

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - April 22, 2017

5:00 pm: Frank & Anna Smaldino-Gregg & Mary Ann

SUNDAY - April 23, 2017 - Divine Mercy

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

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

2. John F. Stewart --- Asche Family

3. Stephen D. Adams --- Patricia & Family

12:30 pm: Frank Whitmore --- Wife

Monday- April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am: Dennis Asche --- Asche Family

Tues. - April 25 - St. Mark

8:30 am: Vincent & Eleanor Calace - Victoria & Robert

Wed. - April 26

8:30am: Robert Scheilcker --- Nancy Kelly

Thursday - April 27

8:30 am: Robert McGrath --- Mom

Fri. - April 28 - St. Peter Chanel

8:30 am: Nancy Mancini --- AM Rosary Society

Saturday - April 29

8:30 am: Intentions of the Catholic War Veterans

5 pm: Joseph Della Pina --- Mario & Mildred

Sunday - April 30, 2017

8:30 am: Catherine & Edward Dolan --- Irene

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

2. John Macherson --- Theresa & Ron Asche

3. Restrepo Nelly --- Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week

~ In Loving Memory of ~
Roseanne La Sala-Barre
requested by Mom & Dad

The Altar Candles are offered this week

~ In Loving Memory of ~
Dennis Asche

requested by the Asche Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Sunday- April 23 - Divine Mercy Sunday

- Religious Education - S
- **CWV GARAGE SALE - 9 am - 3 pm -SC**

MONDAY - April 24

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

TUESDAY - April 25

- **BINGO - SC -7:30 PM**
- Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 PM.

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

***** HANDICAP ACCESS *****

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WEDNESDAY - April 26

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

THURSDAY - April 27

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

SATURDAY - April 29

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

SUNDAY- April 30

- Religious Education- S
- **Blood Drive -- 9:15 am - 1:45 pm - SC**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. April 24 - Catholic Medley -7:30 pm - MC
- Sun. May 7 - Communion Breakfast - 11:30 am - SC
- Mon. May 8 - Day of Recollection 11 am Mass & SC
- Sat. May 20 - International Night - 6 pm - SC
- Tues. May 30 - Calendar Meeting - 7 pm- MC
- Sat. June 3- Defensive Driving 9 am-3:30 pm-MC
- Wed. June 7-Golf - North Shore Towers -1 pm
- Wed. June 14 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- June. 9/10 - Broadway Revue - SC - 8 pm

Please visit our new website at:
Americanmartyrs-queens.org.



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --April 16, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$9,048.
My Easter Gift to my Church - \$\$12,541.

This Weekend - April 23, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
St. John Vianney Fund - help support a home for our retired Priests. Please be as generous as possible.

Next Weekend - April 30, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Home Missions - to strengthen the Catholic faith community in the home missions.

*****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, Roberto Barrientos, Gilda Bavaro, Cecilia Bello, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Owen Canavan, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Margaret Grasso, 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, Arlene Scherne, 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The 3rd Habitat meeting will be held at:
Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament

34-24 203rd Street - Bayside, NY 11361

Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 PM

Deacon Molloy from OLBS will be hosting the meeting

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY--April 23

St. Faustina writes in her diary that Our Lord spoke to her, saying: *"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy."*



Take part in prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy while in a spirit completely detached from sin.

Recite the Our Father and the Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus.

