.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017 has begun. Children who are currently enrolled in American Martyrs Religious Education program have received their re-registration forms. Please return the completed form to the Rectory, or their teacher, or mail to the Religious Education office.



Children entering the 1st grade in September 2017 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 who are returning or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

*** COMMUNITY NEWS ***

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine-- 9/24/17 -
St. Mel's --- Call Ed Rice - 917-209-5829 -- \$45.

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 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.

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:	\$61,392.
Amount Pledged:	\$93,625.
Amount Received:	\$85,152.
Donors:	251

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.

