



**HAPPY EASTER! NEW MASS SCHEDULE APPROVED, RETURN OF THE BELLS,  
THANKS MARY HARRILL, NFP PROMOTER WORKSHOP**

**HAPPY EASTER!** In the secular world, Easter Sunday is known merely for Easter egg hunts, the Easter bunny, chocolate eggs and Easter cards. For us Christians, it signifies the most important day of the Liturgical Year. *Christ is risen!* As St. Paul said, “And is Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith.” (I Cor. 15:14) Our entire faith hinges on the Resurrection. Because of the Resurrection, the Apostles went from cowards to heroes. **Everything** changed. **St. Augustine** may have said it best, “If we aren’t Easter people, we aren’t a people at all.”

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE APPROVED:** It’s official, the bishop has approved my request for the new Mass schedule effective **April 10, 2010** (the Sunday after Easter). The new Mass schedule will be Saturday 4:00 pm Mass (NAM), Sunday 8:00 AM Mass (NAM), Sunday 9:30 AM Mass (St. Michael) and Sunday 11:00 AM Mass (NAM). This will mean the elimination of the 4:00 Mass at St. Michael and the shifting of times of the Sunday morning Masses by 30 minutes at both Masses at NAM and at the Sunday morning Mass at St. Michael. I ask for your patience, understanding and support as we implement the new Mass schedule. Try to remain open and realize that we all have to make sacrifices for the purpose of the common good.

**RETURN OF THE BELLS:** The church bell system (carillon) that was in place when I arrived did not work. I authorized the payment of a new amplifier system as recommended by the Finance Council and Capital Campaign Committee. Now, **Mr. Tom Hanlon** recommends the purchase of four new speakers since, according to the analysis of Hanlon Electric, the existing speakers are inoperable. I am authorizing the purchase of the new speakers that will be mounted in the Roof Access Room above DeLuca Hall. As with the purchase of the carillon, this money will come from the Capital Campaign Budget. Once the speakers are wired the carillon should work and you’ll be hearing the bells again soon, if not by Easter then shortly after. We will “ring in” the new Mass schedule.

**THANKS MARY HARRILL:** Shortly after the 911 attack of the World Trade Center in New York by terrorists, **Mary Harrill** decided to do something more for our church. She began the Publicity Committee (with her husband Bob) for North American Martyrs Parish. Reflecting her background in advertising she did much to promote and evangelize North American Martyrs Parish through her weekly newsletter that reported on events in the church and school. Because of recurring chronic health issues, Mary has resigned from her position effective immediately.

In my six months as pastor here, I have found Mary to be one of the most hard-working, dedicated, passionate, friendly volunteers of the parish. Mary has donated countless hours to the parish and I see her as “irreplaceable”. **Laura Nicolazzo** has offered to be the publicity person for the School Bingo but we still need someone else for publicity for the other school events and to publicize parish events. Mary has given me a job description. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we thank Mary for everything she has done for the parish and continues to do. She will retain her role with the Sticking Angels, Senior Enrichment and History Book Chairperson for the NAM Golden Anniversary later this Spring.

**NFP PROMOTER WORKSHOP:** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking individuals and couples willing to serve in the ministry of Natural Family Planning Promotion. A NFP Promoter is a spokesperson for the Church on the true meaning of love and sexuality. Promoters will be trained in both the scientific basis of Natural Family Planning and the theological aspect of human sexuality in order to share the beauty of these truths with others. No experience is necessary—all training will be provided in this one-day workshop. There is no charge for the workshop. It will be on April 17, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Gilmary Center. Contact the Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation at 412-456-3160 or e-mail them at [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org).

Fr. Joe

**THE STAFF AND I WISH YOU A BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER.  
ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!**



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your support of last week’s collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone’s budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

