



**EASTER COMMUNION CALLS, CONFIRMATION, A SPECIAL MINISTRY,  
DUQUESNE FEST, EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

**EASTER COMMUNION CALLS:** When I was pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carnegie, I would visit my Communion Calls during the Easter Season which extends until Pentecost Sunday, which this year occurs on May 23. I hope to do the same at both North American Martyrs Parish and St. Michael Parish. Visiting our shut-ins at their homes will give me an opportunity to meet them, hear their confession if requested, anoint them and give them Holy Communion. In the near future, I will give my Communion Call lists to each parish secretary to call to set up times to visit when it would be mutually convenient for both the shut-ins and me.

**CONFIRMATION:** This Monday, April 19, **Bishop Lawrence Brandt**, of the Greensburg Diocese, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 35 students from both North American Martyrs Parish and St. Michael Parish. **Please pray** for our Confirmation candidates as they will receive the third and final Sacrament of Initiation. In the words of a Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium 11*, “By the Sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are embodied with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and to defend the faith by word and deed.”

**A SPECIAL MINISTRY:** While all liturgical ministries serve the Lord and His Church, it is a unique privilege to be selected as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist. Since the ordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist is the priest, lay persons who assist the priest in distributing the Holy Eucharist are called “extraordinary” ministers of the Holy Eucharist. While I am very pleased with the service of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at both North American Martyrs Church and St. Michael Church, I would like to train and commission more people to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, keeping in mind not only their assistance to the priest at Mass, but also the willingness of some of these ministers to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins at home, in hospitals and in nursing homes.

To that end, I am requesting anyone 18 years of age or older who is: 1) confirmed, 2) a practicing Catholic (meaning weekly Mass attendance), and 3) who, if married, is validly married in the Catholic Church and who, in no other way would give scandal by his/her way of life, would please call me to volunteer for this valuable ministry to the members of the Body of Christ.

**DUQUESNE FEST:** Duquesne University’s largest open house event, *DuquesneFest*, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 13, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2010 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register with Duquesne’s Office of Admissions at (412) 396-6222 or online at [www.duq.edu/admissions](http://www.duq.edu/admissions).

**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD:** The highest award earned for a Boy Scout is the Eagle Scout Award. Any young man must work diligently and perseveringly to attain this rank. Many scouts never achieve this award which must be earned before the boy turns 18. As an Eagle scout myself, I am proud to announce that two young men from North American Martyrs have attained the rank of Eagle and were presented with their Eagle Scout Awards on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Court of Honor at which both Diane Fleet (our principal) and I attended. These boys are: **Alex Hall**, son of Rick and Jeanne Hall and **Patrick Worms**, son of Patrick and Melissa Worms. We are very proud of these young men and their fine accomplishments. By the way, Alex Hall’s Eagle Service Project was to clean, organize, supply shelving and paint both the North American Martyrs school art room and audio visual room. It was a win-win situation for both Alex and our school! As a parish, we congratulate you both.

*Fr. Joe*

**PARISH SHARE REPORT**

Of the 1,255 families registered here at N.A.M., 278 families, or 22% of our parishioners have responded to the Parish Share Appeal. Those 278 parishioner families have pledged \$49,755 toward our goal of \$54,132 which is set by the Diocese. As you can see, we still have a way to go. If you have not responded to the Parish Share request, please do so as soon as possible.



**MAY CROWNING**

The children of N.A.M. School will celebrate the traditional May Crowning ceremony on Friday, **May 7** after the 9:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**MEETINGS**

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, **April 21** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is held every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Music Room.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE** is held on the first and last Sundays of the month at 10:00 AM in the Music Room.

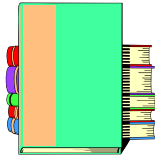
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**



The annual Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, will be held in DeLuca Hall at North American Martyrs Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 18** from 3:00-6:00 PM. The menu will consist of Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Refreshments. The entrance fee is \$5/Adult, \$3/child, 4-12 years old and children three & under are free. Come and enjoy a wonderful Italian atmosphere, visit with friends and take a chance on the 50/50 Raffle. Make all checks payable to N.A.M. Church. Call 412-889-2278 for reservations, further information and to volunteer to help.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET**

Work is in progress on the Golden Anniversary Booklet with memories and photos of 50 wonderful years at North American Martyrs. We really need your help. We are in need of stories, memories, pictures, etc. that you could share with us.



We all have them! Stories about school, church, events, organizations, and the list goes on, over the past 50 years, not just the 60's, but the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's. Please send them my way as soon as possible. If you have pictures, you can drop them off at the rectory or in the collection basket. Just put my name on the envelope, along with yours and a number where you can be reached. I will scan any pictures and get them right back to you unharmed. Thanks so much for your support. Mary Harrill.

