

THANKS, FISH FRY REPORT, AN INTERESTING STORY



THANKS: Our **Parish Life Committee** has been quite busy lately. Not only did they work hard to cook, serve and cleanup for the Spaghetti Dinner this past Sunday in DeLuca Hall, at which about 250 people attended, but they served cookies, cake and punch for the Confirmation Candidates and their families on Monday evening. Thanks again to the hard working folks who worked “behind the scenes” to provide for opportunities for our parish to celebrate together.

Thanks also to all the Catechetical and Liturgical Ministers who assisted at Confirmation. This includes: the NAM Director of Religious Education, **Donna Lew-Buechel**, the St. Michael Director of Religious Education, **Cristina D’Ascenzo**, the NAM principal, **Diane Fleet**, the eighth grade catechists, **Dale Connelly**, **Shirley Muro** and **Jim Cepec**, **Melissa Swift** and the choir, the altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, ushers, greeters and church decorators. I am very proud of all of you for making our Confirmation Liturgy a beautiful and memorable celebration.

FISH FRY REPORT: We had a total of seven fish fries this year beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with the Friday before Holy Week. Thanks to God and the assistance not only of school parents but through many different parish volunteers, our gross income from the fish fry and our basket raffle (\$409.00) less the weekly startup money (\$2,720.00) totaled \$47,111.75 as our adjusted income. Our operating expenses including the cost of fish, bread, pizza etc. totaled \$23,972.83. Our profit from operations was \$23,138.92 or 47% of the adjusted income. Other expenses included the fryers from St. Michael Church, Waste Management and Verizon for a total of \$2,288.54. Added to the other expenses the **total expenses were \$26,261.37 and the total profit was \$20,850.38 or 44% of the adjusted income.** As with all school fund-raising activities, all proceeds will be used to off-set operating expenses for the school.

AN INTERESTING STORY: I decided to buy a Divine Mercy picture for North American Martyrs Parish since NAM had no Divine Mercy picture and since I wanted to start the yearly novena, which we began on Good Friday and ended on Divine Mercy Sunday. The picture, which is 5 feet by 4 feet, has received many positive comments from parishioners and now hangs on the wall on the far right of the votive candle section by the etched glass windows of the North American Martyrs. As you can imagine, the huge picture cost quite a bit of money.

Shortly after I arrived at NAM and St. Michael on October 1, the Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the City of Pittsburgh, **Chief Robert J. McCaughan**, approached our business manager, **Joe Cepec**, about donating something in memory of his deceased father and mother. Even though **Chief McCaughan** is a practicing member of St. Raphael, Morningside and the facilitator of their Pastoral Council, he grew up here in Monroeville.

As it turns out, at the time of the groundbreaking for the new church, Thanksgiving Day, 1961 (one year after the parish was founded) **Bishop Wright**, who was flanked by **Fr. McMahan** and **Fr. Biedenbach**, asked for assistance from a 6-year-old boy in the crowd to help him dig the shovel into the ground. That boy was little **Bobby McCaughan**. We even have a picture of Bobby assisting the Bishop that will be in the Parish Anniversary History Book. To make a long story short, **Chief Robert McCaughan** and his wife, **Kathy** and their son, **Rob**, were present at our Divine Mercy Closing on Divine Mercy Sunday. Robert and Rob carried the picture over to its current place on the wall for private devotion. The Chief and his family thanked me for inviting them to the Divine Mercy closing and made a substantial donation of money toward the cost of the Divine Mercy picture in memory of his parents, **John and Wilma**. Soon an engraved nameplate will be made and mounted, memorializing the generous donation of the **McCaughan family** to our parish.

Fr. Joe

ST. PAUL’S CATHOLIC MISSION

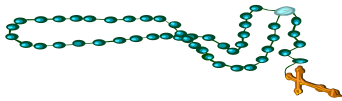
A special collection for the support of St. Paul’s Mission will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **May 1-2**. Your generosity in the past has assisted in so many ways the various ministries to the poor in that diocese. We are sure you will be as generous as always when using the specially-marked envelope found in your packet. The people of St. Paul are grateful for your past support, and we invite you to stop by after Mass to see the display set up in the main vestibule.



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.

THE MONTH OF MARY

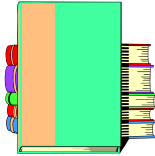


One of the most beautiful devotional traditions in the church is that of observing the month of May as the

Month of Mary. The Rosary is still a very popular prayer and we urge you to say the Rosary as often as you can. It is recited in our church after every 8:00 AM Mass.

