

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
 January 29, 2012, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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St. Michael 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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 Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
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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.



**NEW ALTAR SERVERS, BLESSING OF THROATS, SOUPER BOWL,
HEALING MASS SCHEDULE, WHY I LIKE ON-LINE GIVING**

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Thanks to Mr. Sam Watts for training **Zachary Adams** and Sam's son, **Brent Watts**, to be altar servers. Boys, we appreciate your wanting to serve!

BLESSING OF THROATS: Deacon Rick and I will be blessing throats on the **Feast of St. Blaise** on Friday, February 3 during the School Mass at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend the Mass to have their throats blessed.

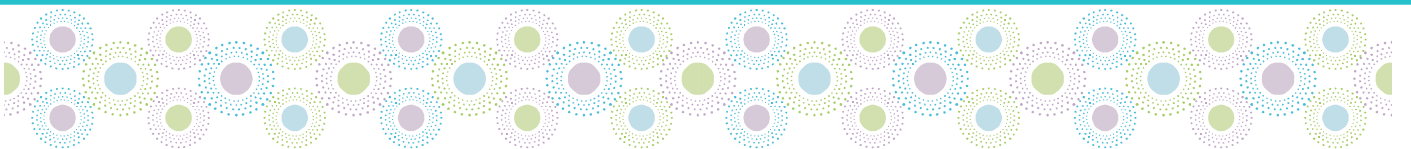
SOUPER BOWL: Next Sunday, February 5, will be the Super Bowl. Historically, the Diocese of Pittsburgh has always promoted the youth ministry of each parish to collect food for the poor on that same day, called **Souper Bowl Sunday**. In keeping with that tradition, **Lauren Gates**, our youth minister, will be organizing our junior and senior high youth to collect both **cans of soup** and **monetary donations** after all Masses at our parish on Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5. Please bring your cans of soup and/or monetary donations to be placed in the big soup pot that the youth will be holding at the rear exit of the church after each Mass. **Tim Thorsen** and I decided that all the proceeds will go to the Pitcairn Food Pantry this time since our parishioners bring food monthly for the Crossroads Food Pantry.

HEALING MASS SCHEDULE: The tentative Healing Mass Schedule for 2012 for the Fraternity of Priests is as follows. Note that all Masses are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. At this time there is no Healing Mass scheduled for July or December.

February 15 at St. Robert Bellarmine, East McKeesport (412) 824-2644
 March 7 at St. Bonaventure, Glenshaw (412) 486-2606
 April 18 at St. John the Baptist, Plum Borough (412) 793-4511
 May 9 at St. Mary, Cecil (412) 221-1560
 June 13 at St. Richard, Gibsonia (724) 444-1971
 August 1 at St. Francis of Assisi, Finleyville (724) 348-7145
 September 12 at North American Martyrs, Monroeville
 October 10 at St. Therese of Lisieux, Munhall, (412) 462-8161
 November (to be announced) at Holy Family, Latrobe, (724) 539-9751

WHY I LIKE ON-LINE GIVING: While those who regularly use their church envelopes demonstrate good stewardship, I would particularly like to thank those 62 households who have agreed to support our parish through on-line giving. I can think of at least three reasons why I like on-line giving: 1) on-line giving is not subject to weather changes, i.e. freezing rain and sleet that may keep people from coming to Saturday/Sunday Mass. On-line givers give weekly (rain or shine) since their contribution is automatically deposited in our church account. 2) on-line givers loyally support our parish even if they happen to attend the St. Colman 5:30 pm Sunday Mass or the St. Bernadette 7:00 pm Sunday Mass or a Mass where they are vacationing. 3) It's less to count for the money counters! I encourage everyone to consider switching over to on-line giving.

Fr. Joe



TAX STATEMENTS



If you would like a 2011 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 that envelope in the lower left-hand corner.** If you have provided us with an envelope, the statements will be mailed the week of **January 29**.

ON-LINE GIVING

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. You may 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 NAM WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD will meet on Tuesday, **January 31**, at 6:30 PM at Panera's in the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. If you are unable to make the meeting please contact Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148.

THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP will attend Mass on Wednesday, **February 1** at 8:00 AM. After Mass and the recitation of the rosary, the group will meet for breakfast and fellowship at Eat n Park. All are welcome. Please call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 if you have any questions.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING of the NAM Women's Guild will be held on Tuesday, **February 7**. More information concerning our meeting will be in upcoming bulletin announcements. We look forward to seeing you at our February meeting!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **February 8** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Parish Fellowship Committee, will be held on Sunday, **February 19** from 3:00-6:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **February 4 & 5 and 11 & 12**. Buying tickets in

advance will enter you into the Italian Basket Raffle. Join us for a day of good food and fellowship in the Church. See the flyer in today's bulletin for all of the details.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR NEEDED

Do you like to talk on the phone? Are you an organized person who likes to coordinate things? Would you like to volunteer your time, but are unable to attend meetings? The Persons with Disabilities Ministry needs you! The Ministry is looking for a volunteer transportation coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for making phone calls to Access Transportation each Saturday to schedule Sunday morning stops at various skilled nursing and assisted-living facilities to get parishioners to and from 11:00 AM Mass. If you're interested, please contact Marilyn Colosmo at 412-373-5983 or Yvonne Dimuzio at 412-856-5141.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!! We kick off our celebration with a Bingo on Saturday, **January 28**, at 6:00 PM. There will be \$1,600 worth of prize money available, as well as plenty of refreshments, baked goods, instant lottery tickets, and tons of fun for all. Please plan on attending and bring along a friend or two. Tickets will be available at the door for a price of \$20/ticket. See you there!

