

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
December 11, 2011, Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

North American Martyrs is a vibrant parish, built on multi-generational and cultural traditions blended through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Reflecting the unconditional mercy of Jesus Christ, we as a faith community sharing God's love with all people, enthusiastically reach out to embrace everyone, especially the poor, broken, suffering and lost. We draw our strength through prayer, listening to and acting upon God's Word and celebrating the Eucharist, to foster a closer relationship with Christ as humble and faithful members of His Universal Church.



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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.



*ALL-DAY ADORATION, CONFESSIONS, RESPECT LIFE MEETING, THANK YOU,
SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS*

ALL-DAY ADORATION: I invite you to exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at North American Martyrs Church on Monday, December 12 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I will expose the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:00 am Mass and the church will be open all day for adoration up to and including the Holy Hour at 7:00 pm led by Deacon Rick since I will be at a School Advisory Board meeting at 6:30 pm followed by helping to hear confessions at St. Bernadette Church at 7:30 pm.

CONFESSIONS: The Advent Confession schedule is as follows: Confessions for Teens @ Retreat in Ligonier on Saturday evening, Dec. 10 with Fr. Luisi & Fr. Gargotta, Monday, Dec. 12 (7:30 pm) @ St. Bernadette with Fr. Luisi and several priests, CCD confessions, Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ NAM (7:00 pm) with Fr. Luisi & 4 priests, Saturday, Dec. 17 (Noon-1:00 pm) at NAM with Fr. Luisi, Confessions @ St. John the Baptist, Plum, on Monday, Dec. 19 @ 7:00 pm with Fr. Luisi and several priests, Confessions at NAM on Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 7:00 pm with Fr. Luisi and four priests. **There will be no confessions here on Christmas Eve.**

RESPECT LIFE MEETING: The Infant Jesus Respect Life Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm at St. Bernadette Church. Anyone who wishes to further the cause of the sanctity of human life is invited to come and participate at the meeting. (Note that this group used to be called the Eastern Suburbs Respect Life Group and includes all the parishes in the Eastern Suburbs of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.)

THANK YO: Thanks to **Doris Williams** for making a donation of \$500.00 to the memorial plaque at St. Michael Church in memory of her daughter, Mary Jane (Williams) Myers . . . thanks to the **anonymous donor** who has donated \$700.00 for the new table and chairs in the vestibule of North American Martyrs Church . . . thanks to **Kathy DeNinno** for volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister at Forbes Regional Hospital . . . thanks to the **Too-hill family** for pulling weeds and planting shrubs and flowers in the lane between North American Martyrs Church and DeLuca Hall and in front of the church . . . thanks to **Sean Whalen** for pulling weeds next to the school building.

SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS: Duquesne University is offering 50 percent tuition and fee scholarships as part of the University's commitment to all new freshmen entering the Leading Teacher preparation program in the Fall, 2012 school year. For more information about this scholarship opportunity, contact the Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222 or visit www.duq.edu/lead. New students can also save up to 25 percent on select graduate program tuition and fees. Visit www.duq.edu/graduate for a list of available programs and eligibility requirements.

Fr. Joe



TWO COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas Offering



As you prepare your Christmas lists, please remember that there will be two collections taken up at all Masses on Christmas. One is for the Church and the second is for the Support of Children and Youth. During this season of gift-giving, we ask that you remember your Church kindly and be generous to the children and youth.

ON-LINE GIVING

We are beginning to receive a greater number of parishioners signing up for Online Giving! Thank you for the response. If you still have not signed up for Online Giving, we urge you to consider this option. Please remember that you are still welcome to receive regular envelopes if you wish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.namcatholicchurch.org. **REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU SIGN UP.**

MEETINGS

THE LADIES OF CHARITY will meet at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, **December 13** in DeLuca Hall. Please remember to bring your dues and donations for Angel's Place and the Food Bank.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **December 14** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet in the church at 9:00 AM on Saturday, **December 17** to place the Christmas trees on the altar, and decorating the church will take place on Wednesday, **December 21** at 9:00 AM.

**2012 CALENDARS**

Each year at this time we are provided with a beautiful calendar for the new year. We thank Gene Corl Funeral Chapel and Jobe Funeral Home for providing them. The calendars can be found at all the entrances to the church. Please take one home to enjoy all year.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Boy Scout Troop 184 has joined forces with the Marine Corp Reserve to collect new toys for needy kids in our community. Unwrapped new toys can be deposited in the collection box at the entrance to the church until Sunday **December 18**. While toys are needed for all age children, there is a special need for toys for children ages 10-13. If you have questions or concerns call Boy Scout Troop 184 at 412.856.4735.

