

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - November 19, 2016

5:00 pm: La Sala Family --- Maria & Anthony La Sala

SUN. Nov. 20, 2016-Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am 1. Charles Schenck --Susan Miller
 2. Andrew Linsalata & Domenick Masone - Andrea
 3. Hilda Alfaro --- Zaida Lozano

12:30 pm: John F. (Jack) Bills --- Annmarie

Mon.-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Angelina Marshall - Brookhaven Lab.

Tues. Nov. 22- St. Cecilia

8:30 am: Marilyn Sasiadek --- Frank & Family

Wed. - Nov. 23 - St. Clement I, & St. Columban

8:30 am: Carmela Carbone --- Daughter
 7:30 pm: In Thanksgiving (Church)

Thurs. Nov. 24- St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Martyrs

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving (Church)

Fri.- Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 am: Salvatore & Francesca Falanga-- Family

Saturday - November 26

9:00 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Nora Weitzman--Mildred & Mario Della Pina

Sunday - Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am: Hugh Brady --- Brady Family

10:30 am: 1. Eleanor Calace - Victoria & Family
 2. Josephine Campagna -- Rose & Jessie Carlone
 3. John Bolendz -- Rose & Jessie Carlone

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of Joanne Karten ~
 requested by Doris & Robert Patto

+ 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.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- November 20

- Religious Education - S
- "White Elephant" table collection 12 pm to 3 pm- SC
NO BOOKS -NO ELECTRONICS-NO CLOTHING

MONDAY- November 21

- Interfaith Prayer Service - HHJC- 7:30 PM
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - November 22

- 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 - November 23

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

THURSDAY-Nov.24-Thanks Giving-Giving Thanks

- Rectory Office Closed

FRIDAY- November 25

- Rectory Office Closed

SATURDAY - November 26

- CWV meeting-SC- after 9 am Mass

SUNDAY- November 27

- NO Religious Education
- Parish Baptisms - 2 pm - Church

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Wed. Nov.23 - Mass of Thanksgiving - 7:30 pm - CH
- Thurs. Nov. 24--Mass of Thanksgiving- 8:30 am- CH
- Mon. Nov. 28 -- Catholic Medley --7:30 pm --MC
- Thurs. Dec. 1 -- Crafty People --7:30 pm --SC
- Sat. & Sun. Dec. 3 & 4 -- Christmas Fair - SC
- Sat. Dec. 10 - Breakfast with Santa - 10 am- SC
- Sat. Dec. 10- Christmas Tree Lighting-6 pm
- Sun. Dec. 11 - Lessons & Carols - 1:45 pm -CH
- Mon. Dec. 12-Rosary Society Christmas Party-1pm- SC
- Mon. Dec. 19 - Advent Reconciliation - 4-8 pm -CH

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend -- November 13, 2016

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$6,500.
Elevator Maintenance - \$1,405.

This Weekend - November 20, 2016

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
November 24 -- My Thanksgiving Offering

Next Weekend - November 27, 2016

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 our website: 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, 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, Rose Granelli, Margaret Grasso, Mary Grecco, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Philip Hren, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Jean Kozinoski, Bill Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, Marjorie Melo, 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 Riccioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Sheila Still, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Denise Tully, 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.**

CHRISTMAS WREATHS - PRE-REGISTRATION

The AMAA will be taking **Pre-Registrations for Wreaths** at the **Christmas Fair Dec. 3/4.**



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Paul Canestro

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're just starting to rehearse for the Advent/Christmas Season. It's the perfect time to join. 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.

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

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A deanery (or deaconate) is an ecclesiastical entity in the Roman Catholic Church. The Brooklyn/Queens Diocese has 20 Deaneries, which have been created in order to foster communication, collaboration and community among the parishes of adjoining geographical areas. Queens Deanery #5 includes the parishes of American Martyrs, Holy Family, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Snows, St. Anastasia, St. Gregory the Great, St. Kevin, Sacred Heart, St. Josephat, and St. Robert Bellarmine.

**Jesus, remember me
when You come into your Kingdom!**

THANKSGIVING

**The Thanksgiving Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 pm in Church.
The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24 at 8:30 am in Church.**



YEAR OF MERCY draws to a close on Nov. 20

The Feast of Christ the King.

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.