SUNDAY, January 29, finds us at the 11:00 AM Mass, followed by an Open House in the school from 12:30-2:00 PM. Since there is no Steeler football game on this day, why not schedule some time to visit our beautiful school, meet our excellent teachers and staff, and tour our splendid facility. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to these special events.

MONDAY-FRIDAY of Catholic Schools Week features many exciting projects. For instance, Mr. Mike Clark will be visiting us and teaching us about the Chimbote Mission in Peru, we will create lovely Valentine Day cards for the retired religious of our diocese, and we will conduct a day of service and community outreach. Please feel free to check our school website for further details.

IF YOU ORDERED HOAGIES from any of our students or staff, please remember that they will be delivered on Thursday, **February 2** after school. Thank you again for your continued support of our fund raisers.

THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL on Friday, **February 3** at Noon. Our faculty and staff will be treated to a special luncheon in recognition of their continued dedication and efforts. Catholic Schools Week is certainly a time to honor those who help to provide the top-notch education that our children receive at North American Martyrs School!

**YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS**

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

SR HI YOUTH GROUP (9-12 grade) schedule: Sunday, **January 29**, 5:00 PM, Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette.

REST IN PEACE

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

PRAYER AND COMFORT

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 meh227@aol.com.

This week's Sanctuary Candle at NAM burns in memory of Mario Franceschini & Carmine Trenga, requested by Doreen Franceschini.

This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of Jim & Julie Ciocco, requested by Jennie.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Catholics and Political Responsibility

As Catholics, we are both obligated and privileged to participate in shaping a moral society. How does our Faith — our understanding of the dignity of all human life — infuse our participation in political life?

Mrs. Helene Paharik, Director of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Department for Human Dignity, will conduct presentations throughout the diocese on the U.S. Bishops' document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*.

The presentation will examine our obligations as Catholics to be active in the political process and to vote with an informed conscience.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sessions are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

January 18	St. Camillus	New Castle
February 2	St. Thomas a' Becket	Jefferson Hills
February 6	St. Scholastica	Aspinwall
February 7	St. Juan Diego	Sharpsburg
February 9	St. John the Baptist	Unity
February 16	St. Thomas More	Bethel Park
February 23	St. Alexis	Wexford
February 28	North American Martyrs	Monroeville

Please RSVP to 412-456-3156
or socialconcerns@diopitt.org
one week in advance so that we can
prepare sufficient seating and materials.

A \$5 donation per person would be appreciated to help defray the cost of materials. This donation will be collected at the event.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wed: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
 Thu: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
 Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
 Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sun: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Ella Worth, Martha Smeltz, James Bauccio, Joe Condrasky, Andy DeBone, Theresa Ventresco, 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, Nancy Yothers, Beverly King, Charles Dial, Eileen Summers, Barbara Busch, Jim Ackerman, Barbara O'Neil, Colleen Kovach & Mary Fitzmaurice.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

NAM: B. Czaja #189, S. Scott #325, D. Horomanski #108, E. Dobrinsky #590, D. Nebel #025.
St. Michael: P. Coulehan #189, L. Kukula #325, E. Vecchio #198, E. Henigan #590, M. Loehr #714.

ST. REGIS CHURCH in Trafford is hosting a Night at the Races on Sunday, **February 19** at the Polish Club in Trafford from 4:00-8:30 PM. Admission is \$10/person, which includes food, beverages and snacks. Horses can be purchased for \$20 each. The evening also includes a 50/50 raffle and auction. You must be 21 years old or older to attend, and no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available by calling 412-372-4577 or stopping in the church office Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM -4:30 PM. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, **February 10**. Seating is limited.

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<

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Jean Baklarz-Ron & Dorothy Baklarz
 11:00 AM Peg McDonald-Toohill Family

Monday, January 30

8:00 AM Rosalia Saksa-Daughter Stephanie

Tuesday, January 31 St. John Bosco

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, William Kalas-Nick Roman

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 AM Chester Magiera-NAM Altar Rosary Society

Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Matthew Lolecki-Marlene Dolecki

Friday, February 3

9:00 AM Tony Hodges-Mitzi

Saturday, February 4

12:00 PM **Confessions/NAM**
 4:00 PM Patricia Farren-M/M Michael Farren & Sons

Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Tom Cable-Donna DeBone
 11:00 AM William Bell-Izydore Family

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

Articles for the February 12th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, January 31.

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 TO CLOSE YOUR ENVELOPES. THANK YOU!

2012 Wkly Offertory Rec'd January 22, 2012	\$ 8,178
2012 Wkly Offertory/On-Line Giving	\$ 1,000
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed	\$ 9,790
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Ovr/(Shrt)	\$ (612)
2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd	\$ 291,356
2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed	\$ 283,700
2011/12 YTD Offertory Ovr/(Shrt)	\$ (2,345)
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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