

North American Martyrs Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:00 PM
 Sundays8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
 Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 AM Mass

Weekday:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday8:00 AM

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays9:30 AM
 Tuesday & Thursday8:00 AM
 St. Anthony Novena begins 13 Tuesdays before June 13th

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SACRAMENTS (AT BOTH CHURCHES)

Rite of Reconciliation: 12:00-12:45 PM: At Saint Michael Church the second Saturday of the month. All other Saturdays confessions will be at NAM.

Baptisms: By appointment only. Second Sundays during 11:00 Mass and fourth Sundays after 11:00 Mass at NAM. Baptisms at St. Michael Church will be on the third Sunday of the month during the 9:30 Mass. A Pre-Baptism Seminar is required for first-time parents. Call Charlotte to make arrangements.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call Fr. Joe Luisi to make arrangements.



BUSINESS MANAGER CHANGE, THANK YOU

BUSINESS MANAGER CHANGE: After serving our parish for nearly two years, **Joe Cepec**, our Parish Business Manager, will be retiring. His last day is August 31. You may recall that when I was appointed to be pastor of both North American Martyrs Parish and St. Michael Parish, Pitcairn, there was no full-time business manager. **Louise Corpora**, who had faithfully served North American Martyrs Parish as a part-time bookkeeper, had submitted her letter of resignation on my first day here, October 1, 2009. I had met with the Finance Council of both North American Parish and St. Michael Parish in the Fall of 2009 to assess the need of the soon-to-be merged parish (at the time) of 1,600 families with a school and with only one priest. The consensus decision of both Finance Councils was to hire a full-time business manager. **Joe Cepec** has done a fine job in assisting me in the management of the stewardship of the parish and school's finances, personnel, operations and facilities management. He leaves at a time when our parish and school are "in the black" and helped us through a difficult transition from two parishes into one as we approach the first anniversary of our parish on September 4. He also left no doubt in anyone's mind that his position is every bit of a full-time job and not a part-time position.

My selection for his replacement is **Tim Thorsen**, our Pastoral Council Facilitator. At the time of the interview process for several candidates for the Business Manager position in the Fall of 2009, Tim was one of several candidates who had an impressive resume. He graduated from Duquesne University in 1972 and served as a Float Manager for Operations at PNC Bank for 32 years. Tim (and his wife, Carol) have been long-time members of North American Martyrs Parish. Their son and daughter completed their elementary school education at NAM before going on to Central Catholic and Oakland Catholic. Tim has been a long-time Athletic Coordinator of our NAM boys/girls basketball programs and is well-known and appreciated by so many at our parish. Tim has begun to "shadow" Joe this past week as he will next week for a smooth transition of leadership. We bid farewell to Joe for a job "well done" and wish Tim much success in his new position.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the North American Martyrs Womens' Guild/Christian Mothers for their donation of \$4,000 to our parish. . . Thank you to **Kevin & Patty Toohill and their kids, Jack and Katie** for their leadership of this year's Flea Market. At the time of this writing, items are being dropped off at DeLuca Hall and the Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, August 20 has not yet occurred. But from the looks of it, the Flea Market will be another big success. Thanks to **Diane Fleet, Annette Waldron and the host of school volunteers** who also assisted to make this year's Flea Market a big success. Thanks also to **St. Bernadette Parish** for giving us their leftover flea market items to combine with ours. Whatever is leftover from ours, **Fr. Tom Lewandowski** will take with his tractor trailer to the Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission. Thanks also to **Mary Harrill** and the **Stitching Angels** who together made over 200 handmade baby items for Rosalia House and Women in Need. Thanks to those of you who donated over 300 baby items such as: diapers, wipes, clothing, pacifiers, toys, etc. (Everything was delivered on Monday.) Thanks also to **Dr. Carol Roper and her husband, Chris, and boys, Nate and Will** for taking the lead with the backpacks with school supplies for the Light of Life Mission. Thanks to all of you, 60 backpacks were collected and delivered. That's 20 more than last year! Thank you so much!

Fr. Joe



MISSION CO-OP SPEAKER SCHEDULED



This weekend we welcome Fr. John Kallatil V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, who is here to make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions for their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. There is an envelope in your August packet designated as "Mission Co-op" for the second collection at all Masses this weekend. We thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

While there are many outstanding Catholic colleges and universities throughout the country, there is only one national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, The Catholic University of America, www.cua.edu. Known worldwide for its outstanding research and scholarship on behalf of the Church, Catholic University depends on your contribution for its programs and services in support of dioceses nationwide. Please give generously to the second collection next week, **August 27 & 28**. There is a specially marked envelope in your packets for this collection.

PICNIC TIME!

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 4th on the NAM Church grounds. This is the first anniversary of our newly joined Parish. The picnic will begin at 12:30 PM after the 11:00 AM Mass. Parishioners of all ages will enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. See the insert in today's bulletin for details. Call Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 if you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help for an hour or so.

