

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - May 13, 2017

5:00 pm: Anna Smaldino - Gregg & Mary Ann Schreiber

SUNDAY - May 14, 2017 - Mother's Day

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

- 10:30 am: 1. Elizabeth Ruggieri --- Family
 2. Joseph & Suzette Jelicks --- Malench Family
 3. Anthony DiCicco --- Family

12:30 pm: **Mother's Day Novena**Monday- May 15 - St. Isidore8:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**Tues. - May 168:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**Wed. - May 178:30am: **Mother's Day Novena**Thursday - May 18 - St. John I8:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**Friday - May 198:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**Saturday - May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena8:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**

5 pm: Lucy Murolo --- Mildred & Mario Della Pina

Sunday - May 218:30 am: **Mother's Day Novena**

- 10:30 am: 1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- AnnMarie
 2. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- 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 ~
Guadalupe Chavez
requested by the Murphy Family

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~
Mary Kinney
requested by the Kinney Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- May 14

- Religious Education - S
- International Night tickets on sale

Happy
 Mother's
 Day!

MONDAY - May 15

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

TUESDAY - May 16

- **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 - May 17

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

THURSDAY - May 18

- **Leisure Club - 11am - 3 pm - SC**

SATURDAY - May 20

- **International Night - 6 pm - SC**

SUNDAY-May 21

- **Religious Education - last day of classes - S**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- **Thurs. May 25- Ascension - 8:30, 12 noon, 7:30 pm**
- **Sat. May 27 - CWV mtg-SC after 9 am Mass-RC**
- **Sun. May 28- Memorial Day ceremony -Flagpole**
- **Mon. May 29- Memorial Day-Rectory Closed**
- **Tues. May 30 - Calendar Meeting - 7 pm- MC**
- **Sat. June 3- Defensive Driving 9 am-3:30 pm-MC**
- **Wed. June 7-Golf - North Shore Towers -1 pm**
- **Wed. June 14 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club**
- **June. 9/10 - Broadway Revue - SC - 8 pm**

+ 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.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --May 7, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,930.
CRS Bishops Overseas Appeal - \$1,090.

This Weekend - May 14, 2017

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

Next Weekend - May 21, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Little Sisters of the Poor will speak at all Masses.
May 25 - Ascension Thursday.

*****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, 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, Margaret Grasso, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, John & Regina Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, 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 Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Lydia Roldan, 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.

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



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

MOTHER'S DAY MASS NOVENA



A Novena for **Mother's Day** begins **Sunday, May 14.** This is a beautiful way of remembering our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Mothers-in-law, Step-Mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Please return the envelope that you received in the mail, or **there are extra Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available on the Church tables.** You may return them in the collection basket, or the Rectory Office. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Novena.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; No one comes to the Father, except through Me.

**** The April 50/50 Winner: ****

Congratulations to Monica Ramcharan who won \$125 in our April drawing. Look for the **May 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 **May. Good Luck!**

American Martyrs Presents

in the Love is in the Air?
a Broadway Revue

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 9th AND 10th at 8:00 pm

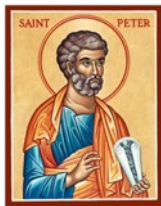
American Martyrs Sullivan Center
79-43 Bell Boulevard
Bayside, New York 11364

Tickets are \$20 and are available after all the Masses, at the Rectory (718-464-4582), or at the door.

The Sullivan Center is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

REFLECTION

The word “church” finds its roots in the Greek word *ecclesia*. However, a correct translation of that word is actually “an assembly of people, called out of their homes into a public meeting place.” Thus, the Church is really the people who make it up; the use of the term in relation to a building has developed through time, but we must never forget that it is we who are indeed the Church.



That is a basic part of something St. Peter writes in our Second Reading. Peter says, “... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,” in reference to the members. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a church with living stones, namely ourselves. We all also understand that for a structure to be most effective, every element is needed to keep it strong.

We, as the Church and as our parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a faith community, not just a community of worshipers, but a community to reach out and serve others. To really do that we need each member to offer something of himself or herself.

In a message to a celebration about the Church being the people, Pope Francis said, “It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us.” To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part.

~ the catholicsteward.com

GOLF OUTING --- WED. JUNE 7

American Martyrs 5th Annual Golf Outing
Wednesday, June 7th – North Shore Towers Golf Course – 1 PM shotgun start.

Sign in and lunch at noon. Carts, lunch and dinner included \$175. Dinner only \$45. Dinner is immediately following at Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway - close by and plenty of free parking. Please reserve your foursome early - call Maureen at 718-276-0301. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 will add to the fun! Donations gladly accepted and will be much appreciated!

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club

Sands Casino Trip, Bethlehem PA, Thursday May 25 2017. Cost \$30 get back \$30 plus \$5 in food. Leave corner of 35th Ave & 210 street. Bayside at 8:30 am. For info and reservations call Joy: 917 921 7631.

*The will of God can never take me
where His grace cannot keep me.*

PARISH CALENDAR MEETING



Tuesday, May 30 - 7:00 pm--MC

All Parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Board Room, Church, Rectory Chapel or School for parish functions are required to attend. Please submit a **calendar of dates, times and locations** to the rectory by **May 20**.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.**

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

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, June 14, 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!



GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,241,365.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$564,852.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$220,602.

Number of Parishioners participating: 309



I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing will commence this week and 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**Bless you for the things you are, and all the things you do,
Bless you for your thoughtfulness and understanding too,
Bless you for your loving heart and on this Day of Mothers,
God fill it with the kind of joy you're always giving others.**

**Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!
You are in our prayers with much gratitude and love,
as are all our deceased Mothers on this very special day!**



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 ***

St. Anastasia - Healing Mass - Tues. May 16 -- 7 pm
Rosary, Mass and Healing service 718-631-4454.

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.

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: \$63,745.
Amount Received: \$50,676.
Donors: 124

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.