

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - October 7

5:00 pm: Zicari Family --- Anita Mascoli

SUNDAY- Oct. 8 - Inclusion Awareness Day

8:30 am: Joseph Borst --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Pascucci Family ---Marianne & John

2. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

3. Arturo Marciano --- Gregg & Maryann

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. -Sts. Denis & John Leonardi -Columbus Day

8:30 am: Richard Giamarino - Mr. & Mrs. Ballesteros

Tues. - October 10

8:30 am: Mary McCutchen --- Fitzpatrick Family

Wed. - Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII

8:30am: In Thanksgiving -- Sarah Williams

Thurs. - October 12

8:30 am: Florence Ruggieri --- Family

Fri. - October 13

8:30 am: Cesar H. Ponce Paredes --Osejo Family

Sat. - Oct. 14 - St. Callistus I

8:30 am: 1. Angela Di Napoli --- Lydia Roldan

2. Rafael Francia --Evelyn & Bobby Alvir

3. Dulcisima V. Madrid --- Evelyn & Bobby Alvir

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday - October 15

8:30 am: Connie Topa --- The Holle Family

10:30 am:1. Pasquale Scotti (Living) - Theresa & Tony

2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- AnnMarie

3. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Roseanne La Sala- Barre --- Mom & Dad

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

*~ In Loving Memory of Adeline Collela ~
Requested by Aluska & Foresta Families*

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

*~ In Loving Memory of Phyllis Salomone ~
Requested by Tony Salomone*

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Rev. Msgr. Conrad R. Dietz

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - October 8

- NO Religious Ed

MONDAY- October 9 - Columbus Day

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

TUESDAY - October 10

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- 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 - October 11

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

THURSDAY - October 12

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

SATURDAY - October 14

- ZUMBA - 2 pm - 3:30 pm --SC

Sunday -- October 15

- Religious Education -S
- AM Feast Day Bagel Bkfst- after 10:30 am Mass
- Olivewood handcrafted items

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Oct 21 - **CYO Mass - 10:30 am - CH**
- Sat. Oct. 21 - Greenway Cleanway
- Sat. Oct. 21- **OKTOBERFEST - 6 PM - SC**
- **Sun. Oct. 22- Blood Drive -- SC**
- Sat. Oct. 28 - Defensive Driving - 9:30 am - MC
- Nov. 6 - Rosary Luncheon - 12 noon - SC
- Mon. Nov. 20-Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH
- Sat/Sun. Dec. 2 & 3 - Christmas Fair - SC
- Sat. Dec. 9 - Breakfast with Santa - 10 am- SC

Next weekend, Bethlehem Christian Families, a non profit organization , will be here selling some handcrafted religious articles by local carvers to establish a Charitable Catholic Hospital in the Holy Land.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - October 1, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,242.

HURRICANE IRMA - \$3,733.

This Weekend - October 8, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*****2nd Collection HURRICANE MARIA -**

Next Weekend - October 15, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*****2nd Collection - EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO**

*******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, Elsa & Vivian Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, 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, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.

HURRICANE MARIA COLLECTION

In the last week, daily we are witnessing the devastation that Hurricane Maria wrought on the Island of Puerto Rico. *We are once again requesting assistance.* In an effort to provide aid to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas, we have been authorized to take up a voluntary collection on the weekend of **October 7th and 8th.** Please use the envelopes from Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma for the donations for **Hurricane Maria** located at the front pews of the Church, in the vestibules, and on the Altar rails. We ask that you please make an effort to help our fellow Americans in their time of need. **Simply put cash or make checks out to American Martyrs Church in the designated envelopes** and we will forward the donations to the Diocese. All donations from the Diocese will be distributed through Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity.
~ Fr. Frank

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SAT.- OCT. 21st at 9am

Please join us in volunteering for our 13th semi-annual **Greenway Clean-way Day** on the old Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path"). We will provide gloves and bags, all we need is YOU! Community service participation forms provided for students. Sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. Email kofc14666fm@gmail.com for more info.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

QUEENS COALITION HABBY AWARD

Received from Habitat:

I am so pleased to share with you that the Queens Coalition has been selected to receive Habitat NYC's Richard Wong Faith in Action Habby award. The award is given out to recognize a faith partner who has demonstrated an impressive commitment to the Habitat NYC mission that extends beyond our build sites. The Queens Coalition has been the perfect example! Volunteers are the heart of our mission, and it is our honor to honor you, at the event we will celebrate you, the volunteers who give your time to build a more equitable city for us all. Visit: www.habitatnyc.org/houseparty for details.