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.



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. If you have not responded to the Parish Share request, please do so as soon as possible. Keep in mind that any amount below the goal will have to be made up with funds from the general collections and any amount collected above our goal will stay right here in the parish to help with various programs and maintenance projects.

RED ROSE COLLECTION

On Mother's Day, help us celebrate motherhood and the precious miracle of every baby's birth by donating to Birthright. This non-profit organization provides love and compassionate support to women facing difficult decisions regarding the lives of their unborn babies. Birthright will accept donations after every Mass this weekend. Please give as generously as possible to help continue their mission of protecting the sanctity of life.

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 the bulletins of October 25 and November 8 of 2009 will apply. Please see those rules and guidelines on Page 5 of this bulletin.

MEETINGS

THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP WILL ATTEND the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, **May 5**. At 9:00 AM the group will meet at Denny's for breakfast and a meeting. Please come with ideas, projects, trips & activities. Please call 412-372-3181 with questions or suggestions.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **May 5** 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.



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-Sat) _____

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 Filar & Kukurin Families requested by Bernie & Eileen Filar.**

SCHOOL NEWS

WE WELCOME Officer Fred on Monday, **April 26**. He will address our fifth & sixth graders at 9:00 AM.

THERE IS A RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION MEETING Monday evening, **April 26** at 6:30 PM in the Faculty Room. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE KEEP our third-sixth graders, their teachers and our chaperones in your prayers on Tuesday, **April 27**. They will be attending a special screening of the Disney production, "Oceans" and then going out to lunch.

OUR FOURTH GRADERS and Mrs. Pinsker will help to plan our 9:00 AM liturgy on Friday, **April 30**. All are invited to celebrate the mass with us.

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS will participate in a First Communion day of retreat on Friday, **April 30**. The retreat will be held from 8:45 AM-2:45 PM. If you have any questions about this event, please contact our CCD director, Mrs. Donna Lew-Buechel. All second grade students will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, **May 1** at 12:30 PM. Please plan on celebrating this special day with our young people.

LOOKING AHEAD-did you know that Sunday, **May 2** is Pastor Appreciation Day? Just thought you would want to be informed.

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!

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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held Sundays during the 11:00 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS
2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS!**

- Joseph (Anthony) Beiter
- Jake (Adjutor) Beley
- Jake (John) Brennan
- Alyssa (Michaela) Creighton
- Maria (Mary) Lee
- Nickolas (Emmanuel) DiNatale
- Stephen (William) Gross
- Robert (Leonard) Guiliiani
- Marie (Anastasia) Horomanski
- Katherine (Therese) Humenik
- Vanessa (Mae) Hvizdos
- Abbey (Cecilia) Kimicata
- Ian (Christopher) Kirkpatrick
- Cole (Anthony) Kovac
- Trent (Christopher) Krentz
- Elliot (Theodore) Krisher
- Frank (Blaise) LaCava
- Matthew (James) Limbacher
- Jessica (Lucy) List
- Collin (Valentine) McSheehy
- Sabrina (Ann) Nguyen
- Sean (Timothy) O'Donnell
- Melinda (Angela) Olive
- Valerie (Lea) Pascoe
- Natalie (Anastasia) Petro
- Jared (Michael) Ranallo
- Dylan (Sebastian) Roney
- Gino (Giovanni) Scarcelli
- Emily (Cecilia) Stevens
- John (Blaise) Washington
- Mark (Thomas) Wiesemann
- Gina (Felicity) Zaccagnini

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 on this day.

Fr. Joe

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM People of Parish
- 11:00 AM George & Mary Jane Bowie-Margaret White

Monday, April 26

- 8:00 AM John S. Evans-Karen Pavlak

Tuesday, April 27

- 7:00 PM Mass/St. Michael

Wednesday, April 28

- 8:00 AM William M. Jacobi-Family

Thursday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

- 8:00 AM Mass/St. Michael

Friday, April 30

- 9:00 AM Helen & Frank Lyskava-Barbara & Frank Lyskava

Saturday, May 1

- 11:00 AM Confessions/Here
- 12:30 PM First Holy Communion
- 4:00 PM Patty Posa-Mom & Dad

Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 AM Rege Cunningham-Ladies of Charity
- 11:00 AM Intentions of Tom & Eileen Hanlon-Hanlon Electric Employees

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

Articles for the May 9th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, April 27. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$7,043.
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 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.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving out of Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> School information |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entering Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Shut in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Women's Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Parish Health Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in St. Vincent dePaul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Holy Name Soc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Ladies of Charity |
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