



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE, HOLY WEEK, MEAGER MEAL & TENEBRAE,  
GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Your last chance for confessions before Easter will be on Monday, March 29 at 7:00 PM at North American Martyrs Church and on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, Plum Borough. At each service there are **9 priests scheduled** to hear confessions since we are expecting big crowds. If you have not already done so, please take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. **There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 3, at either North American Martyrs Church or St. Michael Church.**

**HOLY WEEK:** We are entering the Holiest Week of the Church year. Since this is my first Holy Week in Monroeville and Pitcairn, I'm not sure what kind of crowds normally come to our Lenten Devotions. I urge all of you to take the time to come to: 1) the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (at either NAM or at St. Michael) on Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM, 2) the Good Friday **Veneration of the Cross** at 2:00 PM (at either NAM or at St. Michael) and 3) the **Easter Vigil** (5:30 PM at St. Michael or 8:30 PM at NAM). These three High Holy Days make up the Paschal Triduum which are the most sacred days of the Church Year leading up to **Easter** itself. If you can manage to take off time from work on Friday afternoon, and spend time with our Lord on Thursday evening (even to meditate before the Blessed Sacrament until the Church is closed at St. Michael at 10:00 PM and at NAM at Midnight) you will be richly blest. The **Easter Vigil** is the most beautiful, meaningful, symbolic and complete liturgy of the Church year. While it may last about two hours (at St. Michael with no catechumens) and two and ½ hours at NAM (with two catechumens) it is **time well spent** as we celebrate The Service of Light, The Liturgy of the Word (with extended readings and the choir) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. What more can we give to the Lord, considering all He has done for us?

**MEAGER MEAL & TENEBRAE:** This year we are serving a Meager Meal at North American Martyrs Church on Good Friday at Deluca Hall from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The Meager Meal will consist of meatless soup and bread. Our soup makers, **Mary Ann Haslett** and **Verna Mae Castner** will provide two different kinds of soup for you. Our bread bakers are **Judie Ribic** and **Fr. Jim Seeger** who will have at least two kinds of bread. While there is no charge, any free will offerings will be given to Haiti. This is an opportunity to be in solidarity with the poor who often go hungry for days on end. People have asked me at my former parish, "Why don't you just continue your Fish Fry on Good Friday and make a lot of money for the parish?" My answer then, is the same as my answer now. We need to give our workers a break from spending all day at the Fish Fry and we need to remember the poor on this day of fast and abstinence.

I will continue the tradition of the Tenebrae at North American Martyrs at 7:00 PM in church. Come and be inspired as we draw closer to the love of Christ expressed by His cruel passion and voluntary death for our sins.

**GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN:** For several years now the men of the Diocese of Pittsburgh have been gathering at the Palumbo Center of Duquesne University to be motivated by inspirational Catholic speakers, go to confession and celebrate Mass with the bishop. It remains a big draw and I've seen various combinations of men through the years whether they be men from a faith-sharing group, the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, fathers and sons, or just men "at large" interested in growing in their faith. This year, it's on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM. One of the keynote speakers is **Jim Caviezel** who portrayed Jesus in the *Passion of the Christ* by **Mel Gibson**. The cost for the event is \$55.00. If someone wants to go and cannot afford the cost then they should see me to see what I can do to assist you financially. You'll be glad that you went.

*Fr. Joe*

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**



These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in the second collection which will be taken up at

all the Masses on **March 27 & 28**. Look for the specially-marked envelope in your packet.

**MEETINGS**



**THE EASTER EGG HUNT**, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee, will be held Saturday, **April 3** at 11:00 AM on the school grounds. Children who are Preschool-Second Grade in age are invited to come to meet the Easter Bunny, rain or shine. Everyone should remember to bring their own basket or container.

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

**THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP** will attend 8:00 AM Mass together on Wednesday, **April 7**. We will then meet for breakfast at Denny's at 9:00 AM.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is held every 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.

