

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - November 26, 2016

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

SUN. Nov. 27, 2016 - 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**

Mon. - Nov. 28

8:30 am: Robert Moore --- Irene McGrath

Tues. Nov. 29

8:30 am: Rudy Daempfle --- Hilde

Wed. - Nov. 30 - St. Andrew

8:30 am: Baby Del Rosario --- Olivia Miranda

Thurs. December 1

8:30 am: Maureen Farley --- Donna & Steve

Fri. - December 2

8:30 am: Jean Kozinoski (Living) -Irene & Ed Mcgrath

7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions

Saturday - Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

9:00 am: 1. Anthony Zafferese -- American Martyrs

2. Estelito C. Santos --Family

3. Paul Canestro --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Anthony Zafferese --- Family

Sunday - Dec. 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Charles & Concetta Pascucci - Marianne & John

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

*~ In Loving Memory of Anthony Zafferese ~
requested by the Zafferese Family*

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

*~ For a Wedding Anniversary ~
requested by the Gonzalez Family*

+ 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.

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 27

- NO Religious Education

MONDAY- November 28

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

TUESDAY - November 29

- **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 30

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

THURSDAY - December 1

- Crafty People --7:30 pm --SC
- Blue Knights -- 8 pm - MC

SATURDAY - December 3

- **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
10 am - 3 pm --SC

SUNDAY- December 4

- Religious Education - S
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
9am - 3 pm -- SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Dec. 10 - Breakfast with Santa - 10 am- SC
- Sat. Dec. 10- Rel. Ed. - All Grades - 4 pm - S
- 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

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.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend -- November 20, 2016

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$6,331.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development. - \$976.

This Weekend - November 27, 2016

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
My Thanksgiving Offering.

Next Weekend - December 4, 2016

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
My Christmas Flower Offering.

*****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 Ricioppi, 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 +

**William Bennett
Ennio (Tony) Mallozzi**

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.
Facebook.com/Queens Deanery 5**

DEANERY FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Immaculate Conception Center Auditorium, Douglaston. The acclaimed and inspiring film, **MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN**, will be shown on the big screen and it's **FREE!** Parents and children, friends and neighbors and parishioners throughout Queens Deanery #5 are invited! **Seating is limited so please call Father Mark Matthias by November 30th at 718-229-5929 ext. 118** and let him know how many people will be attending. Snacks will be available for purchase too!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church

Please join us on **Sat. December 17 for an Advent Day of Prayer.** 9:30 am to 1 pm. **The Presenter will be Sr. Ave Clark, O.P. from the Heart to Heart Ministry.** Please register by Sat. Dec. 10, by calling: Jane Brunhuber at 718-229-5929 ext. 110. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLETION -Mon- 12/19

Advent is the time of year when we prepare for Christmas, celebrating the encounter between God and ourselves. Pope Francis has encouraged us to attend to God's presence in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In preparation of Advent, Monday, December 19, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. Over 500 Churches in NY City and upper counties will be simultaneously offering the sacrament - a powerful invitation to those Catholics who may be away from the sacrament, to be drawn back to this encounter with God's reconciling love.

Confessions will be heard from 4 pm to 8 pm in Church on Monday, December 19.

This Advent, let us open our hearts to God's presence by listening more attentively to God's Word in Scripture and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our hearts so that when Christmas arrives we can welcome Jesus with joy and make our lives a gift of love and service.



GIFTS
American Martyrs
FUN Church FOOD
BELL BLVD & UNION TPKE - BAYSIDE, NY

Dec 3, 2016 **RAFFLE**
10am - 3pm

SHOPPING **Dec 4, 2016**
9am - 3pm

PHOTO WITH SANTA

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.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 10, 10 am to 12 noon. Every child gets a gift! Plenty of photo-ops with Santa! Children and Adults \$5. Don't miss this ever popular event!



So that we can plan properly, NO tickets will be sold at the door. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses.**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, Masses will be celebrated in Church at 8:30 am; 12 noon; and 7:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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.



VENDORS WANTED!!!

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

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST

Please encourage the young people in your life to share their talents and remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas by having them enter the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. Open to children ages 5 through 14, first (\$25 gift card) and second (\$15 gift card) place prizes will be awarded in three age groups. All entries must be submitted by Sunday, December 18th. Contact kofc14666fm@gmail.com if your child has not already received an entry form with the rules or for further information.



CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND - K of C

To help aide 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.

*** 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

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**.

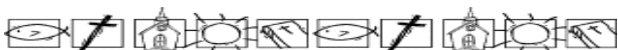
Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals:

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



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

Most of us are quite familiar with Jesus' comments about faith, *hope*, and *love*. As we enter the Advent season, it is a time for us to emphasize all three, but today's readings in particular speak of *hope*. Isn't that what Advent is all about? Many people in our world, perhaps even here in our parish and community, seem to have a feeling of hopelessness. We should not be among them; worldly thinking produces hopelessness, but our hope is found in Jesus Christ Who has redeemed us and paid for all our sins on the Cross.

In the First Reading the prophet Isaiah foresees a time of peace, a time when all literally "walk in the light of the Lord." Two phrases commonly quoted are included in this reading: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." This peaceful world is exactly what we prepare for during this Advent time. Think of how often we hear the word "Peace" used at this time of year. Think of how many Christmas cards bear that word alone.

Peace produces hope and hope produces peace. That is the feeling we are seeking at this time, as we prepare to declare "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." The eminent French author Alexandre Dumas (who wrote *The Three Musketeers* and *The Count of Monte Cristo* among others) once wrote, "All human wisdom is summed up in two words: wait and hope." Is that not what we do during Advent?

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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.