

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - September 23

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

Monday- Sept. 25

8:30 am: Catherine S. Kearney (40th Anniv.)-Family

Tues. - Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:30 am: Petra Blando -- Family

Wed. - Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8:30am: Victoria Cadiente (Living) --- Family

Thurs. - St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz

8:30 am: Alex & Luz (Wedding Anniv.) - Family

Fri. - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael -Archangels

8:30 am: Rosa Glass --- Di Lucci Family

Sat. - Sept. 30 - St. Jerome

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5:00 pm: Thomas Murolo --- Mildred & Mario

Sunday - October 1 - Respect Life Sunday

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Bentivegna Family --- Mary Bentivegna

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~**Petra Blando**Requested by Her Family***+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +****Angelina Di Napoli****Yvonne McManus**

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

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 24

- Religious Ed.- S- 8:50am
- Welcome Back CCD Breakfast -SC-after 10:30 Mass
- Parish Baptisms -- 2 pm -- CH

MONDAY- September 25

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

TUESDAY - September 26

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- 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 27

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

THURSDAY - September 28

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

Sunday -- October 1

- Religious Education - 8:50 am - S

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. Oct. 1 - Columbiette Bake Sale -SC
- Mon. Oct.2 - Rosary Meeting - 1 pm - SC
- Wed. Oct. 4 - Atlantic City -- Leisure Club
- Sat. Oct. 7 - CWV - SC after 8:30 am Mass
- 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
- Nov. 6 - Rosary Luncheon - 12 noon - SC
- 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 this weekend, Sept 23 & 24.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - September 17, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,168.
Catholic Education - \$833.

This Weekend - September 24, 2017

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

Next Weekend - October 1, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
***2nd Collection - HURRICANE IRMA

*****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

Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

FATHER JOHN J. MURRAY WAY

Thank you to everyone who attended Sunday's Street co-naming event in honor of Father Murray. Thank you, also, goes out to all of the parishioners who initially signed the petitions way back when and continued to advocate over the last five years. In particular, a special thank you to my good friend and fellow parishioner and Knight, **Rob Liatto** who worked tirelessly to make this a reality.



After the ceremony was over and the crowds had cleared, I looked up one more time to see "**Father John J. Murray Way**" printed in white letters on a green background. I didn't see only a street sign, but instead I saw a reminder of how I want to live my life each and every day - **to be a humble, non-judgmental, big-hearted servant of God, giving unconditional love to all who come in my path.** That was the Father John Murray way and he lived it one day at a time.

~Michael Shoule, Grand Knight

HURRICANE IRMA COLLECTION

Sadly, so soon after the recent appeal following the destruction left after Hurricane Harvey, we are once again requesting assistance in response to the devastation brought by Hurricane Irma upon significant parts of Florida and the Caribbean, most especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and beyond. In an effort to provide aid to our brothers and sisters in the affected areas, we have been authorized to take up a voluntary collection on the weekend of September 30 & October 1st.

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 distributed through Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Fr. Frank

REFLECTION

In our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, God reminds us that He does not think in the same way that we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts." That is quite clear in our Gospel today from Matthew, which relates the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.



In the Gospel parable, God (who is represented by the landowner) does something which from our human perspective may seem unfair and unjust. What we must keep in mind is that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly. He may have seemed more generous to some than to others, but again that is from our perspective.

We can be absolutely certain that God will never be unfair to us. The Lord may bestow greater blessings on others, some of whom again from our perspective may seem less deserving. God is a righteous God. Through stewardship we acknowledge that everything comes to us from God. All our blessings may seem to be more or less than we deserve, but if we are grateful for what we have and what we are, we will then recognize God's generosity and His grace.

The important thing to us should not be and cannot be whether we are first or last. What is central is that we are part of the Kingdom of God. That should be sufficient for us. We get into trouble when we conclude that God should think the way we do.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

RCIA

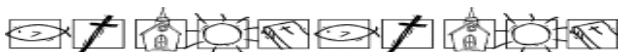
If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register.

Please contact the Rectory at: **718-464-4582.**

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 Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

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!



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$680,346.

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.



**Open our hearts, O Lord,
To listen to the words of Your Son.**

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

ROSARY SOCIETY

All Ladies Invited! Welcome Back!

Our first meeting will be **Monday, October 2 at 1 pm in the Sullivan Center.** Coffee & cake will be served.



Our "Annual Luncheon" will be on Monday, November 6 at 12 noon. Tickets are available and are \$30. *Please come join us!*

St. John's Speech and Hearing Center is offering Hearing Aid Help until Dec. 7. Free service for anyone who has a hearing aid. -- 718-990-6480.

Also, Free speech and hearing screenings until Dec. 7. --- 718-990--6480

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 28, 2017 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information, please call Marty at: **631-360-9720.**



BAKE SALE DONATIONS

Please consider making a home made pie, cake or bread to be sold at the **Columbiette Bake Sale on Sunday, October 1st.** We will gladly pickup & accept all donations by calling 917-209-1596 or emailing: barbara.romano1@gmail.com. All proceeds will be used to help the needy!