

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - March 25, 2017

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

Monday-March 27

8:30 am: Joseph Frank Nalbhone --- Rosemary

Tues. - March 28

8:30 am: Laurent Jesse Richard (Living) -- Mom

Wed. - March 29

8:30 am: Patrick Patten--Mitch & Helene Klenofsky

Thursday - March 30

8:30 am: Jennie DeRosa - Brenda Pearce

Fri. - March 31 - (Abstinence)

8:30 am: Irmina DelGado--Aida & Vince Torres

7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30: Stations of the Cross

Sat. April 1

8:30 am: 1. Rosemary Seyfert-Andy & Carmen Pacione

2. Msgr. Michael Dempsey --- Fr. Frank

3. Robert Sonneman --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Anthony Mascioli (25th Anniv.) --- Mom

Sunday - March 26, 2017

8:30 am: John MacPherson -- Goydas Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:*

~ *In Loving Memory of* ~  
~ *John MacPherson* ~

*requested by the Shoule 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 26

- Religious Education - S

MONDAY - March 27 -

- 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 28

- **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 - March 29

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

THURSDAY - March 30

- Leisure Club - 11 -3 - SC

SUNDAY- April 2

- Religious Education - S
- Ladies' Tea - 2 pm - SC
- Tickets on sale for Breakfast with Easter Bunny

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- 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
- Sat. May 20 - International Night - 6 pm - SC
- Wed. June 7-Golf-North Shore Towers -1 pm
- June. 9/10 - Broadway Revue - SC - 8 pm

Please visit our new website at:  
[Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://Americanmartyrs-queens.org)



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --March 19, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,177.

This Weekend - March 26, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - April 2, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
Easter Flowers Offering.

**\*\*\*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, 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 Riccioppi, 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.*

RECONCILIATION

On **Monday, April 10 "Reconciliation Monday"** will be offered throughout the three local areas in the **Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center.** Confessions will be heard here at **American Martyrs from 3 pm to 9 pm.**

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**JoAnne Monte Allen**

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

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[www.queensdeanery5.org](http://www.queensdeanery5.org)

[Facebook.com/Queens Deanery 5](https://www.facebook.com/QueensDeanery5)



**[Amerianmartyrs-queens.org](http://Amerianmartyrs-queens.org)**

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on Thursday, **April 6 at 7:30 p.m.** in Sullivan Center. At this meeting, we will be making beaded zipper bracelets. Bring about thirty Swarovski bi-cone beads in your choice of color. All other supplies will be provided for you for \$5. Please RSVP to Annie if you will be attending. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, please e-mail [amcraftypeople@ymail.com](mailto:amcraftypeople@ymail.com).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday, April 10: Confessions: 3 pm to 9 pm--Church**

The Paschal TriduumHoly Thursday, April 13

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

**7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper -- Church**

Good Friday, April 14

8:30 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

**3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion -- Church**

**7:30 pm Stations of the Cross -- Church**

Holy Saturday, April 15

9:00 am Morning Prayer -- Chapel

**7:30 pm Easter Vigil -- Church**

Easter Sunday, April 16

**Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm -- Church**

The Paschal Triduum, Latin for "three days," commemorates the essential features of our redemption:  
**Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.**

*Christian life makes sense only when each of these moments is linked to the other two.*

## REFLECTION

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.



Isaiah the prophet had predicted "The eyes of blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the "eyes of the blind will be opened" has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus' saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord's place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, "Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God." ~ the catholicsteward.com

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,242,365.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$530,803.**

**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.**

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

**"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 10 am to 12 noon.** There will be breakfast, and Easter Egg Hunt and many photo opps with the Easter Bunny. Every child gets Easter goodies to take home. **Both adult and children's tickets are \$5.** Tickets will be sold this weekend before and after all Masses. **Sorry, NO tickets will be sold at the door, so that we can plan properly for the event.**



**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
Whoever follows Me will have the light of life.**

## + 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.**

## Save the Date

**American Martyrs 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing – Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – North Shore Towers Golf Course – 1 PM shotgun start. Details to follow.**



## WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, April 14, 2017, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit its website at [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org).

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**Please do not bring food or drinks into the Church.**

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### **\*\*\* 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](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.

**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

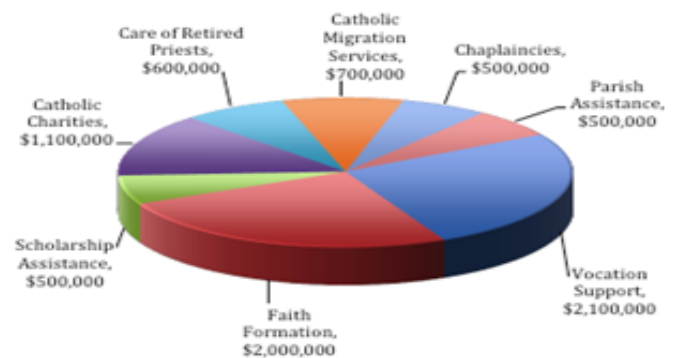
**Alzheimer's Adult Day Program** - Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services. Mental and physical stimulation, a hot lunch and door to door transportation. 718-358-3541. Weekly caregiver support group.

**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.



Please see the **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal** video on our Website: [Americanmartyrs-queens.org](http://Americanmartyrs-queens.org).

## **2017 ACA CASE COMPONENTS**



### **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.**