*We wish to thank all those who contributed to the Easter flower fund:*



**Special Intention** ~ M/M James Sandala, Tom & Eileen Hanlon, Margaret Jenko, Olson Family; **In thanksgiving** ~ Betty & John Philip; **For family** ~ Chris & Joe Michalak; **In memory of** ~ John & Mary Kohout & Gertrude Washa-Dennis & Carol Washa, Ackerman, Saltzer & Skalicky Families-Jim & Emily Ackerman, Mae, Aunt Anne, Charlotte, Alice & Uncle Dick-The Kendi's, Nicolodi, Hodges & Kasmarsik Families-Mitzi, Regis Hanlon-Lillie I. Crouch, Sandor & Wraalstad families-M/M J. Sandor, Gilbert Thomas Brody Jr.-The Brody family, Vince Giuliana-wife Mary, Quinto & Josephine DeMunari-Ernie DeMunari, M/M Joseph Posge, M/M John Pisarek, Sr., Mrs. Rita May Rushe, Mrs. Barbara Paliscak & Helene Posge-M/M John Pisarek, Pietro & Dorotea Sciuлло, Alberto & Ambrosina Colecchia & Giovanni Sciuлло-Maria & Frank Colecchia, Theresa Matvey-Matvy Family, Robert Clawson-Kathleen Clawson & family, Regis Hanlon-Shirley & Family, Living & Deceased family members-Linda Ciccarelli, John Stecz-Connie Stecz, Patsy & Shirley Valerino-Valerino Family, Robert Wratcher & Ann & Ray Mack-Dorothy Wratcher, Pat Massie, Mary Brandstetter & Lorenz Brandstetter-Larry & Patty, Frank Kajder-wife Amelia Kajder, Ann Keevan & Laura Welch-Jackie & Bill, Mary Daggett & family, Ray Vermillion, Naomi Vermillion & family, & Harry & Helen Fouts-Eileen Vermillion, Nicholas R. DeCesare, Helen & Michael Kolbas & I. Mary & Nicholas DeCesare-DeCesare Family, Frank Pisera family & LeDonne family-Angie & Chris, Evelyn J. Cost & Sylvin S. Sigg-Kathleen Sigg, Luciano & Jennie Fioravanti & Karl E. Kukurin-Marie Kukurin, Wallace, Albina & Carol Ann Zablocki-Daughter, and Dan Beemiller-Mary Jane Beemiller, Terry & Julianne.

**SPRING LUNCHEON; NEW LOCATION**



Please come join us for North American Martyrs Women's Guild Spring Luncheon, which will be held at the new Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Radisson) in Monroeville, Saturday, April 10 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. The tasty selections for our luncheon menu are **Chicken Asiago and Three-Cheese Ravioli with Creamy Marinara Sauce**. The cost of this year's luncheon will be **\$25/person**, which will include your delicious lunch and a beautiful Fashion Show hosted by Christopher Banks. You will have the opportunity to win wonderful baskets in our Basket Raffle, or take a chance on the 50/50 Raffle, and, of course, our yearly Cash Raffle. Invite your friends and family to join us for a delightful afternoon of food, fashion and fun. For more information or to make your reservation please contact Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148. Reservations will be taken after Masses **March 27, & 28**, in the main vestibule. The reservation deadline is Monday, **April 5**.



**CASH RAFFLE**

This raffle is sponsored by the N.A.M. Women's Guild and offers the opportunity to win \$700, \$500 or \$300. The raffle drawing will be held at the annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, **April 10**. To ensure success, we ask that each family sell at least one book of six tickets. The cost of each ticket is \$2, or \$10 for a book of six tickets. The money earned is contributed to our School, CCD program, Girl Scouts and the temporal development of our parish. If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please call Mary Jane Beemiller at 412-372-2445. Please place the envelope in the collection basket, mail or bring it to the Rectory/Office by Sunday, **April 4**.



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 3/01/10**

**Pledges Received: \$766,272 (61 % of goal)**  
**Total Responses Received: 601 Paid to Date: \$394,195.**  
**We need your Pledge and participation.**



**This week's Sanctuary Candle burns for**  
**The Owen Family & Rau Children**  
**requested by Jim & Dee Adams.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The large candle that burns by the tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, honors God and serves as a reminder of His presence. Due to the decreased number of Masses available, we have begun a program of accepting a weekly offering for the Sanctuary Lamp. If you would like to offer a monetary gift of \$30, your intention will be memorialized for the entire week and 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Week requested (Sun-Sat) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**MEETINGS**

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

**THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP** will attend 8:00 AM Mass together on Wednesday, **April 7**. We will then meet for breakfast at Denny's at 9:00 AM.

**LADIES OF CHARITY** will meet at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, **April 13** at 9:30 AM in DeLuca hall.

