



GOLDEN DINNER CRUISE, FISH FRY UPDATE, OFFERTORY GIFTS, HEALING MASS

GOLDEN DINNER CRUISE: I met with the N.A.M. 50th Anniversary Committee Tuesday, January 5 and our Chairperson, **Nora Best**, reviewed the results of the survey taken in church around Christmas time. The survey revealed that about 200 people (men, women and children) are interested in the Gateway Clipper Dinner Dance Cruise. Our committee decided to book the event which we are calling the **Golden Dinner Cruise** on Sunday, June 13, 2010. The cost will be \$50.00 per person (one dollar for each year of the parish's existence) with discounts for children and transportation provided for those in need of it. Promotion of the event will begin to "ramp up" beginning in April after Easter. Due to the family and work responsibilities of **Nora Best**, she is stepping down as Chairperson (although remaining on the committee) and the Chairperson will be **Emily Ackerman**.

We will need help from our parishioners on a variety of committees. If you want to help as a member of the **Favor Committee**, with our favor being a handsome and durable NAM logo grocery bag, call our parish secretary to leave a message for **Dale Connelly**. If you want to help with the **History Book Committee**, call and leave a message for **Mary Harrill**. If you want to help with the **Sign-up Committee**, call and leave a message for **Vince Vogel**. If you want to help with the **Menu Selection** or **Dinner Program**, call and leave a message for **Emily Ackerman**. If you want to help with the **Invitation Committee**, leave a message for **Nora Best** and to help with the **Transportation Committee**, leave a message for **Bob Petzel**.

FISH FRY UPDATE: About 20 people came to the school library on a snowy January 6 evening for a successful fish fry meeting. My friends from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, **Ron and Cathy Mulkerrin** who had co-chaired the successful fish fry for many years were our guests at the meeting. They shared their success story including all the practical do's and don'ts. Through a little bit of pastoral arm twisting, **Vince Vogel and Terry McCaffrey** agreed to co-chair our fish fry which will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and continue on every Friday in Lent with the exception of Good Friday in which we hope to have a Meager Meal of meatless soup and bread to be in solidarity with the poor. There will be an important Fish Fry planning meeting Tuesday, **January 19** at 7:00 PM in the School Library.

After getting the approval from both the Finance Council of St. Michael Church (three of whom were in attendance at our meeting) and the Ladies of Charity of St. Michael Church, the parish of North American Martyrs will purchase two fish fryers from St. Michael parish at a cost of \$695.00 each which is what St. Michael's Parish paid for the fryers to begin with. These two fryers will be added to the existing fryer at the N.A.M. kitchen to accommodate the crowds of people who will come to enjoy our delicious fish dinners. Take outs will be available. A full menu, prices and the hours of operation will be featured in future bulletins. While the proceeds will benefit North American Martyrs School, we will need more than school parents to make this venture a success. The entire parish must support our Fish Fry both as volunteers and as patrons. If you wish to volunteer to work a Fish Fry, you must be in compliance with the Safe Environment policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. You may pick up a packet of information in the tray on the Safe Environment bulletin board in our church vestibule.

OFFERTORY GIFTS: If you have offered a Mass stipend for the intention of a Mass on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning and wish to present the offertory gifts we ask you to notify the usher by the gift table in the back of the church at least ten minutes before Mass begins. This way the usher can tell you what to do and when to bring up the bread and wine before Mass begins.

HEALING MASS: The Fraternity of Priests Support Group, of which I am a member, will celebrate a Healing Mass at Epiphany Church, Uptown, (near the Mellon Arena) on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Come and pray in proxy for someone too sick to come.

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 second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend. There is a specially-marked envelope in your packets. If you forgot it today, you may place it in the regular collection next week.

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

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **January 27** 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.

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 call Father Joe. 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. Call Donna Lew at 412-349-0942 for reservations.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



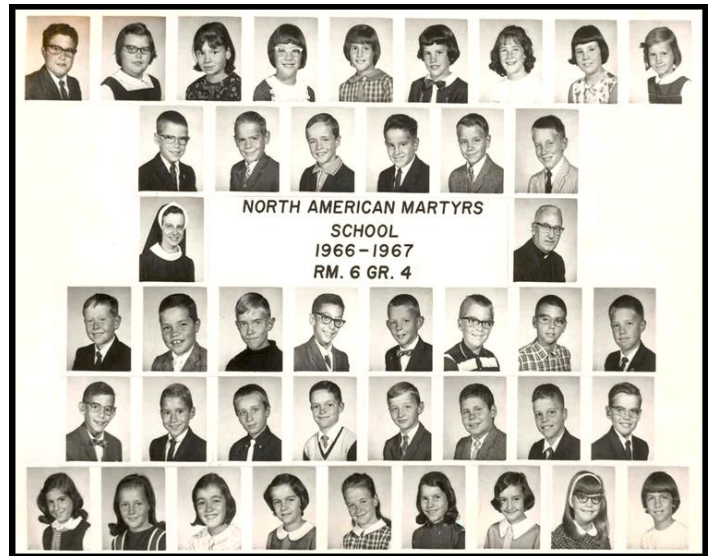
The date of the Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Parish Life Committee has been changed to Sunday, **April 18.** Watch for more information.