**FOOD BANK**

Next Sunday, the last Sunday of the month, is Food Bank Sunday. As you know, your donation of food items helps your neighbors in this community who are in need. Please deposit your non-perishable food contributions in the main vestibule. Thank you for your demonstration of compassion to those less fortunate.

**SPRING CLEANUP**



A spring cleanup of the parish grounds is being planned for Saturday, **April 24**. The severe weather of the past winter has left a lot of debris along the curbs. We will focus on removing that and address other areas of the grounds that may need raking or bushes trimmed. If you are able to help, work will begin at 9:00 AM and lunch will be provided shortly after 12:00 Noon. It would be nice to have our grounds spruced up for the visitors we will have for the following week's First Holy Communion and for the continuing celebrations for our parish's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so any help you can give to this effort will be appreciated. Tools needed to do the work will be rakes, shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows and hedge trimmers. Community service hours will be available for any high school student than can help. If you have any questions, please call John Kearns at 412-372-7130.

**MASS BOOK OPENS**

It has occurred to us that since the Mass schedule has changed, it is more appropriate to open the Mass Book now than to wait until some time in June. Therefore, we will take Mass Intentions for the last half of this year, beginning Tuesday, **April 27**, from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-4:00 PM. The same rules and guidelines as set forth in the Pastor's Pages of October 25 and November 8 of 2009 will apply. Please see those rules and guidelines on Page 5.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The large candle that burns by the tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, honors God and serves as a reminder of His presence. Your monetary gift of \$30 toward the candle will memorialize your intention for a week, and it will be announced in our bulletin so that friends and family may offer their prayers. You may bring or mail your request to the Rectory/Office, or place it in the collection basket any Sunday. Please include the following information (please print) in an envelope marked, "Sanctuary Candle."

In Memory of **or** In Honor of (circle one)


Name \_\_\_\_\_

Week requested (Sun-Sun) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 4/01/10**  
**Pledges Received: \$780,147. (62 % of goal)**  
**Total Responses Received: 614 Paid to Date: \$399,808.**  
**We need your Pledge and participation.**

 **This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of William Jacobi requested by Maureen Jacobi.**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our Confirmation Candidates! May the good Lord continue to bless you as you take the next step in your faith journey. Welcome to Bishop Brandt too.

**OFFICER PHIL** will present a program on "Stranger Danger" to our preschool-fourth grade students on Tuesday, **April 20** at 9:15 AM.

**HOAGIES** order are due Friday, April 23 and will be delivered on Thursday, **April 29** in DeLuca Hall in the afternoon.

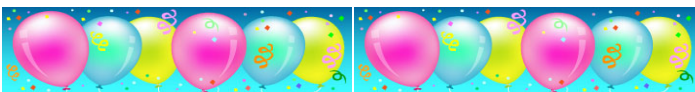
**THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL** at noon on Friday, **April 23**. Teachers will attend a faculty meeting in the afternoon.

**WE WILL HOLD OUR FIRST EVER WALK-A-THON** fund raiser in the morning on Friday, **April 23**. All proceeds will benefit our wonderful PTG. All students, teachers, and staff are strongly encouraged to have sponsors for this event. If you would like to sponsor someone, and have not yet been approached by one of our school members, please call the school at 412-373-0889 and leave a message for me, Mrs. Fleet, and I will return your call. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our terrific school family. God bless you.

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to get your tickets for our Spring Gala. This year it is being held at the Churchill Country Club. As usual, it promises to be a fun-filled evening. Hopefully, we will see you there.

**WE ARE STILL SAVING** Box Tops for Education, Campbell's labels, which are also found on Pepperidge Farm products, elementary-friendly copy paper, even if it is used on one side, Coke rewards, and Tyson points. Thank you for your help with these projects as well.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN** an excellent education for your child? If so, we are presently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. We have openings in our three or four-year old preschool, as well as our full-day kindergarten-sixth grade. Financial aid is available. For a school tour or more information, please call 412-373-0889. Thank you so very much for your support. God bless you always, and happy spring!

**SPRING GALA TO BENEFIT N.A.M. SCHOOL**

"A Night Under the Stars," this year's annual spring Gala, will be held Saturday, **April 24** at Churchill Valley Country Club. Tickets will be \$50 per adult, and will be sold after all Masses **April 17 & 18**. Tickets for a chance to win the "Night Under the Stars" basket will be available after Masses. at \$1 each or 7 for \$5. The winning ticket will be pulled Sunday, **April 18** (winner need not be present).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is held Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass for children in Grades 1-6.

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

*Call 412-349-0942 to register for any session*

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** sessions are held the first Thursday of each month.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** sessions are held twice yearly, in the fall and spring.

