



**RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING, MARCH FOR LIFE, HOMEBOUND LIST,  
STITCHING ANGELS, PARISH SHARE/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING:** This weekend we will acknowledge our two candidates who are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults that began in the Fall. These two candidates, **Nancy McCaffrey** and **Cathy Hickling**, will be part of the Rite of Welcoming at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, **January 10**. Please pray for Nancy and Cathy as they continue their faith journey to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on **April 3**, 2010.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Now that the holidays are over, it's time to think about joining us for the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, **January 22**, 2010. We will be leaving by bus at 2:00 AM from the N.A.M. parking lot to go to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. We will then walk to Constitution Avenue to begin the March. This will be followed by visits to our senators or representatives (time permitting) and then to take the subway back to Catholic University which is also the location of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. We plan to be back here no later than midnight.

The cost is \$25.00. Students need permission slips signed by their parents. Being that the March this year is on a Friday with no school on the following day makes it an excellent opportunity for families to travel together to witness for life. Call Donna-Lew at 412-349-0942 to make your reservation ASAP.

**HOMEBOUND LIST:** Currently I have a list of 26 homebound persons from St. Michael, Pitcairn and only 6 homebound persons from North American Martyrs. It is up to you to inform Charlotte, our parish secretary, if you or a loved one is homebound and in need of the sacraments. My goal is to make two visits yearly to all homebound parishioners to accommodate their need for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick. (This does not include residents of Nursing Homes since Fr. Ladis Cizik is the Chaplain assigned to them.)

**STITCHING ANGELS:** Congratulations to the 30 or so ladies who make up the Stitching Angels, who last year donated their time and talent for **15 Projects and 546 Items**. That's amazing! Thanks to **Mary Harrill**, your leader for her initiative and coordination of all the wonderful things that you do for others by your homemade items. Keep up the good work!

**PARISH SHARE/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** We, as N.A.M. parish, are fast approaching the end of the **2009 Parish Share Program**. The goal of reaching our assessment of \$58,324.00 is within reach. For those who have met your pledge obligation, I offer a hearty THANK YOU. If for some reason you have not met your commitment, please take this time early in the year to satisfy your pledge in order for North American Martyrs to meet, or exceed, our goal. Please keep in mind that any amount contributed in excess of our goal of \$58,324.00 comes back to North American Martyrs and will be put toward the best possible parish use.

The **Parish Capital Campaign** was set at \$1,250,000. As of 12/31/09, 540 parishioners have pledged \$764,412; or 61.2% of our goal. The Capital Campaign Committee is happy to report that \$380,104 has been paid to date, or 49.7%, of the pledged amount of \$764,412.

Many improvements have been completed as a result of this campaign. To mention a few, the carpeting in the church was replaced, painting of the vestibule/hall was completed, the DeLuca Hall roof was replaced and the paving/sealing of the parking lot was also completed. In order for additional improvements and repairs to be made, please continue to meet your scheduled Capital Campaign Pledge so our parish can be properly maintained for years to come! Thank you for your dedication to our church and always know my prayers are with you.

*Fr. Joe*

*There will be a pre-baptism class held in the Rectory on Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 PM. If you will have your child baptized in the next few months, please consider registering for this class. Contact Donna Lew Buechel at 412-349-0942.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TWO SCHOOLS**

The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of **January 16-17** at all Masses in each parish. There is a special envelope in your packets; your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.

**TAX STATEMENTS**

If you would like a 2009 tax statement, please let us know by sending a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** to the Rectory/Office or place it in the collection basket. **Please place your parishioner number on the outside of your envelope in the lower left-hand corner.**

**MEETINGS**

**ALTAR ROSARY MEMBERS** are reminded that the take down of Christmas decorations is scheduled for Monday, January 11 at 9:00 AM.

**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** is held each 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.



