

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - May 5

8:00 pm: Anthony DiCicco --- Family

SUNDAY- May 6

8:30 am: Frank Mantel -- Barbara & Jack Goydas

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - May 7

8:30 am: Fr. Kevin O'Donoghue -- Kearney Family

Tues. - May 8

8:30 am: Thomas Gonzales (Thanksgiving) --Mom

Wed. - May 9

8:30am: Gizella Family --- Family

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

Thurs. -May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord8:30 am: Hedwig Sosna & Theresa Luczak - Donna
& Steve

12:00 Noon: Katherine Walsh --- Fr. Frank

7:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Friday - May 11

8:30 am: Lucy & Michael Sica --- Family

Saturday - May 12 - Sts. Nereus & Achilleus

8:30 am: 1. Angie Giamarino - Ballesteros Family

2. Antonio Torres, Jr. --- Vince Torres

3. Freddy Meyers --- Iris Machado

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

Sunday -May 13 -- Mothers' Day

8:30 am: Mothers' Day Novena

10:30 am:1. Elizabeth Ruggieri --- Family

2. Jack Antolini & Laurento --- Family

3. Aleyamma DeVasia --- T.D. Sebastian

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Dennis Ashe ~
requested by the Ashe Family**The Altar Candles are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of John F. (Jack) Bills ~
requested by Ann Marie***CALENDAR OF EVENTS**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel BR--Board RoomSUNDAY - May 6, 2018

- Religious Education- S
- May Crowning - at the 10:30 am Mass
- Communion Breakfast -SC

MONDAY- May 7

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

TUESDAY - May 8

- RCIA - 7:30 - 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.

WEDNESDAY - May 9

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

THURSDAY - May 10 - The Ascension of the Lord

- Masses: 8:30; 12 noon, 7:30 pm
- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC
- Knights of Columbus-- 7:45 pm --MC

SUNDAY-May 13

- Religious Education - S- last day of classes
- Rel. Ed. Bagel Bkfst - after classes- SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sun. May 13 - Rel. Ed. Bagel Bkfst - after classes
- Thurs. May 10 - Ascension-8:30; 12 noon, 7:30 pm
- Mon. May 14- Rosary Day of Recollection-11 am- SC
- Sat. May 19 - Defensive Driving -- MC
- Sun. May 20 -- Plant Sale after all Masses
- Sun. May 27 - CWV Memorial Day Ceremony-10:30
- Mon. May 28- Memorial Day-Rectory Office Closed
- Fri./Sat. June 1 & 2 -- Broadway Revue -- SC
- Wed. June 6- AM Golf Outing- N. Shore Towers
- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass



Sunday CollectionsLast Weekend - April 29, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,581.
Catholic Home Missions Appeal -- \$863.

This Weekend - May 6, 2018

My Monthly Offering for the Support of my Church.
American Bishop's Overseas Appeal.
Thursday - May 10 -- The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)

Next Weekend - May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day.

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.
Mother's Day Remembrance collection.

*******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, Eugenia Arpino, Josephine Attard, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Tom Dana, Ramon Dickson, 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, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Estella Palucious, Sabato Pagnozzi, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Lorraine Thomas, Rosemary Tricarico, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, 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.

Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of **American Martyrs 70th Anniversary on Sept. 29th at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.** Great time to connect with former classmates and enjoy reminiscing!

For more information please email:

maureens@jwhampton.com.

RELIGIOUS ED. RE-REGISTRATION

Religious Education re-registration has begun.

Please return your re-registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible to receive your discount.

+ PURGATORIAL SOCIETY +

Adele Andrela	Irene Paplaskas
Aldona Kavaliauskas	Mildred Callahan
Raymond Paplaskas	George Andrela
Mildred Staukas	Sharon Kavaliauskas
Ronald Kavaliauskas	Charles Kavalliauskas, Sr.
Joseph Kearns	William Paplaskas
Peter Cottone	Alphonse Paplaskas
Daniel Callahan	Stanley Mitchell
Anthony Kavaliauskas, Jr.	Anthony Staukas
Georgette Kavaliauskas	Edward Kerner
Theresa Paplaskas	Theresa Kavaliauskas

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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, May 19, 2018 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.

