

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 2

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY - September 3

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Rev. John Murray - Barbara &amp; Jack Goydas

Monday- Sept. 4 --- Labor Day

8:30 am: For All Workers --- Fr. Frank

Tues. - Sept. 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am: Barbara Hildebrand - Mr. &amp; Mrs. A Guran

Wed.- September 6

8:30am: Petra Blando --- Visi Casibang

Thurs. - September 7

8:30 am: Freddy Byrne --- John Al Ponce

Fri. - Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am: Nancy Mancini --- Fr. Frank

Sat. - September 9 - St. Peter Claver

8:30 am:

1. Nicoletta Regina -- John &amp; Marianne Pinto

2. Audrey Maddocks -- Fr. Frank

3. Rev. Charles Kehoe --- Fr. Frank

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

Sunday - September 10

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am:

1. Norman &amp; Rita Chini - Malench Family

2. Concetta & Charles Pascucci - Marianne &  
John Pinto

3. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Special Intention --- Jean

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*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~  
Regina Horvat  
Requested by Suzanne Malench**The Altar Candles are offered this week for:  
James & Petra Blando  
Requested by the Family***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School,  
SA-School Auditorium, MC-Murray Center,  
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel ---BR-Board RoomMONDAY- September 4 - Labor Day

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

TUESDAY - September 5

- **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 6

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

THURSDAY - September 7

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm - MC

Sunday -- September 10

- Religious Education - 9:50 am - SC & S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Fri. Sept. 15 --AMAA sports registration-  
7 pm - SC

Please visit our new website at:[Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://Americanmartyrs-queens.org)\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first day of Religious Education is Sunday, September 10, at 8:50 am in the Sullivan Center, all grades 1 through 8. If you have not yet paid your tuition, please do so before September 10.

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 - August 27, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,199.

**This Weekend - September 3, 2017**

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.

**Next Weekend - September 10, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Catholic University of America - 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](http://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, 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](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) Web: [kofcam.weebly.com](http://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!**



**My soul is thirsting for You,  
O Lord my God.**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
That we may know what is the hope that belongs  
to our call.**

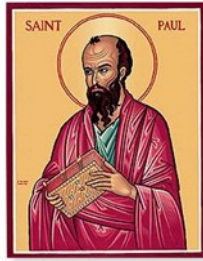
**THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel. The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, is difficult to break. By repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each Rosary for our intentions, we take a shortcut to Jesus by passing through the heart of His Mother. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.



## REFLECTION

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.



Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a "renewal" of our minds. Often in today's society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God's eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not "How do I feel?" or even "What do I think?" The important question for us is "What is true and what does God's Word say?"

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that '...in the beginning God made heaven and earth'."

~ 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.



## + PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

**Manuel Quiroz Delgado**  
**Edward Malench Joan Dzedzic**  
**Blanca Ruiz Valladares**

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.

## + REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Rev. Charles Kehoe**  
**Rev. Anthony Boateng Mensah**

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.

**O God, You never forget us but watchfully and lovingly wait to see the desire to return home, to be reborn in our hearts. And when You see this desire, even simply hinted at and so often almost unconsciously, immediately You are with us, and by Your forgiveness You light up the path of conversion and return.**



## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017 has begun. Children who are currently enrolled in American Martyrs Religious Education program have received their re-registration forms. Please return the completed form to the Rectory, or their teacher, or mail to the Religious Education office.



**Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September 2017** 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.

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### **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ *Live in Faith Give in Love* ~

<b>Annual Appeal Goal for 2017:</b>	<b>\$61,392.</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$97,005.</b>
<b>Amount Received:</b>	<b>\$90,525.</b>
<b>Donors:</b>	<b>267</b>

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://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](http://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*

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### **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.**