**FREE CD OFFERED**

The men of the Holy Name Society of our parish are offering a Christmas gift to parishioners, "The 7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality," by Matthew Kelly. You can find us in the vestibule of each Church after Christmas Masses. We would like to request of those who are interested to listen to the CD then pass it on to someone that needs welcomed back to Mass. It is in the spirit of gratitude for all that God has blessed us with that we want to share more about our great Catholic faith. Merry Christmas!



This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of the Deceased Members of the Maccarelli Family, requested by Vic & Carmie.

Please feel free to call or stop in to make arrangements for the Sanctuary Candle for your loved one.

ADORATION

**MONDAY, December 12, 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
BENEDICTION & REPOSITION-7:00-8:00 PM**

In addition to the organizations' member visitation schedule, parishioners are encouraged to come to spend time with Our Lord.

The schedule is as follows:

8:30-9:30 AM, Altar Rosary Society;
9:30-10:30 AM, Stitching Angels;
10:30-11:30 AM, Ladies of Charity;
11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Catholic Daughters of America;
12:30-1:30 PM, Holy Name Society;
1:30-2:30 PM, School;
2:30-3:30 PM, Women's Guild,
3:30-4:30 PM, Infant Jesus Respect Life Group;
4:30-5:30 PM, Lectors;
5:30-6:30 PM, CCD; and
6:30-8:00 PM, Youth Group.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

For many years the NAM Altar Rosary Society has offered you the opportunity to donate toward the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or other intention. This year we hope we have made it easier for you with the addition of an envelope for this purpose in your November envelope packets, eliminating the need for you to fill out your own envelope. You may still offer your contribution for your intention/s in the blanks provided on the reverse side. Please drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office by **today, Sunday, December 11**. The intentions will continue to be published in the bulletin if you get your envelope in by the deadline date.

SANTA BREAKFAST

The North American Martyrs Parish Santa Breakfast will be on Saturday, **December 17** at 9:00 AM in DeLuca Hall. The price is \$5/person and children under 2 are free. The day will be filled with a good breakfast, fun activity, and of course visiting with Santa. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, **December 13**. See more information in the flyer in last week's bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns, call Mary Ellen Samek at (412) 889-2278.



The harp concert has been changed to begin at 6:00 PM today, December 11 in the church.

SCHOOL NEWS

YOU ARE WELCOME to attend a musical program today, Sunday, **December 11**, at 6:00 PM in the church. Ms. Lucy Scandrett, a harpist, and fellow musicians, will delight you with their musical talents. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

SARRIS CHRISTMAS CANDY PICK-UP will continue through Friday, **December 16**. Candy orders may be picked up during regular school hours at the school office. Thank you for your support of this school fundraiser.

THERE IS A SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING scheduled for Monday, **December 12** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

THE PTG is planning a fund raiser at Max and Erma's Restaurant on Thursday, **December 15**. All proceeds from lunch, dinner, or take-out orders will benefit our school PTG. Why not take a night off from cooking and enjoy this time with your loved ones?

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, **December 16**. Mrs. Seech and our fifth graders are helping to plan this liturgy.

HAVE YOU MARKED your calendars yet for our Advent musical program? All children in grades kindergarten-sixth grades will participate in the program which will be held on Tuesday, **December 20**. There will be choral and instrumental presentations. The students are asked to dress up in red, white, gold, and/or green. Dress shoes should be worn by everyone. The dress rehearsal is scheduled for 1:30 PM in the afternoon and the evening performance is set for 6:30 PM. Both programs will be held in the church.

**LOTTERY CALENDARS**

NAM School is selling lottery calendars based on the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery, the 3-digit number drawn each evening at 7:00 PM beginning in January, 2012. Each calendar is sold for \$30 and gives you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$30 to \$1,000. Calendars will be sold after all Masses this month. If you have any questions call Kristen Watson at 412-427-2759 or kristen.watson@gmail.com. We appreciate your continued support with our fundraising efforts.

**REST IN PEACE**

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

Oplatki is available in the main vestibule of the church for a donation of \$3.00/package.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

LAUREN GATES, 412-445-6570 OR youthmin@stbrnadet.org

SR HI YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE (for students in grades 9-12): Sunday, **December 11**, NO YOUTH GROUP; FALL RETREAT, Sunday, **December 18**, 6:00 PM, Ice Skating at PPG Place.

