

North American Martyrs Parish

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January 8, 2012, The Epiphany of the Lord

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.



***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, MARCH FOR LIFE, ON-LINE GIVING,
PARISHIONER UPDATE, MANGER SCENE***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Next Monday, January 9, our parish will celebrate all-day Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 Mass until and including the holy hour from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm. I will be leading the time of adoration and praise. Please come to join us throughout the day as you spend time before the Lord to praise Him, to thank Him, to express sorrow for your sins, to intercede for others and to let Him speak to your heart.

MARCH FOR LIFE: It's time again to consider going on the bus for the March for Life Rally/Mass at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23. Due to the generosity of our parishioners who supported the donations for the luminaria in memory of their loved ones on Christmas Eve, the bus has been paid for. However, there are additional costs for lunch, subway fare and tip for the bus driver. We're asking for \$15.00 per student and \$30.00 per adult. Students must have a parental release form unless they are accompanied by a parent. The deadline for registration is Friday, January 20. Call our youth minister, Lauren, at 412-445-6570 to register. The bus will leave the North American Martyrs Church parking lot at 2:00 am on Monday morning, January 23 and return by midnight on Monday, January 23. Everyone coming is asked to bring a rosary, warm clothes (with gloves and hat) and comfortable walking shoes. It is considered an excused absence from school and would be a wonderful opportunity for a parent and son/daughter to bond together to pray for life.

Since **Deacon Rick** and **Fr. Tony** (from St. Bernadette) are going on the March this year, I will stay here at North American Martyrs and offer a **holy hour for life** on Monday, January 23 as part of a **Day of Penance** in memory of the children aborted since January 22, 1973 when Roe vs. Wade was first signed into law. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recommends a day of penance in every American parish on Monday, January 23. There will be Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 am Mass until and including the holy hour from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (just as there will be on January 9 for our regular Second Monday Eucharistic Adoration.) It is our opportunity to pray in solidarity with the marchers in D.C. who will come from all over America to the March for Life on that day.

ON-LINE GIVING: Our business manager, **Tim Thorsen**, has reported to me that currently we have 53 parishioners signed up to do "On-Line Giving". We appreciate your support and are looking for that number to grow to 100. It's easy to register and Tim or **Donna Balcik** can help you to register. In addition, you may have noticed that each Sunday Offertory envelope has not only a suggested amount for anyone to give, but also an "on-line giving" box for you to check, so that when the collection basket is being passed down your row, you'll have something to put in it!

PARISHIONER UPDATE: It often happens that we at the church office don't learn of your family member being homebound or sent to a nursing home or rehab center until it is after the fact. Due to the HIPPA laws of hospitals protecting the confidentiality of patients, they will not divulge where a patient goes once he/she is discharged. It is up to you, as family members and friends to notify us when a parishioner is in need of a visit whether that is in an institution or at home.

In addition, if you have recently changed your phone number or address, kindly call our parish secretary to inform her of the change, so that we can update your current information in our parish data system.

MANGER SCENE: Thanks to **several parishioners** who have called to contribute to the purchase of more figures for our outdoor parish manger scene. Due to your generosity, I have ordered not only the angel but the three kings as well.

Fr. Joe

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 14-15** 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.

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 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **January 11** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

THE STITCHING ANGELS are currently involved in making chemo caps and lap afghans. In addition there is a need for boy baby items for the next Rosebud Project. The angels will meet on Monday, **January 16** at 9:30 AM in DeLuca Hall. This is a holiday, so the students will not be in school. Please bring scissors and a yard stick. If you have any yarn that you would like to exchange/share, please bring that as well. If the weather is good, we could also do lunch.

STORY BEHIND THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Benedictine Father Anthony Ruff will speak about the recent changes to the Roman Missal and the process by which those changes were adopted on Thursday, **January 12**, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Father Ryan Arts Center, in McKees Rocks. Father Ruff is a prominent liturgical scholar and professor of liturgy at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and was an early participant in the official discussions leading to the changes. For information please contact Sr. Barbara Finch at 412-716-9750 or at b.s.finch@att.net.

