

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - June 17

5:00 pm: John Mac Pherson -- Mr. & Mrs. Merkert  
& L. Timmins

SUNDAY - June 18 - Corpus Christi

8:30 am: Frank Smaldino --- Gregg & Mary Ann

10:30 am: 1. Victor & Agnes Malench --- Family

2. John F. (Jack) Bills- Ann Marie

3. Concetta & Charles Pascucci - Marianne & John

12:30 pm: Fathers' Day Novena

Monday- June 19 - St. Romuald

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

Tues. - June 20

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

Wed. - June 21 - St. Aloysius

8:30am: Fathers' Day Novena

Thurs. St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

Fri.- June 23 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

Sat. - June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Fathers' Day Novena

Sunday - June 25

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

10:30 am: 1. Donald Dalton --- Nancy Flowers

2. Brigid J. Calia -- Saavedra Family

3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*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:*

~ In Loving Memory of ~  
*Nancy Mancini*  
requested by American Martyrs Parish

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

SUNDAY - June 18

- Happy Fathers' Day

MONDAY- June 19

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

TUESDAY - June 20

- 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.

WEDNESDAY - June 21

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

THURSDAY - June 22

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

FRIDAY - June 23

- K of C - Father/Daughter Wingo - 7 - 9 pm -SC

SATURDAY - June 24

- CWV meeting - SC - after 8:30 Mass- RC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August

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

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT FESTIVAL**38th Annual Gregorian Festival**

**JUNE 15 - 25**

Eleven nights of rides, games, prizes, game booths, gourmet foods, live entertainment - NO admission - bring the entire family! 87th Avenue & Cross Island Pkwy, Bellerose.

**Sunday Collections**

**Last Weekend --June 11**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,340.

**This Weekend - June 18, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
**Father's Day Remembrance.**

**Next Weekend - June 25, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
**Peter's Pence - support the works of Pope Francis. Be a Witness of Charity.**

**\*\*\*\*\*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, Roberto Barrientos, Gilda Bavaro, 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, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Jerardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, Donna McIsaac, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Pat North, Walter Panas, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Leo Palombo, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Riccioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, 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.**

*Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.*



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

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

**FATHER-DAUGHTER NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY June 23, 7 pm - 9 pm**



**Parish fathers** - please save the date and bring your daughter(s) of all ages for a fun night of Wingo (aka bingo), prizes, pizza, and refreshments in the Sullivan Center.

Sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. While there is no cost for this father-daughter night of bonding, please e-mail: [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) to RSVP so we can get a rough head count in advance.

**WELCOME NEW KNIGHTS!**

Our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council welcomes the following new Knights who received their First Degree honors earlier this month: Michael Clendenin, Marco D'Andrea, Alan Desmond, Alexander Liatto, and Michael Murphy. We also welcome new transfer Stephen Barry. Congratulations men!



**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.

**FOOD DRIVE**

Our Knights of Columbus thanks all of the volunteers and shoppers who made Saturday's food drive at Food Universe a success. 44 bags of food and over \$200 were collected to support our St Vincent de Paul food pantry and the Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach pantry in Queens Village.

## REFLECTION

The celebration of Corpus Christi commemorates the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ, one of the Sacraments of the Eucharist. On Holy Thursday Jesus met the Apostles for the Last Supper, when He said, "This is my Body (indicating the bread) and this is my Blood (designating the wine)." We as Catholics acknowledge the gift of the Eucharist, as this is the food of our souls.



Twelve times during the Last Supper Jesus reminds us that He is the Bread of Life. He is quite definite about this reality. It is He Who gives us eternal life. Every Catholic Mass, not just this one, is both a memorial to Christ's life, death, and Resurrection, and also a participation in the sacrifice which Christ made on the Cross for us. When we approach to receive communion, we are in reality at the foot of the Cross, adoring, asking forgiveness, and offering ourselves to Christ Who loved us to His death.

Today, and every day when we approach the Eucharist, we need to keep this in mind. We need to receive this incredible gift and then as good stewards we need to share it by being disciples, by sharing the Good News in our lives and how we live them.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

## FATHER'S DAY MASS NOVENA

A **Novena for Father's Day** will begin on Sunday, June 18. What a beautiful way to remember all the "Fathers" in our lives. Please return the envelope that you received in the mail, or there are extra Father's Day Remembrance envelopes available in the front pews and on the Church tables. You may return them in the collection basket, or drop them off at the Rectory Office.

## Habitat for Humanity Queens Coalition Kick Off Day

Please join us on Saturday, June 24th for our Queens Coalition kick off with participants from all of our neighboring Coalition Churches and Faith Based Organizations.

(more information to follow)

We received many requests for work detail - If you are interested in volunteering for work detail on the Queens Home that day please contact us via email at: [amccolumbiettes@yahoo.com](mailto:amccolumbiettes@yahoo.com) or call Rosann Cavaliere 718-744-4088.

If you would like to donate to our "Team American Martyrs" please visit our Queens Coalition Habitat for Humanity donation page at: <http://events.habitatnyc.org/queenscoalition> Go to "Join a Team" - Write in "Team American Martyrs" ..

## + 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 +

**Agnes Ragusa ~ Arturo Marciano**

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

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$602,141.**

**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.

## R. STUTZMANN & SON Funeral Home -Free Seminar

**"Your Life, Your Legacy"**

Please join us for an important presentation on planning your final wishes -- Tuesday, June 20, 7 pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church -- 96-26 220th Street.

**RSVP at: 718-479-5111**

## A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who volunteered at our **CAR WASH** on June 3. We raised \$1,000 for the American Martyrs Sports program.

**Thanks to: all the AMAA kids that washed the cars, the Knights of Columbus, those who donated towels and soap etc., and those that brought their dirty cars!**

## HAPPY FATHERS' DAY !

We wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers, Godfathers, Step fathers and Fathers-to-be a very happy, and special day. God bless you always!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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.

**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- 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](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* ~

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:** \$61,392.  
**Amount Pledged:** \$88,985.  
**Amount Received:** \$77,146.  
**Donors:** 231

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 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](http://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*

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### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing was a huge success thanks to all the donations and the sponsors. ***Please see the list of sponsors on the video screen.*** Please support them as they have supported us! A big shout out goes to Pat Carragee for his most generous donation of great gifts. Of course the beautiful weather contributed, but most of all the hard work of Jo Zafferese, Cindy Hines, Linda & John Limberg, Carrie Libasci and our photographer, Ed Pearce, that made the day so successful. ***Look for the pics on the video screen at the main entrance.*** Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you again next year!

### **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.**