

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 9

5:00 pm: Theresa McLoone -- Marie de Angelis

SUNDAY - September 10

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Norman & Rita Chini - Malench Family
2. Concetta & Charles Pascucci - Marianne & John Pinto
3. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Special Intention --- Jean

Monday- Sept. 11

8:30 am: In Memory of all who lost their lives on 9/11 --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - Sept. 12- The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 am: James & Petra Blando & Demetrio - Family

Wed.- September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

8:30am: James & Petra Blando & Demetrio - Family

Thurs. - Sept. 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 am: James & Petra Blando & Demetrio - Family

Fri. - Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am: James & Petra Blando & Demetrio - Family

Sat. - September 16 - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

8:30 am:

1. Rev. Msgr. Michael Dempsey --Fr. Frank
2. Rev. Msgr. John Brown --- Fr. Frank
3. Rev. Dennis Rocheford---Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Walter Stone - Maureen & Robert Shoule

Sunday - September 17

8:30 am: Donald & Lillian Borst --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Anthony Zafferese --- Family

2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie
3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**Anthony Zafferese**Requested by His 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 - September 10

- First day of Religious Ed.- SC & S- 8:50am
- AMAA CYO Sports Registration

MONDAY- September 11 - Patriot Day

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

TUESDAY - September 12

- 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.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

WEDNESDAY - September 13

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

THURSDAY - September 14

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

FRIDAY - September 15

- AMAA sports registration- 7 pm - SC

Sunday -- September 17

- Religious Education - 8:50 am - S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. Sept 24 - Welcome Back CCD Breakfast -SC
- Sat. Oct. 21- OKTOBERFEST - 6 PM - SC
- Sun. Oct. 22- Blood Drive -- SC

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

AMAA SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for our CYO Sports program will be on **Friday, September 15 in the Sullivan Center, at 7 pm.** Also, there will be a registration table on Sunday, September 10, on the first day of Religious Education.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 3, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,583.

This Weekend - September 10, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic University of America -

Next Weekend - September 17, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Education -- help support Catholic Education.

*******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, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Carrie Enright, 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, Donna McIsaac, 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, Lorraine Rensch, 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, 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

Web: **kofcam.weebly.com**

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.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, October 4, 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. For information and reservations, please call **Rosemarie at 718-479-9479.**
All are welcome!

HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION

As many of you are aware, hurricane Harvey has caused massive floods and devastation on the Gulf Coast of Texas, including the city of Houston, and Southwestern Louisiana. Rebuilding the area and getting back to normal will take years. We have taken up a special collection on the weekend of September 2 & 3, but we are aware that many people were not expecting a collection, and were unprepared.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to Hurricane Harvey Relief, we have many envelopes specifically for that purpose 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 funneled through Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Fr. Frank

REFLECTION

St. Paul echoes Christ in many ways. In the 13th Chapter from his letter to the Romans, he continues with his thoughts on how we should live to please God, and he uses a sentence which Christ often repeated. After listing several of the 10 Commandments, Paul states, "...whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'."



There is always much that gets debated in that admonition, such as loving yourself, and who exactly is your neighbor? Paul's point, like that of Jesus, is simply that we are called to treat others as we may like to be treated. We need to show them the respect and caring that we may hope for and wish for. God loves us, and if we realize that, we may ultimately come to the conclusion that we are loveable.

Most of us know someone whose love is evident by how they treat others and how they live. Loving neighbor is a visible expression of everything that Jesus taught. It is a way of expressing the depth of our faith and our belief that we are Disciples of Christ.

St. Francis de Sales captured all about what this love is and who is your neighbor when he wrote, "Examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbor as you would like his or hers to be toward you in his or her place. This is the touchstone of true reason." It is relatively basic and simple — our neighbor is everyone with whom we have contact and love is what makes it all work.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

RCIA

If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact the Rectory at 718-464-4582 to make an appointment.

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!

+ 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.

**If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.**

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Joseph Tricarico
Louise Jugenheimer**

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 do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$663,476.

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.

Let us follow Jesus, knowing that He accompanies us and carries us on His shoulders. This is our joyful hope that we must bring to this world. *Please do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope that Jesus gives us!* ~ Pope Francis



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017 has begun. **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 who are returning 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 *****

Healing Mass - St. Anastasia - Tues. Sept. 5, - 7 pm
Rosary, Mass and Healing Service --718-631-4454.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine-- 9/24/17 -
St. Mel's --- Call Ed Rice - 917-209-5829 -- \$45.

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:	\$97,105.
Amount Received:	\$91,101.
Donors:	268

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.