**STORM RECOVERY CONTINUES**

The storm last June is still not over for some people, and now we have spring floods to deal with also. Therefore, the Pitcairn-Turtle Creek-Wilkins Area Long Term Recovery Team is still at work, too. If you still need to make repairs or replace items, we would like to hear from you. We are also looking for people who can lend their skills and time. The needs include carpentry, plumbing, replacing retaining walls, concrete work, plastering and more. Members of the Recovery Team include pastors and members of local congregations, regional disaster responders and representatives from social service agencies. The team works cooperatively with local municipal leaders and emergency coordinators. Contact Case Manager Betty Dillon at 724-674-9165 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM, MWF & 12:00-9:00 PM T, TH).

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 3/01/10**

**Pledges Received: \$766,272 (61 % of goal)**  
**Total Responses Received: 601 Paid to Date: \$394,195.**  
**We need your Pledge and participation.**

**SPRING LUNCHEON; NEW LOCATION**



Please come join us for **North American Martyrs Women's Guild Spring Luncheon**, which will be held at the **new Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Radisson) in Monroeville, Saturday, April 10 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**. The tasty selections for our luncheon menu are **Chicken Asiago and Three-Cheese Ravioli with Creamy Marinara Sauce**. The cost of this year's luncheon will be **\$25/person**, which will include your delicious lunch and a beautiful Fashion Show hosted by Christopher Banks. You will have the opportunity to win wonderful baskets in our Basket Raffle, or take a chance on the 50/50 Raffle, and, of course, our yearly Cash Raffle. Invite your friends and family to join us for a delightful afternoon of food, fashion and fun. For more information or to make your reservation please contact Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148. Reservations will be taken after Masses **March 20, & 27**, in the main vestibule.



**CASH RAFFLE**

This raffle is sponsored by the N.A.M. Women's Guild and offers the opportunity to win \$700, \$500 or \$300. The raffle drawing will be held at the annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, **April 10**. To ensure success, we ask that each family sell at least one book of six tickets. The cost of each ticket is \$2, or \$10 for a book of six tickets. The money earned is contributed to our School, CCD program, Girl Scouts and the temporal development of our parish. If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please call Mary Jane Beemiller at 412-372-2445. Please place the envelope in the collection basket, mail or bring it to the Rectory/Office by Sunday, **April 4**.



**This week's Sanctuary Candle burns for**  
**Bob Clawson,**  
**requested by Wife Kathleen & Family.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

The large candle that burns by the tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, honors God and serves as a reminder of His presence. Due to the decreased number of Masses available, we have begun 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 (Sun-Sat) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**EASTER FLOWERS**



Anyone who wishes to donate toward the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or other intention is asked to do so by today, Sunday, **March 21**. Please put your donation and intention in an envelope marked "Easter flowers," and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WE ARE STILL SAVING** Box Tops for Education, Campbell's labels, which are also found on Pepperidge Farm products, elementary-friendly copy paper even if it is used on one side, Coke rewards, and Tyson points. Thank you for your help with these projects as well.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED** in an excellent education for your child? If so we are presently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. We currently have openings in our three or four-year old preschool, as well as our full day kindergarten through sixth grade. Financial aid is available. For a school tour or more information, please call 412-373-0889. Thank you so very much for your support. God bless you always, and happy spring!

**SPRING GALA TO BENEFIT N.A.M. SCHOOL**

"A Night Under the Stars," this year's annual spring Gala, will be held Saturday, **April 24** at Churchill Valley Country Club. Tickets will be \$50 per adult, and will be sold after all Masses **April 10 & 11 and 17 & 18**. Tickets for a chance to win the "Night Under the Stars" basket will be available after Masses. at \$1 each or 7 for \$5. The winning ticket will be pulled on Sunday, **April 18** (winner need not be present).

**BOOK SALE**

Our school library helps our children learn about what is and dream about what could be. Since it is often a first stop when seeking information, it is important to keep the material current and supportive of our curriculum. We ask your help in achieving this objective. Our school library's annual book sale will take place this weekend after all Masses. Books have already been selected according to the children's interests and needs and are displayed in the vestibule and school hall. For a \$15 donation, a plate will be placed inside a book you select to donate to the library, recognizing your name and intention as a lasting memorial. Please consider donating a book to our library, as a culmination of the Lenten season. It is much needed and so appreciated by the students! Your donation will make such a difference in bringing the most current information on a variety of topics to our school. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**HIGH SCHOOL: INTERFAITH CROSSWALK** will be held on Monday, **March 29** at 7:30 PM in the parking lot outside Panera Bread in Miracle Mile. We will carry a large wooden cross from Panera's to the Old Stone Church where there will be a short prayer service and refreshments. Permission forms are available in the YM Box in the narthex or online! Contact Andre McCarville at St. Bernadette at 412-373-0500.