**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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Plan to join the bus trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, **January 22!** Everyone should be able to attend, even if cost is a concern. If you are unable to attend for this reason, please submit the form anyway. The Holy Name Society of N.A.M. will work with Father Joe by donating the fee or a portion thereof to make it affordable for anyone who has the desire to attend to do so. Your name will be kept confidential and will be known only to Fr. Joe. It is up to you to show up on **January 22** to be counted with those who stand against abortion. Registration forms will be available next weekend.

**BINGO!**

Come join us for another fun-filled evening of Bingo! Bingo Night will be held on **Saturday, January 30**, benefitting N.A.M. School. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of **January 9 & 10, 16 & 17 and 23 & 24**. Your \$20 ticket includes 6 cards for all 14 regular Bingo games, including the jackpot game. Early Birds, 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! Call Laura Nicolazzo at 412-856-8074.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**THERE IS A FUND RAISING MEETING** on Monday, **January 11** at 6:30 PM in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**OUR FAMOUS SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE** begins on Thursday, **January 14**. Italian, turkey, and roast beef are available at only \$6 each. All orders are due by Friday, **January 29**. Hoagies will be available for pick-up on Thursday, **February 4** at 3:00-6:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Please contact any school family to place an order. Thank you for your support.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE** the Mass with us on Friday, **January 15** at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Pinsker and the Fourth Graders will help to plan our liturgy.

**THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL** Friday, **January 15** due to a faculty meeting, and **THERE IS NO SCHOOL** on Monday, **January 18** as it is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

*We proudly announce that Kalyn Sigg and Brianna Whalen have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter at Oakland Catholic High School. Congratulations!*

**MASS INTENTION CANCELLED?**

With the recent changes to the Mass Schedule, you may have found one of your Masses has been cancelled. We are attempting to contact those people who requested these Masses; however, some people are not in our records as members and we may have been unable to locate a phone number from the local and the Pittsburgh directories. If you have found one of your Masses cancelled and you have not been contacted, please call us so we can make arrangements with you to fulfill the intention. Thank you.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 12/15/09**

**Pledges Received: \$762,280 (61 % of goal)**  
**Total Responses Received: 600 Paid to Date: \$364,602.**  
**We need your Pledge and participation.**

***Come and enjoy contemporary music at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 24.***

***STITCHING ANGELS***

The Stitching Angels will not meet on January 26 as planned. Instead, this month's meeting will be held on Saturday, **January 16** at 1:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Please bring two yards of fleece to make angel squares (lap afghans) as well as scissors and a yardstick or ruler. Call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 with any questions or comments.

***HOLY HOUR  
WILL BE HELD AT  
7:00 PM MONDAY, JANUARY 12.***

***RESPECT LIFE***

The Eastern suburbs Respect Life Group, with members comprised of 8 local parishes, will host an important meeting and commemoration on Monday, **January 18** at 7:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Fr. Joe Luisi, Eastern suburbs Respect Life Group chaplain, will provide a presentation for the evening. As the date of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade approaches on January 22, we plan to combine our meeting with reflection and prayers for the countless innocent unborn babies who lost their lives to abortion in the United States since 1973. All parishioners are warmly invited to gather together. Please plan to attend the annual March for Life in Washington. Your presence reminds everyone that life is precious. N.A.M. is providing a bus; look for details in a later parish bulletin. Call 412-373-2076 for information about becoming a member of the Respect Life Group.

***SPAGHETTI DINNER***



The Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will be held on Sunday, **February 21** at 3:30-6:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Mark your calendar for this day of fine food and fellowship in the Church. More information will come in the weeks ahead.

***USING YOUR ENVELOPES HELPS US***



We have seen an increase in the number of loose checks or plain envelopes without parishioner numbers in the collection basket. When you use your envelopes, which are pre-printed with your parishioner number, you help the office staff during the posting process. We'd like to encourage you to use the envelopes, if you have not been doing so, and we thank those who consistently remember every Sunday to do so.

