

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - August 25

5:00 pm: Livia Alvarez --- Mariana Speer

SUNDAY -- August 26

8:30 am: Theodore &amp; Edna Stumpf --- E. O.

10:30 am: 1. Mary O'Malley --- Mary Rose Bosko

2. Marianne Seufert --- Rose &amp; Jessie Carlone

3. Special Intention --- Chorzepa Family

12:30 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Mon. - August 27 - St. Monica

8:30 am: Joan Shanahan Kearney --- Family

Tues. - August 28 --- St. Augustine

8:30 am: Agostino Mascioli --- Joanne &amp; Family

Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist8:30am: Theresa Kavaliauskas -- Charles & Family  
After the 8:30 am Mass - Novena to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help.Thurs. August 30

8:30 am: Joan Shanahan Kearney --- Family

Friday -- August 31

8:30 am: Mary, Bill &amp; Mildred Dolan --- Irene

Sat. - September 1

8:30 am: 1. Marianne Seufert --- Anne Marie Wright

2. Lisa Hamill Brennan --- Senead Forde

3. Edward Bjelke -- George &amp; Margaret Benczak

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

Sunday- September 2

8:30 am: George Boyle --- Boyle Family

10:30 am: Members of the Purgatorial Society

12:30 pm: Dolores Vasquenzo -- Carol Delgaudio

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of ~  
Deacon Sal Licata  
Requested by Fr. Frank**The Altar Candles are offered this week for:  
~ John Horvat ~  
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 RoomMONDAY- August 27

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

TUESDAY - August 28

- **BINGO - 7:30 pm --SC**

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 pm.

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

\*\*\*\*\* HANDICAP ACCESS \*\*\*\*\*

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WED. - August 29

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

THURSDAY - August 30

- Leisure Club -- 11 am -- SC

SATURDAY - September 1

- Rectory Office Closed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Mon. Sept. 3 - Rectory Office Closed - Labor Day
- Sun. Sept. 16 - First day of Religion Education - SC
- Sat. Sept. 29 - AM 70th Anniversary - 5 pm Mass
- Sat. Oct. 6 - Defensive Driving - MC 9 am -3:30 pm
- Sun. Oct. 21 - Blood Drive - SC-after all Masses

Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinics offer same-day access to individuals in crisis. Individuals may walk into a Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinic or call the Center at 718-722-6001 for information.

National Suicide Prevention- 1-800-273-8255.

Preventing Suicide ... everyone can help.

Please join us for our  
American Martyrs  
70th Anniversary Dinner Dance.  
Tickets are on sale after all Masses.  
All are Welcome!



Sunday Collections

Last Weekend - August 19

Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church- \$6,083.  
Our Parish Grounds - \$845.

This Weekend - August 26, 2018

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.

Next Weekend - September 2, 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](http://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, Janet Altieri, Ana Lucia & Jairo, Marge Aquino, Eugenia Arpino, Elsa Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Bill Corrar, Frank Carroll, Joan Cerrone, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Eva Ditatanto, Carrie Enright, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, William Krug, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Michael Marino, Susan McConnell, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Kathleen Pastore, Sal Piazza, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Amelia Reyes, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, John Sheridan, Jr., Arlene Scherne, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, 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.*



70th ANNIVERSARY GALA



The American Martyrs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. The gala will follow a 5 p.m. Anniversary Mass at American Martyrs Church. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets at \$90 each should contact Jovie Chorzepa at [jovie212@yahoo.com](mailto:jovie212@yahoo.com) or Theresa Asche at 718-428-5308. *No tickets will be sold at the door. We look forward to celebrating with you!*

RECONCILIATION

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!"**

2019 Mass Book Intentions

The 2019 Mass Book is now open. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, in healing, or simply a prayer of thanksgiving. Each offering is \$15. You can pick up a Mass Intention sheet at the doors of the Church, 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.**

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

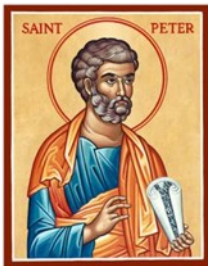
If there are any homebound parishioners who wish to receive the Eucharist from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory. (718-464-4582). We will make arrangements for a home visit.

Need does not take a summer vacation

During the summer months, many of us are on vacation, but the basic needs of many families in our community are never on vacation. During the summer, poor box donations drop and community food pantries reach low levels. Our own food pantry is in need of: canned ravioli/pasta meals, bottled juices (non-perishable), canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxes of macaroni and cheese, jars of pasta sauce, cookies, jars of peanut butter, dried pasta. Please help us fill this vital need. Thank you for your generosity.

## REFLECTION

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus continues His instruction on the Eucharist. Many of his own disciples cannot accept His teachings and instead return to their former way of life, abandoning Christ altogether. Jesus turns to the Apostles and asks them to choose with the question, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter speaks up for the Twelve responding, "Master, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."



The demands of a stewardship way of life can be difficult. And the teachings of Christ can be hard to accept. How can we keep going when it gets tough? Peter's honest answer to the choice Jesus poses shows us a way to stay true to a stewardship way of life.

Looking at himself and the world around him, Peter comes to a realization. To paraphrase, he says, "I don't really see any better options, Lord. I've tried life with you and it's hard. But I've tried life without You and it's harder — it doesn't satisfy. Where else am I going to go? I choose You, Lord." Peter knows he doesn't have all the answers. And, so, he humbly chooses to rely on God. When the going gets tough, we can keep going by relying on God and trusting more deeply in Him.

Remembering blessings and relying on Him — these are two keys to a beautiful way of life.

~ thecatholicsteward.com

## 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.

## THE TREASURE OF FAMILIES

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

## The Weekday Rosary

The Rosary is recited weekday and Saturday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass in the Rectory Chapel. Why not join us for this beautiful devotion honoring our Blessed Mother, and reflecting on the mysteries of her Son's saving love.

Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$838,711.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$405,939.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 312**

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.

## + 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.

**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.  
You have the words of everlasting life.**

## Reunion of American Martyrs Graduates

Come join us at the dinner dance celebration of **American Martyrs 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maureens@jwhampton.com)**



## RELIGIOUS ED. RE-REGISTRATION

Religious Education registration has begun.

**Please return your re-registration form with payment to the Rectory as soon as possible. There will be a \$15 late payment per family for any registration received after August 31.**



**Classes for Level 1 - 8 will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8:50 am in the Sullivan Center. For information, visit:**

**[AMReligionClass.Weebly.com](http://AMReligionClass.Weebly.com)**

**+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

**John Horvat  
Deacon Salvatore V. Licata**

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  
PO3 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 \*\*\***

**Oznam Hall Nursing Home - seeks a p/t Activity Leader**  
Mon - Fri. Call Marilyn Gindi at 718-971-2708

**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.

**Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn:**  
**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](http://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: \$106,992.**  
**Amount Received: \$95,676.**  
**Donors: 243**

**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*

**AMERICAN MARTYRS LEISURE CLUB**

**New Members are always welcome! Open all year!**

Come join us on any Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm, in the Sullivan Center for a few fun-filled hours, to socialize, play cards, celebrate holidays & plan occasional excursions. Our facility is air-conditioned & handicap accessible.



***We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays!***

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 6, 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.**



**BLOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**