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

Next weekend, **August 27 & 28**, the last weekend of the month, is Food Bank Sunday at both Churches. The food collected at NAM will benefit Crossroads Food Pantry of Monroeville and the food collected at St. Michael will benefit Pitcairn Food Pantry. Please deposit your non-perishable food donations in the main vestibule of either church.



FEED THE HUNGRY

THANK YOU FROM THE STITCHING ANGELS

The Angels would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners for their overwhelming support of our recent Baby Shower. Items were distributed to both Catholic Charities; Rosalia Center and Women In Need, and they were very much appreciated. The Stitching Angels will hold their first meeting this season Monday, **August 29** at 7:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. This will be great opportunity to discuss our plans for the upcoming year. Please bring your current projects. As always new members are welcome. Instruction is available. Call Mary for more information at 412-372-3181 or meh227@aol.com.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, Mary Zegar, who was buried from here this past week.

HELP FOR THE BEREAVED

North American Martyrs/St. Michael Bereavement Support Team announces a series of six weekly meetings beginning in September for those who have lost a loved one. The meetings will be held at North American Martyrs Church. Evening sessions begin Tuesday, **September 13**. Daytime sessions begin Wednesday, **September 14**. The start times are yet to be determined. If you or someone you know might benefit from these discussions, please call Carol at 412-856-8531 or e-mail at jcoles799@comcast.net for the evening sessions. For the daytime meetings, please call Camille at 412-373-0461 or e-mail at cameltooth@AOL.com.

SENIOR ENRICHMENT

The Senior Enrichment group will attend the 8:00 AM Mass at NAM on Wednesday, **September 7**. After Mass and the Recitation of the Rosary, the Seniors will meet for Breakfast at Eat 'n' Park. All are welcome to attend; couples, singles and anyone around 55. Hear all about our upcoming plans and enjoy good food and fellowship. For information call Mary at 412-372-3181.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent collection of backpacks and school supplies for the homeless children at Light of Life Mission in Pittsburgh. Over 60 backpacks full of school supplies were donated. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS

Raise Your Voice—



Join the Choir!

Auditions for the 2011-2012 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office at 412-456-3042 before **August 24**.

This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in memory of the Andrew Toth, requested by Camille.



This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of Tom Cukas, requested by Wife, Jennie. Please feel free to call or stop in to make arrangements for the Sanctuary Candle for your loved one.

SCHOOL NEWS

JUST A REMINDER that the first day of classes for our Kingergarten through sixth grade students is Thursday, **August 25**. Both this day and Friday, **August 26** will be early dismissal days at Noon.

ARE YOU LOOKING for a fabulous education for your child or another school-aged youngster? North American Martyrs School is the answer! We are accepting applications for our three-year-old preschool through sixth grade program. Please call 412-373-0889 to set up a tour or to receive additional information. See you soon!

WE CONTINUE to save and/or need Campbell labels, also found on other products such as Pepperidge Farm, Box Tops for Education, used ink cartridges, elementary-friendly copy paper, even used on one side, new copy paper, art and craft supplies, and office supplies. Thank you for your consideration.

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE STOP IN TO PICK THEM UP BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME DURING THOSE HOURS, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING DONNA LEW AT 724-986-2557.

NAM/ST. MICHAEL CARD FLIGHTS

We are looking for people who like to play cards. You play once a month, at your convenience, September through May. We offer Bridge, 500 and Pinochle, and have openings in all flights; both Ladies and Mixed (men & women). For further information on Bridge, call Marilyn Murray at 412-372-0772 and for Pinochle and 500, call Evie Welsh at 412-372-2123.

OUTDOOR MEN'S RETREAT

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh and The King's Men of Philadelphia are sponsoring a retreat for men called "Into the Wild" at Raccoon Creek State Park from Thursday-Sunday, **September 8-11**. This experiential weekend features fishing, orienteering, outdoor cooking, archery, and faith, presented in a masculine modality. Bishop David Zubik will be coming to the retreat for a Friday evening talk. No experience is necessary and space is limited. "Into the Wild" is excellent for single or married men as well as fathers and sons. More information is available at www.intothewildweekend.com or call Damian Wargo at 215-906-8878 or Jim Zern at 412-818-3226. A 15% discount is being given with the mention of this bulletin announcement. Financial aid is also available based on need.

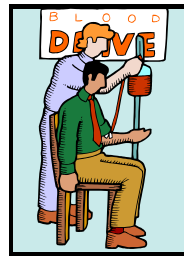
Registrations for CCD for the 2011-2012 school year have been mailed. If you have not received yours, contract the Religious Education Office at 724-986-2557 and leave your name and address. Classes begin Wednesday, September 21.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

LAUREN GATES, 412-445-6570

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!! We will meet tomorrow, Monday **August 22** at North American Martyrs at 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Please note that next week we will be back at St. Bernadette. Join the Youth Group at St. Bernadette's Monday evening mass at 7:00, before Youth Group begins! Biedenbach Hall will not be open until 7:30 PM. For further information, contact Lauren Gates.