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

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

CRAFTY PEOPLE

The next Crafty People meeting will be on Thursday, **May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we will be making needle felted landscapes. Please bring your needle felting tools and any roving you may have, along with \$5 for additional supplies. Please RSVP to Annie if you will be attending, and let her know if you do not have your needle felting tools. As always, if anyone is interested in becoming a new Crafty Person, **please e-mail amcraftypeople@ymail.com.**

MAGGIE'S LITTLE THEATER - AUDITIONS

Maggie's Little Theater at St. Margaret Parish, Middle Village announces auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on April 26 from 7:30-9:30pm; April 29 from 12 noon-3pm; and April 30 from 4-7pm. Auditions in St. Margaret Parish Hall, 66-05 79th Place. All roles open. *Joseph* is entirely sung. You will be expected to sing and learn a short dance routine. Songs from the show preferred but not required. For cast description and information,

**Visit: www.maggieslittletheater.org or
Email: maggieslittletheater@gmail.com.**

REFLECTION

Our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with a glimpse of the early Church, the early Christian community. This passage is often misunderstood in some ways. When it speaks of "communal life," that term is based upon a brief translation of a Greek word which means much more than what it might seem.



The Greek word is *Koinonia* (κοινωνία), which is a broad term meaning association, communion, fellowship, and joint participation. It means to share in something. This is an excellent example of stewardship which has meaning for us today. Our parish is a community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. *Koinonia* identifies an almost ideal state of fellowship and unity which should exist in the Church, the Body of Christ. It should be more than just attending Mass.

When we speak of stewardship, we understand that it means much more than placing something in the collection basket. It means that we share all of our gifts, our time and talent also, with the community and others in need. It will be difficult for us to ever match the sense of association and the joy of that early Church, but it is a model for us to which we as a faith community should aspire.

To be community and to be in communion with one another and with God requires active participation, not passivity. Father Thomas Merton O.C.S.O. once wrote: "The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion...beyond speech...beyond concept." ~ the catholicsteward.com

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,241,365.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$564,852.

Amount returned to American Martyrs:

\$220,602. Number of Parishioners participating: 309



Work on the Church roof and pointing will commence in May 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.

GOLF OUTING --- Save the Date

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

BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, April 30, SC - 9:15 am to 1:45 pm
Edward Malench Memorial - Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please donate a pint to save a life !**

MASS OF INCLUSION AND RESOURCE FAIR

For Seniors, People with Disabilities and the Deaf.
Mass at 12 noon with Bishop Raymond Chappetto, at **St. Kevin's Church, Sunday, April 30.** Service providers will be available at the Fair. Light refreshments. Wheelchair-accessible.

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.



Help our Troops by helping our Vets.

**Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love is everlasting.**

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

American Martyrs Church

Father John J. Murray Communion Breakfast

Sunday May 7, 2017 in the Sullivan Center

After the 10:30 Mass

Honoring Monsignor E. Bottino

Speaker Father George Cowan

Delicious hot breakfast – Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes, French toast, Coffee, Juice, etc.

*****Prizes to be raffled!!!!*****

Buy your tickets NOW! Buy your tickets NOW! Buy your tickets NOW!

Age 13 and older = \$15 per person Age 7 to 12 = \$7 per person Age 6 and under - Free

Tickets sold after masses prior to the event and OR

Complete the stub below and leave it at rectory WITH PAYMENT.

You can pay by cash, or make checks payable to American Martyrs Church.

Any questions? (347) 421 - 7676 or email JoeGT60@gmail.com

TURN IN THIS STUB WITH YOUR CASH, OR CHECK PAYABLE TO AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH by April 30

Father Murray Parish Breakfast Sunday May 7, 2017 11:30 A.M.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Age 13 and older number of tickets _____ at \$15 = _____

Age 7 to 12 number of tickets _____ at \$7 = _____

6 and under number of tickets _____ Free = _____

Please try to sit me with: _____

DAY OF RECOLLECTION - MAY 8

Please join us on **Monday, May 8** for our **Annual Day of Recollection**. We will begin with a Mass at 11am. Our guest speaker will be Msgr. John Strykowski. A lunch will be provided so please call Carol at 718 631-0896 or Barbara at 718 - 465-0585. New members will be inducted. We ask you to bring baby items for Bridge to Life. If you have a favorite dessert, please bring it. All ladies Welcome. Come join us!



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, June 3, 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.



*** 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 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: \$54,960.
Amount Received: \$40,633.
Donors: 90

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*



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.