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 your envelope in the lower left-hand corner.**

THANK YOU

My family and I wish to thank all the parishioners for their prayers during this difficult time as we grieve the loss of my brother Bob Tucek. This has been especially hard as it was just last December, 2010, when my sister Kristen died. It is a time for grieving but it is also a time for love. I have been overwhelmed by the love you have shown me through hugs and cards of condolences. You have demonstrated to me what parish family is all about. Again thank you and please keep me and my family in your prayers. God Bless, Deacon Rick.

*This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of **Antonio & Anna Mendicino** requested by **Betty, Skip & Family.***

BINGO!

Start lining up your friends and family now to join you for the next **Bingo Night** on **Saturday, January 28**. This event benefits NAM School. Tickets to the Bingo Night will be sold after all Masses at NAM on the weekends of **January 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22**. Your \$20 ticket includes 6 cards for all 14 regular Bingo games, including the **\$500 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. If you have any questions, please call Laura Nicolazzo at 412-856-8074. Thank you!

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.

ADORATION

MONDAY, January 9, 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.

**RETRouvaille**

Did a troubled marriage steal your Christmas joy? Decide now to get it back. Retrouvaille can help you just as it has helped many others. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Friday, **January 12**, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or -3041. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all! May this year bring all of you the best of health, happiness, and holiness. Please know that you will all remain in our thoughts and prayers as we journey together in this new year.

THERE WILL BE a Campaign for NAM meeting on Monday, **January 9** at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place in the faculty room.

GIRL SCOUTS will meet on Monday, January 9 at 6:30-8:00 PM.

THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Committee members will meet on Tuesday, **January 10** at 6:30 PM. in the faculty room. At the same time, our Gala Committee members will meet in the library.

OUR SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE will begin on Thursday, **January 12**. Orders will be due on Friday, **January 27**. These delicious sandwiches will be available for pick up on Thursday, **February 2** after school. If you are interested in purchasing any of our yummy hoagies, please contact one of our school families or you may call the school office at 412-373-0889. Thank you again for your continued support of our fund raisers.

CAN YOU BELIEVE that we will be halfway through the school year on Friday, **January 13**? This date marks the end of our second grading period.

ALL OF YOU are most welcome to join us for mass on Friday, **January 13** at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Weisser and our sixth graders will help to plan this liturgy. This will be a special mass for Mrs. Weisser and her students, as this mass is being celebrated in memory of Mrs. Weisser's mother.

AN EARLY DISMISSAL is planned for noon on Friday, **January 13**. A faculty meeting will be held in the afternoon.

LOOKING AHEAD, there will be no school on Monday, **January 16** due to the observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. When we return to school on Tuesday, **January 17**, we will hold another Black and Gold Dress Down Day. The requested donation for this event is a monetary amount of \$2 or more. All money raised from this special day will be donated to our technology fund. Speaking of our technology fund, I would like to thank everyone who made a donation at the end of our Advent/Christmas program toward this cause. I am happy to report that we collected \$888.08 through your generosity. Thank you ever so much.

PLEASE NOTE that as you are making your plans for this month, we will have our next Bingo on Saturday evening, **January 28**. The doors to DeLuca Hall will open at 6:00 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for the opening mass of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, **January 29** at 11:00 AM. Following mass we will hold an Open House in school until 2:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

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

SR HI YOUTH GROUP (9-12 grade) schedule: Sunday, **January 8, 15 & 29** 5:00 PM, St Bernadette. Sunday, **January 22** NO YOUTH GROUP. Monday, **January 23**, March For Life, Washington D.C.

JR HI YOUTH GROUP (7-8 grade) schedule: Tuesday, **January 10**, 7:30 PM, DeLuca Hall at NAM. More of the Jr. Hi. schedule is coming soon!!

