

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - May 27

5:00 pm: John MacPherson -- Froehlich Family

SUNDAY - May 28, 2017

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of our Catholic War Veterans who have died

12:30 pm: Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

Monday- May 29 - Memorial Day

8:30 am: Those who have died serving our country - Fr. Frank

Tues. - May 30

8:30 am: Hedwig Sosna & Theresa Luczak - Donna & Steve

Wed. - May 31- Visitation of the Virgin Mary

8:30am: Theresa Greenstein-- Deborah, Dina & Adam

Thurs. - June 1- St. Justin

8:30 am: Thomas McWalters --- Murphy Family

Friday - June 2 - St. Marcellinus & St. Peter

8:30 am: Patrick J. Kearny (60th Anniv.)-- Family
7:30 pm: First Friday Devotions (Chapel)

Sat. - June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30 am: 1. Darlene Oliver -- Yolanda Shaw Murphy
2. Jay Taormina --- Michael Murphy & Family
3. Frank Cryan --- Sinead, Michael & Family
5:00 pm: Mae Muessle & Josephine Carr --- Marilyn

Sunday - June 4 --- Pentecost

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Nina & James Moffa --- Children

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~
Regina Horvat
requested by Emily Howell

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~
Rocco Di Rado
requested by his Wife & Children

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



Sunday- May 28

- Memorial Day ceremony -Flagpole
- CWV- Poppies will be sold after all Masses



MON. - May 29 - Memorial Day

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

TUESDAY - May 30

- Calendar Meeting - 7 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 - May 31

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

THURSDAY - June 1

- Leisure Club - 11am - 3 pm - SC
- Blue Knights - 8 pm -- MC

SATURDAY - June 3

- Defensive Driving 9 am-3:30 pm-MC
- AMAA Car Wash - lot 9am-3pm

SUNDAY-June 4 - Pentecost

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. June 3- AMAA Car Wash - lot 9am-3pm
- 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

+ 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.

Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend --May 21, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,583.

This Weekend - May 28, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - June 4, 2017

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Catholic Communications - help spread the Good News.

*******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, 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, Leo Palombo, Agnes Ragusa, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Lorraine Rensch, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, 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.

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

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, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Sullivan Center.** At this meeting, we will be making decorative wine bottles. Bottles, decorative embellishments, and glass stones will be provided for you, but you should bring your glue gun and any other embellishments you'd like to add. Visit our American Martyrs Crafty People Facebook page for a photo of this month's craft. Also, for our year-end celebration, please bring a small dish of snacks or treats. 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.

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will rejoice.**

American Martyrs Presents



**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
JUNE 9th AND 10th
at 8:00 pm**

American Martyrs Sullivan Center
79-43 Bell Boulevard
Bayside, New York 11364

Tickets are \$20
and are available after all the Masses,
at the Rectory (718-464-4582), or at the door.

The Sullivan Center is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

REFLECTION

Our first reading is from the Book of Acts. In fact, it is the beginning of that Book. Acts was written by St. Luke. It is a continuation of his Gospel in many ways. We do not learn that much about Luke from the New Testament. Most historians agree that he was a doctor; he was a Gentile; and he was a companion of St. Paul.



Acts is basically the continuation of Jesus' work as described in the Gospels. In effect it describes how the Good News traveled from Jerusalem to Rome. Our readings today are filled with reminders that Jesus' work is not completed. He commissioned His followers to continue it after His Ascension into Heaven. Among those commissioned so to speak is each of us.

The Lord's work continues from that day to today. However, for it to continue and for the love He shared and displayed to be the factor it needs to be in our parish and in the Church and in the world it is reliant upon us.

It was St. Teresa of Avila who wrote, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." ~ the catholicsteward.com

GOLF OUTING --- WED. JUNE 7

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

Sign in and lunch at noon. Carts, lunch and dinner included \$175. Dinner only \$45. Dinner is immediately following at Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway - close by and plenty of free parking. Please reserve your foursome early - call Maureen at 718-276-0301. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 will add to the fun! Donations gladly accepted and will be much appreciated!

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.**



PARISH CALENDAR MEETING



Tuesday, May 30 - 7:00 pm--MC

All Parish organizations and other groups using the Sullivan Center, Murray Center, Board Room, Church, Rectory Chapel or School for parish functions are required to attend. Please submit a **calendar of dates, times and locations** to the rectory today.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Maria Mattia
Connie Topa**

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

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom should I fear?**

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, June 14, 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!

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$602,141.

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

Number of Parishioners participating: 309



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.

AMERICAN MARTYRS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CAR WASH

The AMAA will hold a Car Wash on **Saturday, June 3,** from 9 am to 3 pm in the parking lot.

Donations \$10 ~ SUV's \$15

If you have any towels or cleaning supplies that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Rectory.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

Registration for Religious Education for Fall 2017 has begun. Children who are currently enrolled in American Martyrs Religious Education program have received their re-registration forms. Please return the completed form to the Rectory, or their teacher, or mail to the Religious Education office.



Children entering the 1st grade in September 2017 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 who are returning or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

*** 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: \$85,285.
Amount Received: \$70,403.
Donors: 214

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.