

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 18, 2017

8:00 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

Monday-March 20 - St. Joseph

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving --- Patricia

Tues. - March 21

8:30 am: John Eng - John & Jovie Chorzepa

Wed. - March 22

8:30 am: Patrick Patten --Jessie & Edna Limson

Thursday - March 23 - St. Turibius

8:30 am: John MacPherson --Susan Dziedzic

Fri. - March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero

8:30 am: Matthew Reyes --- Mom & Dad

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30: Stations of the Cross

Sat. March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 am: Intentions of AM Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: John Jr. & Russell Horvat- Regina & John

Sunday - March 26, 2017

8:30 am: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

10:30 am: 1. Charles Schaefer --- Goydas Family

2. Charles & Concetta Pascucci - Pinto Family

3. Kathleen Knolhoff --- Diane Chiauzzi

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~
 Johnny MacPherson
 requested by Anne Loughrey

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:
 ~For All Living Family & Grandchildren ~
 requested by Maria Mathew

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 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.

MONDAY - March 20 - Happy Spring!

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

TUESDAY - March 21

- **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 - March 22

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

THURSDAY - March 23

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

SATURDAY - March 25

- CWV meeting - SC - after 8:30 am Mass-RC

SUNDAY- March 26

- Religious Education - S

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 Collections

Last Weekend --March 12, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,516.

This Weekend - March 19, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 26, 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 Pickett, 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. Michael Dempsey
Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Toole
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

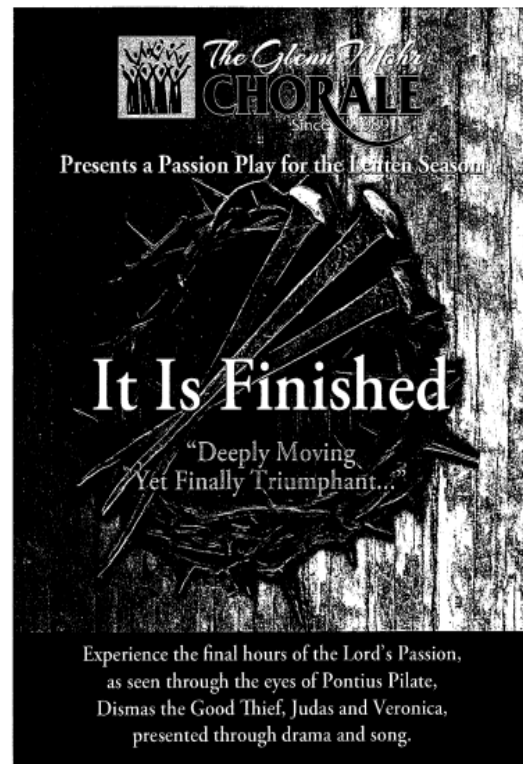
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www.queensdeanery5.org.

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Amerianmartyrs-queens.org.

Please do not bring food or drinks into the Church.



Experience the final hours of the Lord's Passion, as seen through the eyes of Pontius Pilate, Dismas the Good Thief, Judas and Veronica, presented through drama and song.

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



In today's Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus' followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob's Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.

However, Jesus told her that He could give her "living water." At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed "alive" as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called "living water." **Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.**

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans "He told me everything I ever did." That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. **Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.**

~ the catholicsteward.com

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,242,065.



Total Paid on Pledges: \$521,289.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$220,602.

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.**

Give Us Living Water !

Jesus offers us eternal life that begins now!

+ 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.

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!

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!**



CWV Indoor Garage Sale-- Sunday- April 23

Come join us for our 13th Annual Garage Sale to be held in the Sullivan Center on Sunday April 23 from 9 am to 3 pm. Free Admission.



Coffee, bagels and snacks will be available. If you would like to rent a table, (\$40) please call Frank Pagano @ 718-217-2326 for contract information.

Help our Troops by helping our Vets.

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



FREE SPEECH AND HEARING SCREENINGS

Please call the St. John's University Speech and hearing Center (152-11 Union Turnpike) at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT HOUSE

The St. Joseph Retreat Center in Staten Island, run by the Daughters of Divine Charity, is open to the public or private retreats. Call 718-720-1097.

***** 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.

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 Northeast 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.

Bridge Women's Support Center Needs You!!

Call 718.463.1810 to learn the rewarding volunteer opportunities available to you at Bridge. Some of these include sorting and distributing our material donations (baby items, children's books, etc.), knit/crochet baby blankets or clothes, help with our fundraising efforts and more! We will put your God-given talents to use to help our women choose life! All welcome, including men!



Please see the **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal** video on our Website: **Americanmartyrs-queens.org.**

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.