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 **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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY - THE SCHOOL

North American Martyrs School was authorized for opening in September of 1964 and was to be staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. The first teachers assigned were Sister Mary Carol and Sister Mary Vivian. Sister Carol was the first principal. She and the other nuns, who were to teach, wore the traditional Mercy habit. The PTG was active from the very beginning and held their first meeting on the first day of school, September 1, 1964. Although this is a picture of the fourth grade this is the first graduating class of NAM. Maybe you will recognize someone.



BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS

As the coordinator of the blood donor program for St. Bernadette and North American Martyrs churches for the past 10 years, I have seen our program grow, because you as blood donors care. We have donors who donate once a year and donors who donate 6 times a year. All donors are appreciated for your unselfish act. As you have noticed, we are encouraging donors to donate blood every 3 months or 4 times a year. Let's look at our program this way. 1) In the United States, someone needs blood every 2 seconds, 2) Ten pints: the amount of blood in the body of an average adult, 3) Blood makes up about 7 percent of your body's weight. With this information in mind, we ask anyone who is at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds to donate blood to help Western PA patients. It is easy to schedule a donation by calling 1-866-366-6771. Last September, we started the Virtual Blood Drive. Each month, we have a drawing among the blood donors for the month and the winner has received a gift certificate. For the month of November, Joseph Daum was the winner of a \$20 gift certificate from Luccia Shea's Restaurant in Monroeville. For comments and questions regarding the Program, contact Chuck Summerville, Coordinator, at 412-372-4332 or csummervil@aol.com.

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

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 on the previous page. Call 412-373-2076 for information about becoming a member of the Respect Life Group.

SCHOOL NEWS

THERE IS NO SCHOOL on Monday, **January 18** due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

THE SECOND GRADING PERIOD ends on Tuesday, **January 19**. Report cards will be distributed on Monday, **January 25**. Parent/Guardian /Teacher conferences are on Tuesday, **January 26** at 12:30-2:30 PM and again from 3:30-6:30 PM.

OUR FAMOUS SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE began on Thursday, **January 14**. Italian, turkey, and roast beef hoagies are available at only \$6 each. All orders are due by Friday, **January 29**. Hoagies will be available for pick-up 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.

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.

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!

This week's sanctuary lamp burns in memory of
Regis James McGrath
requested by
Grandparents, James & Elaine Elardo.

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.

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.

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 _____

THANK YOU!

Boy Scout Troop 184 would like to extend its sincere thanks to you for your generous donations of toys during our Toys for Tots campaign. All of these toys went to children in need this past Christmas.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK, Father Donald Breier, Rector/Pastor, Saint Paul Cathedral, and Father Lawrence Di-Nardo, Catholic Medical Association Chaplain, will be the concelebrants at the annual White Mass for health-care personnel on Sunday, February 7 at 10:00 AM at Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland. The Mass honors all who provide any service in the healthcare arena throughout the diocese. All faiths are invited to participate, and non-Catholic clergy are invited as well.

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 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Chuck Dwyer-N.A.M 8:30 Ushers
10:30 AM People of Parish

Monday, January 18

8:00 AM Joseph Santoriella, Sr.-Styslinger Family

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 AM Mass is at St. Michael

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 AM Ursula Napierkowski-Rygiel Family

Thursday, January 21 St. Agnes

8:00 AM Mass is at St. Michael

Friday, January 22

9:00 AM Anna & Joseph Borkowski-Chris & Joe Michalak

Saturday, January 23

12:00 PM Confessions at St. Michael
4:00 PM Mark Bremer-Uncle Rege & Aunt Jackie

Sunday, January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Robert C. Larkin-Family
10:30 AM Robert Clawson-Wife & Family

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

Articles for the January 31st bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, January 19. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$6,562. 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
Moving out of Parish
Returning to Parish
Entering Hospital
Returning Catholic
Interest in Parish Health Ministry
Interest in Holy Name Soc.
Interest in Altar Rosary Soc.
Interest in Jr High Youth Grp
Interest in Respect Life
New Address or Phone
School information
Interest in Catholicism/RCIA
Shut in
Interest in Women's Guild
Interest in St. Vincent dePaul
Interest in Ladies of Charity
Interest in Stitching Angels
Interest in HS Youth Group
Interest in Choir