50/50 April Fund Raiser

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Stahl who won \$115 in our April and last drawing. Mrs. Stahl has graciously donated her winnings back to American Martyrs.

We will **no longer** continue the **50/50 Fund Raiser** (yellow envelope) which was included in your mailed envelope packets. Thanks for playing!



REFLECTION

The First Reading from Acts begins with Cornelius falling at Peter's feet. Peter lifts him up and says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."



Cornelius was likely the inspiration for that statement. St. Cornelius is a significant person in the Acts of the Apostles. A documented centurion in the *Cohors Italia*, he is considered by most Bible researchers as being one of the first Gentiles converted to Christianity.

The message, however, applies to all of us, as most of us are indeed Gentiles. It is made clear that Cornelius was a holy and generous man. However, he did not receive the Holy Spirit until he had heard the Gospel from Peter and responded to it. That is what each of us is called to do as well. If we allow the Lord to be an important part of our lives, God will do everything for those who are willing to receive Him.

This reading then reports, "While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." St. Peter is later criticized for entering the house of a Gentile, eating, and then baptizing Cornelius, but in Acts 11 Peter responds, "If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?" God is there for all of us, but we must receive Him and open our lives to Him. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

ROSARY SOCIETY

ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Please join us on **Monday, May 14**, for our Annual Day of Recollection. We will begin with a **Mass at 11 am**. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt, D.W. A lunch will be provided, so please call Carol at 718631-0896, Diana at 718-740-0643, or Barbara at 718-465-0585. If you have a favorite dessert, please bring it. We will also collect baby items for Bridge to Life. Dues of \$10 are due. All Ladies Welcome. Come Join us! Also, thank you to all who attend and helped out at the "Ladies Tea".



11th Annual Candlelight Procession - honoring Our Lady of Fatima & Saint Padre Pio --Monday, May 21st, 2018 at Saint Josaphat Church 210th St & 35th Ave. 7:00 PM-Holy Mass 8:15 PM-Candlelight Procession through the streets with recitation of the Rosary. Celebrant- Bishop Frank J. Caggiano. **The relic of St. Padre Pio's Glove will be available for veneration.**

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.

Total Paid on Pledges: \$797,762.

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

Number of Parishioners participating: 311

We are 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.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING -NS TOWERS

American Martyrs 6th Annual Golf Outing, Wednesday June 6th

at North Shore Towers golf course. Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 PM, dinner to follow at Immaculate Conception Center - \$180 per person. Dinner only \$45. Donations appreciated!!! Please contact Maureen at maureens@jwhampton.com or 718-276-0301.

PARISH CALENDAR



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 submit a written **calendar of dates, times and locations** to the Rectory **by May 30**.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS NOVENA

A Novena for **Mother's Day** will begin **Sunday, May 13**. This is a beautiful way of remembering our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, Mothers-in-law, Step-Mothers, living or deceased, with a special Mass intention. Please return the envelope that you received in the mail, or **there are extra Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available at the front pews and on the Church tables**. You may return them in the collection basket, or the Rectory Office.



+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +

Steve Mattaliano

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

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.

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

Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home, Bayside, Served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are looking for Volunteers to interact with Residents and staff. 9AM and 7PM. Please call Gail D. O'Donovan at 718-971-2020

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 ~



We thank those who have already made a pledge, and we ask that everyone *prayerfully* consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

Annual Appeal Goal for 2018:	\$59,000.
Amount Pledged:	\$75,625.
Amount Received:	\$61,373.
Donors:	163

You can make your gift online at:
AnnualCatholicAppeal.org

Many companies have special *Matching Gift Programs*. You may be able to double your gift by contacting your company's Personnel/Human Resource office.

For more information about Matching Gift Opportunities, call the ACA office at:
718-965-7375, ext. 1602.

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. Your donation is tax deductible.

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

Remember, every dollar received over our goal comes back to American Martyrs Parish.

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor

POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention in May.

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, JUNE 6 - American Martyrs

Annual Golf Outing --- North Shore Towers

Saturday, SEPT. 29 - 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 all events to follow)**