***50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY - THE NEW CHURCH***

The tabernacle in the new North American Martyrs Church was built in the form of an Indian "Tepee" which sat in the middle of the altar. (Keep in mind that this is DeLuca Hall.) An altar rail of red oak posts surrounded the sanctuary. On seeing the temporary church, a reporter for the Times Express wrote: "Entering the doors of the North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville is akin to stepping back through time to the early, unsettled frontier of this country. The pioneer setting of the interior depicts with accuracy the first Mass celebrated in 1752 at Fort Duquesne. A spiked-log altar background gives the impression of fencing surrounding a fort; split furnishings enhance the feelings of pioneer endurance. Placed around the walls are Stations of the Cross with figures imported from Spain, but framed in native Chestnut Ridge oak." Hundreds of parishioners attended the dedication ceremonies of the new church-school building on June 28, 1963.

***PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS***

Businesses that place an ad on the back of the church bulletin make our bulletin possible. If you have a business or business associate who would like to place an ad on the back of the bulletin, please call 724-217-3170. Our bulletin serves as a source of spiritual, social and community enrichment. Please patronize our advertisers and tell them you saw their ad on the back of our bulletin!

***THE SANCTUARY LAMP***

The large candle that burns above the tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, honors God and serves as a reminder of His presence. Due to the decreased number of Masses available, we will begin 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 (Sat-Sat) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ARE YOU THIRSTY??? Our secular world will never satisfy - only God can quench your thirst! Join national speaker Chris Stefanick for a night of faith, music, and humor, as he reveals how parishes and families are called to be "Saint Factories." Chris will inspire and challenge you to set your faith on fire! Join us for a high-energy, faith-filled night of renewal you'll never forget, to be held on Friday, January 15 at 7:30-9:30 PM at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Murrysville. Bring the family! It's free, and geared to ages 12 and up. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall after the event. Don't miss this opportunity; Chris is the best speaker you'll hear in 2010! Preregister for a chance to win one of Chris' books or CDs by contacting the parish office at 724-733-8870 or go to mostthirsty@gmail.com or. Visit www.mostthirsty.org.

MT ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 31 at 1:00-3:00 PM for 7th & 8th Grade girls and their families. Tour the campus and meet the teachers. Placement testing is scheduled for Saturday, February 6. Call 412-821-3858 or visit www.mtalvernia.com.

THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS is a fraternal, charitable organization, promoting the ideals, perpetuating the history and traditions of the Irish people, and promoting Irish culture. To become a member, one must be at least sixteen years of age, be a practicing Roman Catholic, Irish by birth or descent, legally adopted, the wife or mother of a Hibernian, the mother of Junior Hibernian, or a member of a religious order. LAOH, Division #7 holds a monthly meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Irish Club of Monroeville. If you are interested, call 412-825-0806.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS each week to spend helping hospitalized veterans? The Southwestern Veterans Center needs shoppers and cashiers for the Canteen store. It's easy, fun and very important to the 236 men and women who call the Center their home. If you can help in any way, please contact 412-665-6790.

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, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 AM Deceased Members of Tomei & Orzech Families- Ernest & Diana Sirianni
10:30 AM William M. Jacobi-Family
Monday, January 11
8:00 AM Michael & Josephine Pysnik-Pysnik Family
7:00 PM Holy Hour
Tuesday, January 12
8:00 AM Mass is at St. Michael
Wednesday, January 13
8:00 AM Dugan & Tahaney Families-Rege & Jackie Dugan
Thursday, January 14
8:00 AM Mass is at St. Michael
Friday, January 15
9:00 AM Intention of Diann Hess-Lisa Styslinger
Saturday, January 16
12:00 PM Confessions here
4:00 PM Intention of Virginia Dosta-Family
Sunday, January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Chuck Dwyer-N.A.M. 8:30 Ushers
10:30 AM People of Parish

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

Articles for the January 24th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, January 12. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$7,595. Solemnity of Mary collection: \$2,593. 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 jbf9@netzero.com no later than Wednesday evening.

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) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
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 \_\_\_\_\_