

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - February 24

5:00 pm: Nicholas De Mauro --- Anita Mascioli

SUNDAY- February 25, 2018

8:30 am: Marie de Angelis --- Family

10:30 am:

1. Paul & Angela Radacinski - Steve Radacinski & Family
2. Marie de Angelis --- Barbara Svitlik
3. Rafaela & Jesus Escobedo Diaz --- Friends

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - February 26

8:30 am: Eizo Kato -- Misuzu Kato

Tues. - February 27

8:30 am: In Thanksgiving

Wed. - Feb. 28

8:30am: Fitzsimmons Family -- Family
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Thurs. - March 1 -

8:30 am: Jan Mieleszuk -- George Benczak

Fri. - March 2 - World Day of Prayer

8:30 am: Joseph de Angelis --- Daughter
7:15 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet -- (Church)
7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross -- (Church)

Sat. - March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 am: 1. Frank Scuderi --- Patricia & Family
2. Vivian Gargiulo -- Stephen & Maria Barry
3. Sabato Pagnozzi --- Pagnozzi Family

5:00 pm:

Granieri & Smaldone Families - Gregg & MaryAnn

Sun. - March 4 -Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Patrick Zafferese --- Family

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:

~ *St. Anthony ~ In Thanksgiving ~*
requested by Anita Mascioli

The Altar Candles are offered this week for:
~ *Stephen Mattaliano, In Healing ~*
requested by Nancy Soviero

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY - February 25, 2018

- Religious Education

MONDAY- February 26

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

TUESDAY - February 27

- 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 - February 28

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

THURSDAY - March 1

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

SATURDAY - March 3

- St. Patrick's Day tickets on sale after Mass

SUNDAY - March 4

- Religious Education - SC
- St. Patrick's Day tickets on sale after all Masses

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. March 5 - Rosary Meeting - 1 pm -- SC
- Sat. March 10 - St. Patrick's Day party - SC- 6 pm
- Sat. Mar. 24 - CWV Easter Bunny Bkfst - 10 am-SC
- Mon. March 26- Reconciliation (Church) 3 - 9 pm
- Sun. April 15 - "Afternoon Tea" - 2 pm -- SC
- Wed. April 18 - Atlantic City - Leisure Club
- Sun. April 22 - CWV Garage Sale - SC
- Mon. May 14 - Day of Recollection -11 am - SC
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6 - AM Golf Outing - N. Shore Towers

Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death." Let us find inspiration in God's Word, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life.



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - February 18, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$5,779.
 Black and Indian Mission Office - \$638.

This Weekend - February 25, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - March 4, 2018

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, 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, Joe Kinney, William 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, Anthony Pagano,
 Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza,
 Lynn Pickett, 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,
 Rosemary 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.**

Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Monday, March 5 at 1 pm** in the
 Sullivan Center for coffee and Irish Soda Bread,
 celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Dues are \$10, and may
 be paid in person, mailed to the Rectory or dropped
 in the collection basket.

Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm -- Afternoon Tea
 Monday, May 14 at 11 am -- Day of Recollection

**Please pray for the men and women of our
 Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad:**

**SPC Ruby Russo - US Army
 LCPL Christopher Keane - USMC
 SN John Schaefer - USCG**

If you know of any parishioner who is currently serving in
 the Armed forces and would like to be added to our
 prayer list, please call the Rectory. 718-464-4582.

St. Patrick's Day Party!

**Saturday, March 10th, 2018
 @ 6PM (after the 5PM Mass)**



**American Martyrs Church
 216-01 Union Turnpike, Bayside,
 Knights of Columbus
 Fr. John J. Murray Council 14666**

**Live Irish Music Irish Step Dancers
 DJ + Dancing Raffles 50/50**

**Kids 6 & Under - Free / Ages 7 to 12-\$10
 Ages 13 to 18 - \$20 Ages 19 & Up - \$30**

Email: kofc14666fm@gmail.com

Web: kofcam.weebly.com

+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

**Deacon & Mrs. John F. McGreevey
 Mrs. Meihong Shu Chen
 Msgr. John E. Mahoney**

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

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 *****

St. John's University Speech & Hearing - Free Screenings - Until May, 3. - 718-990-6480

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 Northeast 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.

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

~ Answer The Call ~



This week begins the 2018 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2017 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal. The 2018 ACA goal is \$59,000.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: **CFBQ.org/ACAVideo**.

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

CATHOLIC MEDLEY

We will be resuming our Catholic Medley Adult Faith Formation program on **Monday, March 19** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Murray Center. Subsequent meetings will be on Mondays, April 2 and April 16.



SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, JUNE 6, 2018 - American Martyrs Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers

Saturday, SEPT. 29, 2018- American Martyrs 70th Anniversary Gala -- 5 pm Mass at American Martyrs Church. Reception to follow at 6:30 at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston.

(More information on both events to follow)

Reconciliation Monday- March 26, 3 to 9 pm

On the **Monday of Holy Week**, this will be a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to participate in this great Sacrament of Healing. Members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.



**I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.**



REFLECTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts notes regarding all the Books of the Bible. In its introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans (our Second Reading), the USCCB says, "Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook."



Paul's Letter to the Romans is in fact the longest of his letters in the New Testament (Romans is more than 7,000 words; that is much shorter, of course, than the shortest Gospel, Mark, which is still more than 11,000 words.) However, as stated by the Bishops, the Letter to the Romans explained in a more detailed way Paul's theology and spirituality than any other letter.

Regardless the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us are familiar, but which has great meaning: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us.

We understand that we will be judged. Paul's point is if we are judged "not guilty" by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to place our trust in God, and in His love. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

ATLANTIC CITY -- LEISURE CLUB

On Wednesday, April 18, 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!



Pray for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates

Please keep the men and women from our RCIA program in your prayers as they continue their conversion and preparation to receive the Sacraments on Easter.



Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$770,853.

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.

+ 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.

2018 Mass Book Intentions

You may choose to commemorate a death, anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. Please come to the Rectory or call to request a special Mass offering for your loved one. Also, you may wish to offer the gifts of **Bread and Wine or the Altar Candles** for one week. **The offering is \$25. Mass Intention forms are located on the tables in the Church.**

LENTEN JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Loving God,

I feel your call for me deep in my heart. Please give me the wisdom to know how to return. Make my journey back to your this Lent one of grace, forgiveness and gentle love. ~ Amen



From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is My beloved Son, listen to Him.