

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 16

8:00 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

Monday- Sept. 18

8:30 am: Annemarie Schwarz --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - Sept. 19 -St. Januarius

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving --- De Alwis Family

Wed.- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

8:30am: Lucy & Michael Sica --- Family

Thurs. - Sept. 21 - St. Matthew

8:30 am: Carmine Loguidice -- Ken & Christine

Fri. - Sept. 22

8:30 am: Joan Dzedzic --- Tomczyk Family

Sat. - September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrecina

8:30 am:

1. Stephen D. Adams --- Adams Family

2. Vito A. Merola Merola Family

3. Bishop Thomas Voss Daily --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday - September 24

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

10:30 am: 1. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

2. Paula Bonafede --- Burke Family

3. Joy Palmeri--- Sheridan Family

12:30 pm: Anastasio, Connie & Emilio Moffa-Sisters

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**Theresa Kavaliauskas**Requested by Her 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 17

- Religious Ed.- S- 8:50am
- Dedication of the Fr. John J. Murray Street
Sign After the 10:30 am Mass.

MONDAY- September 18

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

TUESDAY - September 19

- 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 - September 20

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

THURSDAY - September 21

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

FRIDAY - September 22

- Youth Group- 7 pm - MC

Sunday -- September 24

- Religious Education - 8:50 am - S
- Welcome Back CCD Breakfast -SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Sept. 30 -CWV mtg.-SC after 8:30 am Mass
- Sat. Oct.2 - Rosary Meeting - 1 pm - SC
- Sat. Oct 21 - CYO Mass - 10:30 am - CH
- Sat. Oct. 21- OKTOBERFEST - 6 PM - SC
- Sun. Oct. 22- Blood Drive -- SC
- Sat. Oct. 28 - Defensive Driving - 9:30 am - MC
- Mon. Nov. 20-Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH

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



Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy, through the Society
 for the Propagation of the Faith, will visit our
 Church on Sat/Sun Sept 23/24.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 10, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$7,156.
Catholic University of America - \$740.

This Weekend - September 17, 2017

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

Next Weekend - September 24, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Sisters of Mercy - Propagation of the Faith.

*******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, 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, 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

FATHER JOHN J. MURRAY WAY

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 take place on Sunday, September 17, after the 10:30 am Mass.**



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!**

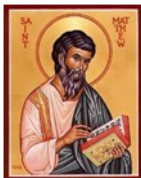


HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION

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

The theme throughout today's readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others.



Some scholars consider Matthew's Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.

Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship).

Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today's Gospel: "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart." ~ 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!

****** The August 50/50 Winner: ******

Congratulations to Patricia Donelan who won \$100 in our August drawing. Look for the **September 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 **September. Good Luck!**

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

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.

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.



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 *****

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:	\$97,205.
Amount Received:	\$91,639.
Donors:	269

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*

**I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
Love one another as I have loved you.**

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.