**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 9:30 AM in the Music Room.

**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 10 & 11 and 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 on Sunday, **April 18** (winner need not be present).

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**HAPPY EASTER** to one and all!

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON** Monday, **April 5**, as we will be making up one of our snow days. Band classes will also be held on this day.

**OUR NEXT HOAGIE SALE** begins Thursday, **April 8**. Delivery of these delicious sandwiches will be on Thursday, **April 22**. They are six dollars each and come in Italian, turkey, or roast beef. Please contact any of our school families to place an order, or call 412-373-0889. Thank you so much.

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN** us for Mass on Friday, **April 9** at 9:00 AM Ms. Kearns and our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be planning our liturgy.

**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.

**WE ARE ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS** for the 2010-2011 school year. We currently have openings in our three or four-year old preschool, as well as our full day K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades. Financial aid is available. For a school tour or more information, call 412-373-0889. Thank you so very much for your support.

**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.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**HIGH SCHOOL: CYM CO-ED SOFTBALL** will start in April. There will be a mandatory pre-season meeting Monday, **April 12** at 7:30 PM in the Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette Parish. The team is open to students **Grades 8-12**.

**OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL APPALACHIA TRIP** this year will be to Oakland, Maryland with Habitat for Humanity the week of **June 27-July 2**. During the day we will do home construction. In the evenings there will be fun group building activities, and prayer will be central to the week. The cost for this year's trip is \$185/student which will cover most activities, meals, lodging and the Habitat fee. This trip will be open to all students who have finished the 9-12 grades by this summer. There is limited room on this year's trip. Sign up early if you would like to go! There will be an informational meeting at the St. Bernadette Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall on Monday, **April 12** at 8:15 PM. We will give out all necessary forms and provide orientation and requirements for the trip. Hope to see you there!

**THE NEXT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING** will be held Tuesday, **April 13** in the Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette Parish. The topic is "Blessed Are the Clean of Heart." There will be fun and games as well as an opportunity to grow in faith. All 7-8th graders are welcome to attend!

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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."

**2010 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

The annual Parish Share Program Campaign began Sunday, **February 14**. It is our hope that we can again exceed the goal set by the diocese for this year of \$54,132. You should have received a letter asking that each family consider a gift of \$125.00, which you can elect to pay in one lump sum or spread out in payments of \$12.50/month for ten months. All contributions we receive in excess of the goal will be used to maintain the facility and grounds as well as to promote various parish and ministry projects. Thank you for your generosity in the past and your commitment to pledge again this year. Any gift, larger or smaller, will be appreciated.

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.

**GOLF OUTING**

As the seasons have changed from winter to a sunny spring, it's time to dust off the old golf clubs and prepare for N.A.M.'s annual golf outing. By popular choice we will return to Murrysville Golf Course, where N.A.M. has held most of their outings. To all existing committee members and those wishing to join us in planning this event, we will meet in the School Library at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, **April 13**. We really need new members this year to make our event a success.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN:** Don't miss the fifth annual Diocesan-wide Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, **April 10** at A. J. Palumbo Center. It's a day of prayer, fellowship, worship and inspiration. For more information: contact Dale Connelly at 412-607-4011 for discounted admission tickets or visit the-Catholic Men's Fellowship website at [www.cmfitt.org](http://www.cmfitt.org).

➤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).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday, April 4 Easter**  
 8:30 AM Quinto & Josephine DeMunari-Son-Ernie  
 10:30 AM John & Marge Samek-Family
- Monday, April 5**  
 8:00 AM Josephine Pysnik-Amy Williams Family  
 7:00 PM Penance Service
- Tuesday, April 6**  
 7:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Wednesday, April 7**  
 8:00 AM Gerard Pompa-Mary Ann & Carl Stillitano
- Thursday, April 8**  
 8:00 AM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Friday, April 9**  
 9:00 AM Elizabeth M. Smith-Diane & Tom Fleet
- Saturday, April 10**  
 4:00 PM Walter Pavlak-Bob Pavlak
- Sunday, April 11 Second Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 AM Amelia Hess-Styslinger Family  
 11:00 AM People of the Parish

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

*Articles for the April 18<sup>th</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, April 6. You may submit to [namchar@nauticom.net](mailto:namchar@nauticom.net)*

**Parish Stewardship: March 21, \$7,449.**  
 Thank you for your generosity.

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



**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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