

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - January 3

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- January 14

8:30 am: Rev. Karlheinz Muller OFM, Cap.

10:30 am: 1. John F. (Jack) Bills --- Ann Marie

2. Samantha Hope Ventura -- Theresa & Ron

3. Emma Feliciano --- Daughter

12:30 pm: Theresa, James & Jimmy --- Daughters

Mon. - January 15

8:30 am: Dolores Sardar --- Friend

Tues. - Jan. 16

8:30 am: Nancy McKiernan (Living) --- Peggy

Wed. - Jan. 17

8:30am: Pius & Hedwig --- Family

Thurs. - Jan. 18

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis --- Fr. Frank

Fri. - Jan. 19

8:30 am: Patrick J. Kearney, Sr. --- Family

Sat. - January 20 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:30 am: 1. Marie de Angelis - American Martyrs Staff

2. Eleanor Calace --- Victoria & Family

3. Clotilde Licata --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Joan Dziedzic --- Tomczyk

Sun. - January 21 - Ecumenical Sunday

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Angelina DiCicco --- Family

2. Jean Kozinoski --- Karen Macchia

3. Terry Kennedy --- Robert & Phyllis

12:30 pm: Philip Palase --- Robert Goetz & Family

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

*In Loving Memory of Patrick J. Kearney, Sr.
requested by his Family*

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Marie de Angelis

Rose Sgambati

Rev. Msgr. John A. Burns

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 - January 14, 2018

- NO Religious Education

MONDAY- January 15, 2018

- Rectory Office Closed--Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - January 16

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC

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 - January 17

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

THURSDAY - January 18

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

SUNDAY - January 21

- Religious Education

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Jan. 27 -CWV -SC after 8:30 am Mass
- Ash Wednesday, February 14
- Sat. Feb.17 - Defensive Driving- 9 - 3:30 pm-MC

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Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - January 7, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church-- \$4,977.
Diocesan Mission. \$795.

This Weekend - January 14, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - January 21, 2018

My Weekly 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, Elsa Barbagallo,
Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride
Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang
Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi,
Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John
Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson
Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela
Ierardi, Bill Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida
Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath,
Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North,
Estella Palucious, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza,
Lynn Pickt, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez,
Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice
Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George
Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas,
Rosemarie Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Lorraine Walsh,
Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, 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.**



MITTEN DRIVE

Our **MITTEN DRIVE** is underway and the
baskets will be at the entrances to the Church.
We are collecting gently used or new Adult's
and Children's Mittens/Gloves Hats &
Scarves until the end of January. These items
will be delivered to local shelters to warm needy families.



***** The DECEMBER 50/50 Winner: *****

**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Cronin who
won \$117.50 in our December drawing.** Look for
the **January 50/50 (yellow) envelope** which is
included in your monthly mailing of donation
envelopes. The next drawing will be held after the
last Sunday in **January. Good Luck!**

K OF C POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the **Keep Christ in
Christmas** poster contest winners:



**Ages 5-7: First place -- Isabella Alfonso;
Second place Joshua Hun and Katrina Binec (tie)**

**Ages 8-10: First place -- Owen Cassano;
Second place Sophia Saareste**

Ages 11-14: First place --- Julia Farley

Thank you to all of the parish children who shared
their talents and thoughts to remind us all why we
celebrate the Christmas Season, Fr. John Murray
Knights of Columbus Council.

**We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.**

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

The Parish has a prayer intention book available near the
tabernacle. Please write your petitions for the sick or any
other special intentions in the book---your intentions
will be remembered during the Masses of the week in
the Parish.

LENTEN SEASON WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT

Please join Sister Ave Clark, O.P. on **Saturday,
February 3, from 9:30 - 11:45 am**, here at American
Martyrs in the Sullivan Center for a Mini Brunch
Women's Retreat.

Spirit of Women... Graces Galore

Please call 718-428-2471 for more information and to
register.

Handicap accessible. Please join us.

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:

AMReligionClass.Weebly.com

for school closings due to inclement weather.

Religious Education email:

AMReligionClass@gmail.com

***** COMMUNITY NEWS *****

Healing Mass - St. Anastasia - Tues. Jan. 16, - 7 pm

Rosary, Mass & Healing Service 718-631-4454

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.

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, Truck or Van - 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

IRS Tax Deduction - Free Towing - Any Condition.

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:	\$104,360.
Amount Received:	\$101,269.
Donors:	290

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*

+ 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.

CATHOLIC MEDLEY



We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on January 29, at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. We will be discussing the **Holy Eucharist** using *Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire* series video as our starting point. Please join us!

So many of us are searching for peace, searching for the meaning of life. Often, the answer to our prayers is in plain sight, but we are either too distracted to see it or prefer to ignore it because acknowledging it might be difficult.

John the Baptist said that "the person we need is already among us, but we don't recognize Him."

Today, let us resolve to **let go and let God.**

REFLECTION

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds “Here I am,” but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.



Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

“Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more important do we respond and do we follow?

In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

~ thecatholicsteward.com

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$728,135.

Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.

Number of Parishioners participating: 311

I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing has been completed.



We are now working on replacing the air-conditioning system in the Church and the Sullivan Center. The current system is over 30 years old and no longer functioning properly. ***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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at



American Martyrs on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm. To register or for more information, **please call Martyr at: 631-360-9720.**

**Here am I, Lord;
I come to do Your will.**

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Sincere Thanks to Our Parishioners!

On behalf of the Clergy and staff of American Martyrs Parish, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts that you have sent us. Please be assured of our continuing prayers, and our wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

~ Fr. Frank