"I have been all things unholy. If God can work through me, he can work through anyone." ~Francis of Assisi

BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Thank you to all blood donors who donated blood during July. Your unselfish act helped to save lives of patients in Western PA. So far this year, 153 units of blood have been donated by parishioners from North American Martyrs, St. Bernadette and St. Michael's Churches. As such, this Team of blood donors donated more units of blood than any other Church group in Western PA. Keep up the good work donors. We will have a Virtual Blood Drive all during the month of September. We ask donors to donate at the Central Blood Bank Community Donor Center behind the Miracle Mile SS in Corporate Two Building. This blood drive will be in honor of the people who gave their lives on September 11th, 2001. Please indicate that you are donating for North American Martyrs, St. Bernadette, or St. Michael's Church. Watch for more information about this blood drive. To schedule your blood donation, call 1-866-366-6771. For more information, call Chuck Summerville at 412-372-4332 or contact him by email at csummer-vil@gmail.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Oakland Catholic High School proudly announces that Kalyn Sigg and Brianna Whalen have achieved honor roll status for the fourth quarter of the 2010-2011 school year. We are proud of you also!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wed: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sun: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 21 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Lulu Burkhardt-Jo Meyer
9:30 AM St. Michael, Virgil Galia-Laura Galia
11:00 AM Intention of Petrilli Family-Family
Monday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Catherine Ziegler-Marian & Bill Storch Family
Tuesday, August 23
8:00 AM St. Michael, Dominick M. Tartaglione-Shirley Muro
Wednesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew
8:00 AM Robert Wratcher-Wife & Children
Thursday, August 25
8:00 AM St. Michael, Dorina Clark-Beau Bronder
Friday, August 26
9:00 AM People of the Parish
Saturday, August 27 St. Monica
12:00 PM Confessions/NAM
4:00 PM Jean Kozminski-Fran & Ellen Kajder
Sunday, August 28 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Don Stritmatter-Kimicata Family
9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish
11:00 AM Elsie & Patrick Dolan-Dolan Family

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

Articles for the
September 4th bulletin must be submitted to the
Rectory Office by this Tuesday, August 23.
You may submit to office@namcatholicchurch.org

Mass for the Living and Deceased Members of N.A.M.'s Altar Rosary
Society is said at our twin parish, St. Paul's Catholic Church in Crown-
point, New Mexico, on the first Monday of each month.

PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES OR TAPE
ON YOUR ENVELOPES. THANK YOU!

Table with 2 columns: August 14, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd and Amount. Rows include 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed, 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short), 2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd, 2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed, 2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short), and 2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget.

WELCOME TO NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

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) (____) (____)

- ___ New Parishioner ___ New Address or Phone
___ Moving out of Parish ___ School information
___ Returning to Parish ___ Interest in Catholicism/RCIA
___ Entering Hospital ___ Shut in
___ Returning Catholic ___ Interest in Women's Guild
___ Interest in Parish Health Ministry ___ Interest in St. Vincent dePaul
___ Interest in Holy Name Soc. ___ Interest in Ladies of Charity
___ Interest in Altar Rosary Soc. ___ Interest in Stitching Angels
___ Interest in Jr High Youth Grp ___ Interest in HS Youth Group
___ Interest in Respect Life ___ Interest in Choir
___ Interest in Senior Group ___ Interest in Funeral Choir

ST. MICHAEL CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS
J. Behe #103, B. Stevick #224, C. Waibel #498,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



In need of
prayer

Martha Smeltz, James Bauccio, Joe
Condrasky, Andy DeBone, Theresa Ven-
tresco, Enza Bauccio, Josie Fasano, Sophie
Stahl, Homer Sheridan, Pat Emmick, Victor
Caruso, Richard Colaric, Rachel Edwards,
Jean Perazzelli, Tina Bianchi, Jamison Byrne,
Andrea Rosso, Karen Gallagher, Gert Mo-
cadlo, Dean'Na Pizzuto, Cori Poole, Carmel
Seibert, Jamie O'Grady, Florine Mikolaczyk,
Nancy Yothers, Katie Rizzo and Beverly King.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the inaugural diocesan
"Catholic Women's Conference: A Caring Quilt," which
will take place on Saturday, October 22, at the Marriott
City Center, Pittsburgh. The keynote speaker is Im-
maculee Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide and
renowned speaker on faith and forgiveness. The day in-
cludes five workshops and concludes with Mass with
Bishop Zubik. The registration form is available on the
diocesan website: www.diopitt.org. Registration bro-
chures for the conference are also available by calling
412-456-3129.

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.