

2010 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

The annual Parish Share Program Campaign begins this week, Sunday, **February 14**. The Parish Share Program offers each of us an opportunity to make a commitment to responsible Christian stewardship. Parish Share plays a critical role in meeting the needs of the Church throughout our six-county region. It assures that the ministries and services that no parish could provide on its own will continue to reach out to everyone in this diocese-including our Catholic education system, the formation of our priests, the work of our hospital and prison chaplains, Catholic Charities, and marriage preparation programs. We ask that you help advance God's Kingdom by sharing your material blessings through the Parish Share Program. The Parish Share Program benefits not only the critical programs of the diocese but our own parish in a direct way. Any amount of money that a parish collects over the parish's annual goal remains in the parish for its ministry programs. Last year, we slightly exceeded our PSP goal, and as a result, we were able to use the excess funds to address other issues in our parish. It is our hope that we can again exceed the goal set by the diocese for this year of \$54,132.00. You should have received or will receive soon, 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.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER HOME DELIVERY



The **February 12** issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic will be mailed to every registered household in the diocese. No bulk copies will be available at parishes

SCRIPTURE STUDY

St. Michael Monday night Scripture Study will begin in late February with the Study of the "*Gospel of Matthew*". If you would like to join the study group, please call the rectory to re-register or register by Monday, **February 15** so we know how many books to order. The cost of the study books are \$13.50.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

As we approach our 50th Anniversary we would like to give the opportunity to all of you to share your memories and pictures over these past 50 years. We welcome stories from 50 years ago as well as 5 months ago; although we would definitely like to hear from the 'founding fathers'. We hope some of you have pictures from the old church. Please jot down these special moments and please share! Don't forget to give us your name and phone number so we can call if we have questions. Place them in an envelope and drop them off at the Rectory/Office addressed to Mary Harrill by Monday, **March 1**. Please don't wait 'til the last minute. Help us to make this anniversary special!

FROM NEIGHBORING PARISHES



OUR LADY OF JOY CCD & Youth Ministry students will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the poor of Chimbote, Peru on Sunday, **March 14** at 3:00-7:00 PM. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage for \$7/adult and \$3/child. A 50/50 raffle, several auction baskets, strolling violin music and entertainment for children will be offered. For additional information, please call 412-795-3388

ST. MICHAEL will be hold a Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **March 28** at 3:00-6:00 PM. The dinner will include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage for \$6/adult and \$3/child age 10 and under. Take out orders will be available. Call the Rectory at 412-373-2610 for further information.



TODAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY!

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

If you have asked to become a member of North American Martyrs Church but have not received your pre-printed envelope sets, please check to be sure you have returned the completed registration form. Once we have the form, we can enter your name and address on our membership roster and it will be included when the information is transmitted to the envelope company. You will begin to receive your envelope packets only after this has been done. If, however, this step has been completed and you are still not receiving your envelopes, please contact the Rectory/Office so that we may check into the situation further.





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Brothers and Sisters of Pastoral Vicariate Region 2
In Parishes with Ministerial Responsibility for Forbes Regional Hospital

In cooperation with the priests of parishes that serve Forbes Regional Hospital, we would like you to be aware of arrangements made to provide Sacramental Ministry to the patients of Forbes Regional Hospital.

Ministerial life in our parishes has certainly changed over the years. Almost every parish has expanded responsibility to cover long range nursing facilities, assisted living, or long term housing for the elderly and infirm, and in some places, hospice care. These are responsibilities your Pastors and Parochial Vicars have taken on above and beyond the normal activities of a parish community. In those years they have also had the helpful assistance of more and more of your own brothers and sisters to carry on parish and community ministry such as taking Holy Communion to shut-ins and nursing facilities and hospitals. These gifts are shared ministry with the laity are certainly a blessing to the priests who are fewer and fewer in number and aging as is the general population.

Many of our parishes already encourage parishioners who need hospital care to be given the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick before they enter the hospital for various health issues. We all join in encouraging you to continue this practice. The program our priests have developed for Sacramental Ministry at Forbes Regional is meant to assist all of our priests in carrying out essential care of the most critical patients at Forbes, people in the Oncology, Intensive Care and the Cardiac Care Units. Monday through Friday the daily hospital census report will enable the priests to identify newly admitted Catholic patients on these units to be visited by the priest on call for that day for the Sacrament of the Sick and Reconciliation if requested. On Saturday and Sunday priests will be on call for emergencies only. The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will continue their special service of bringing Holy Communion to all Catholic patients.

Of course, you could still notify your own Pastor that a member of your family is hospitalized at Forbes and would appreciate a visit. What you will not have to worry about is the fact that family members in the above critical units will have the comfort of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (previously known as Extreme Unction or Last Rites) through the daily ministry of a team of priests from surrounding parishes.

Please be assured that the priests of this area are working together to faithfully bring the healing power of the Sacraments to our beloved parish communities. Please pray for us and all who assist us in this special work of the Church as we, your priests, promise always to keep you in our prayers.

Very Rev. Frederick L. Cain, VE
Regional Vicar, Vicariate Region 2