There is a tremendous need for mercy in our world today. Pope Francis wants our parishes to become "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference". The legacy of this jubilee year is our reflecting on and practicing these works of mercy:



Corporal Works of Mercy:

Feed the Hungry, give Drink to the Thirsty, Shelter the homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Prisoners, Bury the Dead, Give Alms to the Poor.

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Counsel the Doubtful, Instruct the Ignorant, Admonish the Sinner, Comfort the Sorrowful, Forgive Injuries, Bear Wrongs Patiently, Pray for the Living and the Dead

Indeed, God's justice is mercy!

**Thanksgiving
INTERFAITH GATHERING**



**Interfaith
Prayer Service**

**Hollis Hills Jewish Center
and**

American Martyrs Church

Rabbi David Wise ~ Rev. Frank L. Schwarz
Cantor Sol Zim

Mr. Patrick White, Director of Music
**THE AMC CHOIRS ~ THE HHJC
CHOIRS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016
7:30 PM**

**Hollis Hills Jewish Center
210-10 Union Turnpike
Bayside, NY 11364**

Work for Justice. Pray for Peace.
Love your enemies.
"Do not be afraid"

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on **Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** We will be making paper pinecone ornaments. You will need two to three sheets of scrapbook paper in the holiday color and design of your choice, a styrofoam egg, short straight pins, a scissor, ruler, pencil, and a decorative topper (such as leaves or holly).



Also, if each attendee could bring a small dish of holiday treats, we'll kick off the Christmas season with a crafty celebration! Please let Annie know whether or not you will be attending. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.

2016 & 2017 Mass Book Intentions

The 2017 Mass Intention book is now open. There are still many Mass Intentions open for 2016. 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.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David
that is to come!**

VENDORS WANTED!!!

**American Martyrs Christmas Fair - Dec. 3 & 4.
E-mail: Christmas.fair@yahoo.com**

"WHITE ELEPHANT" TABLE DONATIONS

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 3/4 in the Sullivan Center. Volunteers needed for kitchen and general help.** Please call Theresa: 718-464-6411.



Donations for the "White Elephant" table will be accepted on **Sunday, November 20, from 12 pm - 3 pm in the Sullivan Center. Please, NO electronics, books or clothing!**

Our **Christmas Fair 50/50 Raffle tickets** are being sold after all Masses. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 11 after the 12:30 Mass. Raffle tickets are only **\$10.**

**In all circumstances, give thanks,
For this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you know someone interested in becoming Catholic or a baptized Catholic who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please spread the word about the RCIA here at American Martyrs. RCIA is a process which helps individuals along their spiritual journey as they explore their relationship with God and become a part of the community of believers. **RCIA will be held every Tuesday, at 7:30 pm in the Murray Center.** For more information, please see Deacon Stan Galazin or call the Rectory at 718-464-4582.

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Saint Josaphat Church- BaysideFlea Market- Sunday, Dec.11. 2016 - 9AM-4PM Vendors wanted! Call Steve at 718 224 3052

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-718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$50/\$100 to **American Martyrs**.

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

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.

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

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.



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ Share the Joy of the Gospel ~

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

Amount Pledged (as of 11/14/16): \$87,350.

Amount Received: \$80,167.

Donors: 243



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 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: americanmartyrsbayside.com.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We celebrate today what is popularly called the Feast of Christ the King (the official Church name is The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). In this particular year 2016, however, it is a greater celebration than usual. As always we commemorate the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is indeed the King of the Universe.

In his encyclical establishing this observation in the Church (this only occurred in 1925, some 91 years ago) Pope Pius XI declared, "He (Jesus) must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things." His point was that Christ needs to be at the center of our lives, which is exactly what stewardship calls for — living Christ-centered lives.

It was Pope Paul VI who moved this time to rejoice to this date, which is also the final Sunday of our liturgical year, as Advent and the new Church year begin next week. Finally, today also marks the culmination of our Holy Year of Mercy. The word "mercy" appears some 276 times in the Bible (almost the same as the word "truth"). Jesus told us it is never too late for mercy, for conversion, for making Him the center of our lives.

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Christmas Sale

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Queens Village
November 20, 2016 -8:30am -2:00pm
Many Vendors, Great Bargains (located in Stewart Hall)**