**BINGO!**

Come join us for another fun-filled evening of Bingo! Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, **May 15**. This event benefits our N.A.M. School. Tickets to the Bingo Night will be sold after all Masses the weekends of April 17 & 18, 24 & 25, and May 1 & 2 and 8 & 9. Your \$20 ticket includes 6 cards for all 14 regular Bingo games, including the jackpot game. Early Bird, Specials, extra Bingo Cards and Pull-Tab Games will also be available for purchase, as will hot foods, snacks and desserts. This is a very popular event so be sure to get your tickets early.

**FISH FRY BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS:**

*Congratulations! Thank you so very much for your support.*

**School Supplies**, by Mrs. Diane Fleet-Linda Turcovsky

**Ellie's Essentials**, by Lynn Marie-Mary Beth Barken

**Scrapbook Basket**, by the Preece Family-Roe Davis

**Mary Kay Basket**, by the Hayes Family-Liz Travisano

**Steeler Basket**, by the Norman Family-Lynn Phillips

**Money Tree**, by the Holy Name Society-Tony Nicolazzo

**\$25.00 Giant Eagle Certificate**-Emily Ackerman

**\$50.00 Holiday Inn Certificate**-Carol Powell

**50/50 Winner**-Dale Connelly

**ATTENTION**

**BUSINESS PEOPLE, ACCOUNTANTS, LAWYERS  
AND ARCHITECTS**

Did you know you can give from your state taxes to our Catholic school? The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows you to give up to \$300,000 a year to North American Martyrs School. You receive a 90% tax credit if you give for two consecutive years. The money goes to help needy families with tuition assistance. There is state tax credit money available **July 1**. Call Dr. Ron Bowes at 412-456-3090 and mention tax credits. He will provide you with all the information you need. You can also go to [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com) and click on Educational Improvement Tax Credits. Businesses fill out Appendix I SO and fax to 717-772-3581. With your help, students can have "The Great Beginning That Lasts A Lifetime."

**MASS BOOK OPENS**  
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The Code of Canon Law requires pastors to satisfy all Masses within a given year; otherwise they are to be sent to retired priests or to mission priests in need of Mass intentions. Currently we still have a surplus of Mass intentions, meaning that some of these Masses can not be celebrated here. We are continuing to work on making arrangements to have these Masses said elsewhere and will notify you in this bulletin when we do.

Requests for Masses will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are fewer Masses to be celebrated at North American Martyrs Church than celebrated in previous years. Consequently, in order to allow every family an opportunity to celebrate Masses for their loved one, I am limiting the number of Masses to **two Masses per intention per year** (one weekend Mass and one weekday Mass). For example, if the children of Jane Doe want to offer two Masses for their deceased mother and a friend also wants to offer a Mass to be celebrated here for Jane Doe, the friend's intention will not be celebrated **here** since two Mass intentions are already scheduled for Jane. The friend can still offer a Mass for Jane with the understanding that this particular Mass intention will be sent to the missions or to a retired priest (s) so that this Mass intention will be satisfied in a timely manner. In addition, if both Masses for Jane are scheduled within the first six months of 2010, then no further Mass intentions will be accepted for Jane to be celebrated here in the remainder of 2010.

Intentions for Sanctuary Candles will not be taken this day.

*Fr. Joe*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday, April 18 Third Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 AM Eleanor Gaughan-Rygiel Family  
11:00 AM Joseph Pomella-Laura Galia & Family
- Monday, April 19**  
8:00 AM Joanne Lobritz-John & Family  
7:00 PM Confirmation
- Tuesday, April 20**  
7:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Wednesday, April 21**  
8:00 AM White Family-Margaret White
- Thursday, April 22**  
8:00 AM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Friday, April 23**  
8:00 AM Tom Brody-Larry & Candy Diersen
- Saturday, April 24**  
12:00 PM **Confessions/St. Michael**  
4:00 PM M/M Charles Styslinger-Styslinger Family
- Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 AM People of Parish  
11:00 AM George & Mary Jane Bowie-Margaret White

*We reserve the right to make unavoidable changes in the Mass schedule.*

*Articles for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, April 20. You may submit to [namchar@nauticom.net](mailto:namchar@nauticom.net)*

**Parish Stewardship:**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE YOUR ENVELOPES CLOSED.**



If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name read during the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass on Saturday & Sunday, please have them contact Linda Freytag at 412-856-7321 or at [jimlyn2@verizon.net](mailto:jimlyn2@verizon.net) no later than Wednesday evening.

**➤EMERGENCY FOOD, CLOTHING & MORE◀**  
**➤IN MONROEVILLE, TURTLE CREEK & PITCAIRN◀**  
**➤ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CAN HELP◀**  
**➤CALL 412-372-8149◀**

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a Prayer Shawl, please submit their name for consideration to Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or at [meh227@aol.com](mailto:meh227@aol.com).

**WELCOME TO NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH**

**In order that we may serve your needs better, please fill out this form, check any items which may apply to your situation, and drop it in the collection basket, mail or bring to the Rectory/Office. Thank you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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