REFLECTION

One of St. Paul's favorite topics was prayer, and today's reading from his letter to the Philippians is no exception to that. He says, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." For Paul all topics are appropriate for prayer because we need to share and consult with the Lord about everything.



God knows what is on our minds already, of course, but He also desires that we make a conscious effort to communicate with Him on these subjects. In addition, Paul points out that our prayers need to be infused with thanksgiving. We should not just petition the Lord and make requests. It is equally important that we think about, identify, and acknowledge our blessings.

We have often pointed out that stewardship is a life of gratitude, a way of living which encourages us to focus on gifts, not on problems and challenges all the time. If we strive to have grateful hearts, our prayers come much more easily, and we tend to be much happier and more upbeat in our lives.

The noted author, philosopher, journalist, and theologian G. K. Chesterton is well known in Catholic circles because he converted to Catholicism during his life, and was an excellent conveyor of the faith. In terms of living grateful lives he said, "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." That includes thanks to God.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Please join us in celebrating our Senior Citizens at a Catholic Charities sponsored event on **Thursday, October 12, from 12 to 3 pm** in the Sullivan Center. **ALL SENIOR CITIENS ARE INVITED.** Free health information, giveaways and more. **Complimentary lunch will be served, but you must register!!!**

Call Julia Stanford at 718-722-6113.

AMAA - CYO MASS

The annual CYO Mass for our young athletes, PAR's, coaches and assistants, parents and guardians, priests, deacons and lay leaders will be **celebrated at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 21st here at American Martyrs Church.** Father Frank Schwarz will be the main celebrant and newly ordained, Father Robert Mema, will be the homilist. Mr. Bob Caldera, Diocesan CYO Director, will be present again this year.

All Are Welcome!

***** The September 50/50 Winner: ******

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carragee who won \$115 in our September drawing. Mr. and Mrs. Carragee have graciously donated their winnings back to American Martyrs. Look for the **October 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 **October** . **Good Luck!****

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$680,346.

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 is almost completed. 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.

VENDORS WANTED!!!

American Martyrs Christmas Fair - Dec. 2 & 3.

E-mail: Christmas.fair@yahoo.com

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

SAT. - OCT. 21st - 6:00 PM - SC

Our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring our **Oktoberfest celebration in the Sullivan Center after 5:00 mass on Saturday, October 21st.** Join us for a night of food, refreshments and lots of fun, including a catered buffet featuring both traditional German and American fare. Tickets on sale beginning the weekend of 9/30-10/1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact **kofc14666fm@gmail.com** for further information.



OLSAM CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

A Spiritually enriching environment where young people can gather for fun and games, food and friends, service and faith. Visit our website:

www.olsamcyg.weebly.com for events!!

Email: olsamcyg2@gmail.com.

Youth Minister: Karen DeRose

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Children entering the 1st grade 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 transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

Please check our website:

AMReligion Class.Weebly.com

for school closings due to inclement weather.

Religious Education email:

AMReligionClass@gmail.com

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

St. Josaphat's Flea Market at 210th St and 35Ave-
Sunday Oct. 8, 2017 from 9am-4pm.
Vendors call Steve for a table -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- 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 contact: SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM

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: \$99,230.
Amount Received: \$93,864.
Donors: 271

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 em-
ployment participates. If you have not yet seen the video
presentation, you may do so on our **website:**
americanmartyrs-queens.org. **Remember, every dol-
lar received over goal comes back to the Parish.**

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

BLOOD DRIVE -- SUNDAY, October 22

I gave my blood...Christ gave His.
I gave a pint... He gave all.
The needle is small and sharp...
The nails were large and dull.
The table soft, relaxing...The Cross rough, painful.
The nurses kind and gentle...
The soldiers cruel and mean.
The crowd applauds my sacrifice...
"They that passed by reviled Him."
Mine is A-positive...His is positively for all.
Mine, at best, will prolong a life for awhile...
His, without doubt, saved all...forever!

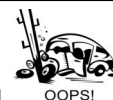


~ by Bill Goff

**From 9:15 am to 1:45 pm American Martyrs will
host The Edward Malench Memorial
Blood Drive in the Sullivan Center.** Please make
every effort to donate a pint of blood to save a life!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its
Defensive Driving Course for Insurance and
Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday,
October 28, 2017 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9
am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information,
please call Marty at: 631-360-9720.



ZUMBA -SAT. OCT 14- 2pm - 3:30 pm

The American Martyrs Columbiettes will hold a
Zumba Master Class with Mayra & Diana, in the
Sullivan Center on Sat. Oct 14, from 2 pm - 3:30
pm, to benefit the **American Breast Cancer
Foundation.**