

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - March 11, 2017

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY - March 12, 2017

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

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

2. Veronica Dalton --- Nancy Flowers

3. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie

12:30 pm: Dianne & Matthew (Living)-Mom & Nanny

Monday - March 13, 2017

8:30 am: Maria Natale --- Grazia Raffa

Tues. - March 14

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

Wed. - March 15

8:30 am: John MacPherson --Ann Marie Bills

Thursday - March 16

8:30 am: Alice Dunsford --- Agnes Walsh

Fri. - March 17 - St. Patrick

8:30 am: Kearney & Shanahan Families-- Family

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30: Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 am: 1. Roberto Merendino - Irish Rover Staff

2. Vincent Joyce --- Fr. Frank

3. Kevin Dowling --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: William Bennett --- Irene McGrath

Sunday - March 19, 2017

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

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

2. Walter Stone -- AM Catholic War Veterans

3. Lisa Toy McNamara --- Cavaliere Family

12:30 pm: Giuseppe & Carmela LaSala - Anthony & Maria

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

*~ In Loving Memory of ~
Lisa Toy McNamara
requested by the Cavaliere Family*

*The Altar Candles are offered this week for:
~ For a Special Intention ~*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- March 12, 2017 -Day Light Savings

- Religious Education - S

MONDAY - March 13

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

TUESDAY - March 14

- **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 - March 15

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

THURSDAY - March 16

- Leisure Club - 11 -3 - SC
- Knights of Columbus Open House - MC - 7:30 pm

SUNDAY- March 19

- Religious Education - S
- **Glenn Mohr Chorale- 3:30 pm -Church**
Experience the final hours of the Lord’s Passion presented through drama and song.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Fri. March 24 - Youth Group - 7:30 pm- MC
- Sun. April 2 - Ladies’ Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Mon. April 3 - Catholic Medley 7:30 pm -MC
- Thurs. April 6- Crafty People - 7:30 pm-SC
- Sat. April 8 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny-SC
- Mon. April 10 - Reconciliation Monday- Confessions will be in Church from 3 pm to 9 pm
- Wed. April 19 -Atlantic City trip -Leisure Club
- Sun. April 23 - CWV -Garage Sale - SC
- Sun. April 30 - Blood Drive -- SC
- June. 9/10 - Broadway Revue - SC - 8 pm

Please visit our
new website at:

Americanmartyrs-queens.org.



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --March 5, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,972.
 Black & Indian Home Missions - \$847.

This Weekend - March 12, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 19, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

*****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, Jeffrey Arcello, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, Gilda Bavaro, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jen Costa, Eva Maria Ditaranto, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Margaret Grasso, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Susan McConnell, Donna McIsaac, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Pat North, Walter Panas, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickt, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Lydia Roldan, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, John Tymon, 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.**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please visit AMReligionClass.Weebly.com for information regarding **Religious Education School closing for inclement weather**, and other useful information about our Religious Education program.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**Rev. Msgr. John J. Brown**

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

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/QueensDeanery5](https://www.facebook.com/QueensDeanery5)

Please do not bring food or drinks into the Church.

Sunday, March 19, 2017 @ 3:30pm

American Martyrs

79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY 11364

For more information visit www.glennmohrchorale.com

Good Will Offerings Requested

REFLECTION

Our Gospel Reading on this Second Sunday of Lent recounts the Transfiguration as reported by Matthew. All three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give an account of this. St. Thomas Aquinas called the Transfiguration Jesus' "greatest miracle" in part because it is a miracle performed on Jesus Himself.

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of three of His Apostles: Peter, James, and John. To be "transfigured" implies that the Lord was completely transformed, not just in how He appeared but absolutely, inwardly as well. Jesus became so dazzlingly bright that it was difficult to look on Him. It was like looking directly at the sun.

During our time in Lent, we are called to a type of transformation, as well. In our cases it is more inward than outer. God asks us to try to seek conversion of mind and heart. Yet, only God can truly cause this type of conversion; however, we must be open to it for it to occur.