JR HI YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE (for students in grades 7-8): Tuesday, **December 20**, 7:30 PM in DeLuca Hall at NAM.

ALL JR HI AND SR HI teens are welcome to join us for Ice Skating at PPG Place, Sunday **December 18** at 6:00 PM. Additional details forthcoming!

DATE CHANGE: Our January Theology on Tap is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 11** at 7:00 PM at the Rivertowne Pour House. Our speaker will be Fr. Joseph Mele. All ages and faiths are welcome!

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."
~ Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI).

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Children in grades K-6 are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Musical Program. The program will be performed on Christmas Eve at 3:15 PM prior to the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00. Please plan on attending the following rehearsals. Since there are a limited number of rehearsals please make every effort to attend all of the practices. Practices will take place in the church.

Sunday, **December 11**, 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday, **December 18**, 12:30-2:30 PM,
(DRESS REHEARSAL)

HELP NEEDED

The Persons with Disabilities Committee at NAM and St. Michael is looking for a volunteer to work as a transportation liaison for people needing help to attend church. This person would have the responsibility of communicating with the individuals and Access. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alison at 412-856-7894.

**NEW ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CD'S NOW AVAILABLE**

New Advent/Christmas CD's have arrived from Light-house Catholic Media. There are eight new titles, including two CD's of Christmas music. Please stop by the display in the back of the church. Available for a \$5 donation, or 5 CD's for \$20, they make wonderful gifts. Share the gift of faith this Christmas.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Mon: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38
 Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thu: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
 Fri: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
 Sat: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27;
 Lk 1:26-38

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

NAM: #080 F. Laubham, #168 J. Sandala.
St. Michael: D. Podrebarac #771, K. Merenick #080,
 A. Amantea #530.



The Infant Jesus Respect Life Group will hold its next meeting Wednesday, **December 14**, at St. Bernadette at 7:00 PM in Biedenbach Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Chris Chapman from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, speaking on the role of the Sacrament of Confirmation in doing pro-life ministry. A business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Please contact Lisa Koslosky for more information at 412-798-1342 or lkoslosky@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Martha Smeltz, James Bauccio, Joe Condrasky, Andy DeBone, Theresa Ventresco, Enza Bauccio, Josie Fasano, Sophie Stahl, Homer Sheridan, Pat Emmick, Victor Caruso, Richard Colaric, Rachel Edwards, Jean Perazzelli, Jamison Byrne, Andrea Rosso, Karen Gallagher, Gert Mocadlo, Cori Poole, Carmel Seibert, Jamie O'Grady, Florine Mikolaczyk, Nancy Yothers, Katie Rizzo, Beverly King, Charles Dial, Violet Palatas, Eileen Summers, Eileen McKenna, Barbara Busch, Jim Ackerman & Mary Fitzmaurice.

If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name published in the bulletin, please have them contact Linda Freytag at 412-856-7321 or at jimlyn2@verizon.net no later than Tuesday 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM People of Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Jean Mimnaugh-Mary Jane Korber
 11:00 AM Sr. Corona & Sr. Norbertine-Toohill Family

Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Cathy Becker-NAM Eucharistic Ministers
 8:30 AM Exposition & Adoration
 7:00 PM Benediction & Reposition

Tuesday, December 13 St. Lucy

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Ann Zarnic-Anna Merlino

Wednesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM James E. McKenna-NAM Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society
 1:00 PM **Broadview Manor**, Intention of Dee & Betty Calderelli-Barley Family

Thursday, December 15

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Morgan Toth-Parents

Friday, December 16

9:00 AM Ann Yannes-Mitzi

Saturday, December 17

12:00 PM **Confessions/NAM**
 4:00 PM Rosalyn Cook-NAM Ladies of Charity

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Cathy Becker-Members of NAM Altar Rosary Society
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of Parish
 11:00 AM Robert Kaczynski-Anna Merlino

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

Articles for the December 25th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, December 13. 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 Crownpoint, New Mexico, on the first Monday of each month.

PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES OR TAPE

2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd December 4, 2011	\$ 13,644
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed	\$ 9,970
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Ovr/(Shrt)	\$ 3,854
2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd	\$ 209,811
2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed	\$ 225,170
2011/12 YTD Offertory Ovr/(Shrt)	\$ (15,360)
2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget	\$ 509,080

WELCOME TO NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH

In order that we may serve your needs better, please fill out this form, check any interests 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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