**CYM CO-ED SOFTBALL** will start in April. There will be a mandatory pre-season meeting Monday, **April 12** at 7:30 PM in the Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette Parish. The team is open to students **Grades 8-12**.

**OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL APPALACHIA TRIP** this year will be to Oakland, Maryland with Habitat for Humanity the week of **June 27-July 2**. During the day we will do home construction. In the evenings there will be fun group building activities, and prayer will be central to the week. The cost for this year's trip is \$185/student which will cover most activities, meals, lodging and the Habitat fee. This trip will be open to all students who have finished the 9-12 grades by this summer. There is limited room on this year's trip. Sign up early if you would like to go! There will be an informational meeting at the St. Bernadette Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall on Monday, **April 12** at 8:15 PM. We will give out all necessary forms and provide orientation and requirements for the trip. Hope to see you there!

**ON APRIL 11 WE WILL GO ROCK WALL CLIMBING** at the Climbing Wall in Wilksburg from 5:30-8:30 PM. The cost is \$10 a person. Please fill out a permission form by Monday, **March 29** if you want to go!

**THE NEXT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETING** will be held Tuesday, **April 13** in the Teen Room in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette Parish. The topic is "Blessed Are the Clean of Heart." There will be fun and games as well as an opportunity to grow in faith. All 7-8th graders are welcome to attend!



**2010 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

The annual Parish Share Program Campaign began Sunday, **February 14**. It is our hope that we can again exceed the goal set by the diocese for this year of \$54,132. You should have received 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.

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 [jimlyn2@verizon.net](mailto:jimlyn2@verizon.net) no later than Wednesday evening.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN:** Don't miss the fifth annual Diocesan-wide Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, **April 10** at A. J. Palumbo Center. It's a day of prayer, fellowship, worship and inspiration. For more information: contact Dale Connelly at 412-607-4011 for discounted admission tickets or visit the-Catholic Men's Fellowship website at [www.cmfppitt.org](http://www.cmfppitt.org).

**ST. JANUARIUS** will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **April 18** at 1:00-6:00 PM. Take-out will be available by calling 412-793-9788. A bake sale and 50/50 raffle will be featured. Tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/child 12 & under. Call 412-793-4439 for further details.

**A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will be held at Gilmory Retreat Center the weekend of **April 23-25**. For more information or to register, visit the website at [www.wwmepittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:www.wwmepittsburgh@gmail.com) or call 412-635-7775.

➤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](mailto:meh227@aol.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

8:30 AM Joseph Pomella-Family  
 10:30 AM Deceased Members Myers & Clemente Families-  
 Joyce & Jack Myers



**Monday, March 29**

8:00 AM Mary Deletis-Louis & Rose Mediate  
 7:00 PM Penance Service

**Tuesday, March 30**

7:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**

**Wednesday, March 31**

8:00 AM **No Mass**

**Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper; Adoration until 12:00 Midnight

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer/St. Michael  
 9:00 AM **No Mass**  
 2:00 PM Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Eucharist (also at St. Michael)  
 7:00 PM Tennebrae



**Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 12:00 PM Blessing of Baskets  
 5:30 PM Mass/St. Michael  
 8:30 PM Ray Pasierb

**Sunday, April 4 Easter**

8:30 AM Quinto & Josephine DeMunari-Son-Ernie  
 10:30 AM John & Marge Samek-Family



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

Articles for the **April 11<sup>th</sup>** bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this **Tuesday, March 30**.  
 You may submit to [namchar@nauticom.net](mailto:namchar@nauticom.net)

**Parish Stewardship: \$7,449.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE YOUR ENVELOPES CLOSED.**

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

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