Stewardship is closely associated with conversion. People who give of themselves to build the Kingdom of God are disciples of the Lord. To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life. For that to happen we must be transformed. That transformation can present challenges, but it also offers extreme joy. Stewardship challenges us to make conscientious decisions about our lives.

Stewardship calls each of us to account for what God has given us, not only for the sake of knowing how much we have and how God has blessed us, but also to know how much God is calling us to share what He has given us with others.

~ the catholicsteward.com

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,242,065.



Total Paid on Pledges: \$521,289.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$195,822.

Number of Parishioners participating: 309

Work on the Church roof and pointing will commence in the Spring of 2017. Total projected cost of the project is \$725,000.

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges.

2017 Mass Book Intentions

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.**

Spring Break

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." ~ Pope Francis

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

~ *New Members Enrolled for March* ~

Anita Linares Walter Stone

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.

AFTERNOON TEA - ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies are invited to join us for **Tea, Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2 o'clock, in the Sullivan Center.** Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers and Granddaughters are included. Tea sandwiches, scones and desserts, along with a selection of teas, will be served. There will be a boutique. *Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest and the most creative!* Tickets are \$15 and will be sold after all Masses, March 18 & 19 and March 25 & 26. Please call Carol at 718-631-0896, Diana 718-740-0643 or Barbara at 718-465-0585. We ask everyone to bring their own tea cup!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The American Martyrs Knights of Columbus Council is holding its annual membership open house on **March 16th at 7:45 pm in the Murray Center.** We are inviting ALL Catholic men, 18 years or older, to join us and discuss membership opportunities and to learn about all the council's activities and good works. There are many benefits for members and their family, and many opportunities to carry out works of mercy. Come and find out what it's all about.



ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 19, 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. The cost is \$35. For information and reservations, please call **Rosemarie at 718-479-9479. All are welcome!**



ST. PATRICK'S DISPENSATION - MARCH 17

Bishop DiMarzio has granted to all Catholics of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as anyone visiting here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products On the Feast of St. Patrick which falls on Friday, March 17, 2017. Anyone who makes use of this dispensation is encouraged to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act on that day.



*** COMMUNITY NEWS ***

The Queensboro Symphony Orchestra - Mary's Nativity Church, 46-02 Parsons Blvd. (at Holly Ave.), Sunday, March 12th at 7:00pm (718) 359-5996. Free-will offering.

Order Sons of Italy in America, Luigi Pirandello Lodge 2875 are hosting Feast of St. Joseph-Saturday, March 18th at 6:00 pm. Holy Family School Hall 74-15 175th Street, Fresh Meadows

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.

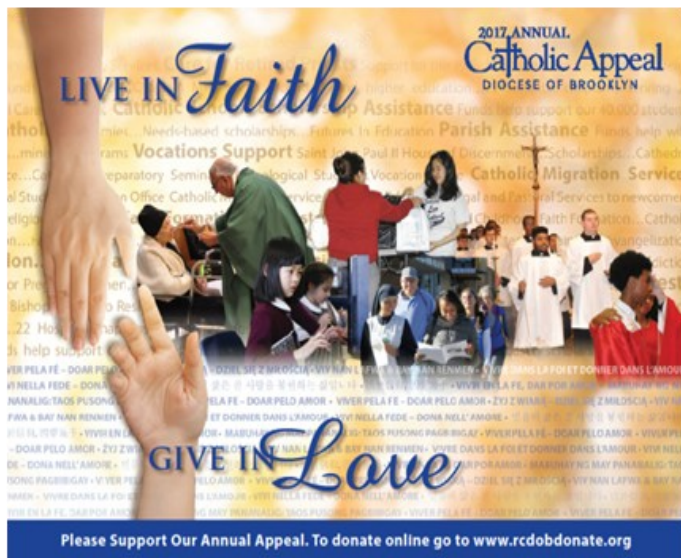
Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups: if you've been affected by or are concerned about someone else's drinking, you've come to the right place! Hope, help, and happiness are attainable. www.nycalanon.org -- 212-941-0094

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 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.