

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - June 24

5:00 pm: Fathers' Day Novena

SUNDAY - June 25

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

- 10:30 am: 1. Donald Dalton --- Nancy Flowers
- 2. Brigid J. Calia -- Saavedra Family
- 3. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Monday- June 26

8:30 am: Fathers' Day Novena

Tues. - June 27- St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 am: Special Intention --- Jean

Wed. - June 28- St. Irenaeus

8:30am: Florence Ruggieri --- Family

Thurs. - June 29 - St. Peter & St. Paul

8:30 am: Michael Sica --- Family

Fri. - First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 am: Theresa Carragee --- Philip McDermott

Sat. - July 1 - St. Junipero Serra

- 8:30 am: 1. Betty Man --- Diana Palmeri
 - 2. Rita Boyle --- Regina
 - 3. Agnes Ragusa --- Farley Family
- 5:00 pm: Marie Rose Felix--Jessie, Laurent & Nicholas

Sunday - July 2

- 8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo
- 10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society
- 12:30 pm: Francis Colby --- Barbara & Jack Goydas

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

*Theresa Kavaliauskas
requested by her Family*

The Altar Candles are offered this week:

~ In Loving Memory of ~

*Connie Topa
requested by American Martyrs Parish*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - June 25

- Parish Baptisms - 2 pm

MONDAY- June 26

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

TUESDAY - June 27

- 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.

*****NO BINGO -TUESDAY, JULY 4 *****

NO BINGO -TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

WEDNESDAY - June 28

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

THURSDAY - June 29

- Leisure Club - 11 am - 3 pm --SC

SATURDAY - July 1

- Rectory Office closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- BINGO - every Tuesday evening - 7 pm
- The Rectory Office will be closed Wednesdays and Saturdays during July and August

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



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT FESTIVAL
38th Annual Gregorian Festival
JUNE 15 - 25

Eleven nights of rides, games, prizes, game booths, gourmet foods, live entertainment - NO admission - bring the entire family! 87th Avenue & Cross Island Pkwy, Bellerose.

Sunday Collections

Last Weekend --June 18

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$6,006.

This Weekend - June 25, 2017

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Peter's Pence - support the works of Pope Francis.

Be a *Witness of Charity*.

Next Weekend - July 2, 2017

My Monthly 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, Josephine Attard, Roberto Barrientos, , 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, Warren Forrest, 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, 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, Claudia Vanegas, 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



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

GREAT NEWS - WORTH THE WAIT



After many years of advocating and communication with the appropriate parties, our Father John J Murray Knights of Columbus Council is happy to report that approval has been given to co-name the corner of Bell Blvd. and Union Tpke, in honor of Father Murray. The ceremony will likely take place in September. More details to follow as they become available.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

MASS OF INCLUSION

Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens and the Parish Advocates for People with Disabilities of South Brooklyn (Deaneries 7, 10, 11) will sponsor a Mass of Inclusion for People with Disabilities and the Deaf at St. Mark R.C. Church (2609 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235) on June 25, 2017 at 12:30 PM. There will be a light refreshment after the Mass. All are welcome!

The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every Saturday from 4 pm to 4:45 pm in Church.

Don't neglect God's gift of **Reconciliation**.

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!"

THE ROSARY

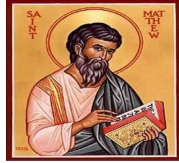
The Rosary is recited weekday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass, and Saturdays before the 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel.



The Rosary is a habit that, once acquired, is difficult to break. By repeating words of love to Mary and offering up each Rosary for our intentions, we take a shortcut to Jesus by passing through the heart of His Mother. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.

REFLECTION

We are reminded in today's readings that we are human, and that as a result of that we are sinners, and we inherit that sin from the very beginning, from Adam. St. Paul points that out in our Second Reading from Romans 2. Were you aware that in Hebrew the name Adam means "humanity?"



In today's Gospel Reading from Matthew, Jesus also reminds us of the fact that we are sinners, but He also prompts us to remember that one of the reasons we sin is because we fear other humans and the consequences of living out our faith more than we fear the Lord Himself. Jesus says, "...do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

"Gehenna" is translated in some Bible versions as "Hell." What the Lord is trying to communicate to us may be that we probably tend to fear earthly matters and earthly people more than we fear God. If we are "killed" by someone or something on earth it is the body only which dies. However, shrinking back from God's call can have eternal consequences.

"Saving grace" and being saved are probably not thoughts on which we like to dwell, but they are real, and we need to recognize that. St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "The saved are few, but we must live with the few if we would be saved with the few. O God, too few indeed they are; yet amongst those few I wish to be." ~ thecatholicsteward.com

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club Summer Casino

Trip to the Tropicana, Atlantic City. Gamble, shop or walk the boardwalk. Cost \$32.00 get back \$25.

Wednesday, July 12. Leave at 8:30. For reservations and info call Joy : 917 921 7631.

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 to make an appointment.



+ 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.

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Connie Topa ~ Agnes Ragusa

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 Spirit of truth will testify to me,
says the Lord;
And you also will testify.**

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$619,460.

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.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Will present Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, August 3rd –August 13th, in the air conditioned Oak Room. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors & students and \$9 for children under 12. For tickets email tickets@sgtg.org or call 718-989-2451 to reserve your seats.

An advertisement for "The Bridge to Life". On the left is a close-up photo of a woman kissing a baby. On the right is a blue background with white text. The text reads: "THE BRIDGE TO LIFE", "PREGNANT? WORRIED? NEED HELP?", "CALL BRIDGE TO LIFE, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU", "FLUSHING (718) 463-1810", and "ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL".

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:	\$89,635.
Amount Received:	\$77,841.
Donors:	235

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*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The 5th Annual Golf Outing was a huge success thanks to all the donations and the sponsors. ***Please see the list of sponsors on the video screen.*** Please support them as they have supported us! A big shout out goes to Pat Carragee for his most generous donation of great gifts. Of course the beautiful weather contributed, but most of all the hard work of Jo Zafferese, Cindy Hines, Linda & John Limberg, Carrie Libasci and our photographer, Ed Pearce, that made the day so successful. ***Look for the pics on the video screen at the main entrance.*** Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you again next year!

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.