HEY EVERYONE! Starting this week, Youth Group is back in full swing! Now is a better time than ever to get involved! We have plenty of exciting things planned this semester so grab a friend and come experience your faith like never before! The March for Life 2012 is Monday, **January 23**. This is a legally excused absence from school!! (Lauren has the form for your principal.) There are two buses going this year; one from NAM and one from St. Bernadette. The NAM bus is being organized by Lauren Gates and leaves at 2:00 AM on Monday so we can attend the Mass and Youth Rally in the Verizon Center before heading to the march. We will stop for dinner on the way home, and arrive back at NAM between 10:00 PM and midnight. The cost is \$30/adult (over the age of 18) and \$15/student. Lunch is included, but you will need to plan for buying your own breakfast and dinner. Please make your checks out to North American Martyrs. The DEADLINE to SIGN UP is Friday, **January 20**: Call or email Lauren ASAP since the bus fills up extremely quickly! Please note: Teens or children under high school age must be accompanied by a parent. St. Bernadette's Bus is being organized by Mrs. Dianne Campbell.

YOUNG ADULTS (college age to age 35): Theology on Tap is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 11** at 7:00 PM at the Rivertowne Pour House. Our speaker is Fr. Joseph Mele and his topic is "My Sacrifice and Yours: Priesthood is an Event!" Seminarians from St. Paul's Seminary will be joining us. All ages and faiths are welcome!

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." ~ St. Francis of Assisi.

POST-ABORTION HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held Friday-Sunday, **January 27-29**, at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid is available. For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org or call 412-352-5348. The deadline to register is Friday, **January 20**.

Our parish rejoices in the child who has received new life in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism: Anthony Daniel Pasquarelli, child of John & Stephanie.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38
 Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20
 Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
 Jn 1:35-42



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM Maria & Louis J. Colaianni-Doreen Franceschini
 9:30 AM St. Michael, People of Parish
 11:00 AM Bob Clawson-Kathleen & Family
Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 AM Elizabeth Jonnet-Daughter
 8:30 AM Exposition & Adoration
 7:00 PM Benediction & Reposition
Tuesday, January 10
 8:00 AM St. Michael, Belba Kolito-Mary Crane
Wednesday, January 11
 8:00 AM Mae DiLucente-Nancy Rygiel
 1:00 PM **Broadview Manor**, Jane Yandura-M/M Lance Doka
Thursday, January 12
 8:00 AM St. Michael, Pauline Rocco-M/M J. A. Petrocelli
Friday, January 13
 9:00 AM Betty Greb-6th Grade NAM School Class
Saturday, January 14
 12:00 PM **Confessions/St. Michael**
 4:00 PM Recipients of Prayer Shawls-NAM Stitching Angels
Sunday, January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM People of Parish
 9:30 AM St. Michael, Jean Mimnaugh-M/M Paul Waibel
 11:00 AM Deceased Members of Tomei & Orzech Families-
 Ernest & Diane Sirianni

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ella Worth, 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 Moadlo, Cori Poole, Carmel Seibert, Jamie O'Grady, Nancy Yothers, Katie Rizzo, Beverly King, Charles Dial, Violet Palatas, Eileen Summers, Barbara Busch, Jim Ackerman, & Mary Fitzmaurice.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

NAM: #704 T. Smith, #731 S. Steele, #339 V. Pferdehirt,
 #326 L. Coyne, #635 B. Gelpi
 #644 G. Hajduk, #788 N. Laubham, #156 L. Lynch.
St. Michael: B. Pahel #704, R. Anderson #500,
 D. Dover #731, H. Reffner #326, B. Gruss #156,
 M. Wojton #839.

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

Articles for the January 22nd bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, January 10. 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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH in Plum Borough, will host a very informative presentation on pornography, "A Growing Epidemic and Addiction," on Monday, **January 16** and Wednesday, **January 18** at 7:00-9:00 PM in the Annex. Learn a game plan and develop a strategy to eradicate pornography from the lives of those we love. These evenings are for all adults concerned for their children, grandchildren, friends and family members. For more information, call 412-793-4511.

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| 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd January 1, 2011 | \$ 13,163 |
| 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed | \$ 9,970 |
| 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Ovr/(Shrt) | \$ 3,373 |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd | \$ 257,993 |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed | \$ 264,330 |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Ovr/(Shrt) | \$ (6,338) |
| 2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget | \$ 509,080 |

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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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address or Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving out of Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> School information |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Women's Guild |
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