

MASS SCHEDULE VOTING RESULTS, LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA, CHUCK SMITH

MASS SCHEDULE VOTING RESULTS: First, thanks to those of you who voted. We have a consensus. The majority of the voters of both parishes selected Schedule B.

There were altogether 846 votes cast (683 from North American Martyrs and 163 from St. Michael). This includes all the absentee ballots that were submitted by Tuesday, February 23. Since there are 1255 households registered at North American Martyrs, this reflects 54% of all North American Martyrs' households which voted. Since there are 499 households at St. Michael, this reflects 33% of all St. Michael's households which voted. Combining the votes from both parishes, **Schedule A** (Sat. 4:00 PM Mass at NAM, Sun. 7:30 AM Mass at NAM, Sun. 9:00 AM Mass at St. Michael's, Sun. 10:30 AM Mass at NAM) received **344 votes** whereas **Schedule B** (Sat. 4:00 PM Mass at NAM, Sun. 8:00 AM Mass at NAM, Sun. 9:30 AM Mass at St. Michael's, Sun. 11:00 AM Mass at NAM) received **502 votes**. This means that the recommended Mass Schedule Proposal is Schedule B.

It is noteworthy that the 683 votes cast at NAM were 81% of the total number of votes cast, whereas the 163 votes cast at St. Michael were 19% of the votes cast. The vote breakdown reveals that 318 votes from NAM and 26 votes from St. Michael were for Schedule A whereas 365 votes from NAM and 137 votes from St. Michael were for Schedule B. Furthermore, 85 % of the St. Michael's votes were for Schedule B with only 15 % of the St. Michael's votes for Schedule A. Similarly, 54 % of the North American Martyrs votes were for Schedule B with 46% of the North American Martyrs votes for Schedule A. While the vast majority of St. Michael's parishioners preferred Schedule B, also a slim majority of North American Martyrs parishioners also preferred Schedule B. In other words, both parishes prefer Schedule B. **Collectively, 40.7% of all votes of both parishes combined were for Schedule A and 59.3 % of all votes of both parishes combined were for Schedule B.**

All of you in both parishes have an opportunity from February 28 to March 13 to offer feedback on the voting results. I prefer to have all feedback in writing so that I may share it with the Pastoral Council members from both parishes on March 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the school library at our combined meeting. Please address comments to:

Attn: Mass Schedule, 2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA: Have you ever wanted to be inspired by solid Catholic teaching in addition to the Saturday afternoon, Sunday homily and EWTN? Now that **Relevant Radio** left the Pittsburgh market in October there is an even larger gap than there was before. One way to fill this gap is by having a yearly mission which Fr. Tom had in October, and which I am planning to continue. But that is just one Mission Week per year. We do provide a quality Catholic school and quality CCD instructions. Yet, there has to be something more that we can do to provide ongoing formation in the faith for both adults and children.

One way that other pastors are providing for their flock is the availability of compact disc titles of notable Catholic speakers (living and deceased). After dialoguing with **Lighthouse Catholic Media**, I think they will serve our parish needs well. (If it works well at North American Martyrs-then we'll continue this ministry at St. Michael Church).

You will notice this weekend a table top display with as many as 16 different titles of Catholic speakers. The cost of each CD is \$5.00 as the parish will benefit with a portion of the cost of each CD. You can buy a bundle of 7 CD's for the discount price of \$30.00. **Mark Cotter**, from **Lighthouse Catholic Media**, will be at each Mass this weekend to promote the CD's. Our own parishioner, **Chris Walker**, will coordinate the ministry after that. Please stop by our display in the main vestibule to browse and select the right CD's that will most benefit your Lenten Journey. Hey, they're great for popping in your CD player on your way to work!

CHUCK SMITH: One of the faces that you see every week you come to the main vestibule of North American Martyrs Church is that of **Chuck Smith**. He has served as an usher for 40 years! Now, because of some health issues, he told me that he's retiring from his volunteer position. Chuck has been an usher going all the way back to the time of our first pastor, **Fr. McMahon**. That's a lot of years of service! Thank you, Chuck, for all the ways that you have assisted our parishioners through the years with your warm smile and helpful manner. (I noticed Chuck in the back of church last week seemingly serving in the role of usher and asked whether he changed his mind. He replied, "No father, now I'm just serving as a consultant.")

Fr. Joe

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Felix du Breuil who died this past week in Newtown, PA. Affectionately known as "Felix," Dr. du Breuil made very significant contributions to the life of North American Martyrs Parish for many years. His considerable skills as a mechanical engineer, however, were most valuable in the planning and maintenance of the original as well as the present mechanical rooms of our plant. May he rest in peace.

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 ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, **March 9** at 11:00 AM in the Rectory Conference Room.

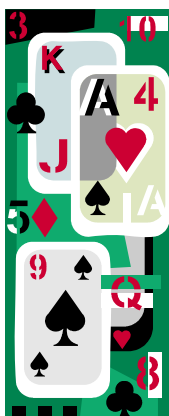
THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **March 10** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

ADULT 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.

HOLY HOUR, 7:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 8

CARD PARTY



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rene #1868 are holding a Card Party on Saturday, **March 20** at 12:00-3:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Tickets are \$12 each. The afternoon will include lunch, a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese Auction, cards, board games, or just visiting with friends. The Catholic Daughters are the largest and oldest national organization of Catholic women with the motto of unity and charity. This fundraiser will help to raise money for several of the charities that our Court continues to support, some of

which are Intersection (Soup Kitchen), Trinity Mission, Veterans, Making Rosaries, Making Birthing Kits for Haiti, Project Handclasp (Navy), SOAR (Support Of Aging Religious. Call for tickets to Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 or Ann Nowak at 412-372-5877.

SPRING LUNCHEON



Please come join us for **North American Martyrs Women's Guild Spring Luncheon**, which will be held at **Edgewood Country Club, April 10, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

The tasty selections for our luncheon menu are **Chicken Picatta** or **Eggplant Roulade**. 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 on **March 13, 20, & 27**, in the church vestibule.

THANK YOU!

The parish St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you for the generous support of \$2,768 in the recent special collection. This collection is the major source of funding for our society's works of charity which include help with food, utility bills and providing beds and furniture to needy neighbors in our community. This is the largest amount we've ever collected and is a tribute to the generous members of North American Martyrs Parish even during these difficult economic times.



*This week's Sanctuary Candle burns for the **Rotella & Whitaker Families**, requested by **Patty & Bill Whitaker.***

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 (Sat-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 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

STUDENTS FROM GRADES 3-6 will be able to attend confession on Monday, **March 8** at 1:00 PM. Father Joe and a visiting priest will hear confessions.

THE PITTSBURGH CLO will present *Galleries of Heroes* to our K-6 Grade pupils on Tuesday, **March 9** at 9:00 A.M. We are anxiously awaiting this exciting live performance.

ON THURSDAY, March 11, we will hold a Max&Erma's fund raiser. This event is always a lot of fun, in addition to being profitable for our school. Why not plan on joining us for a great evening and enjoy not cooking?

SPEAKING OF NOT COOKING, our Friday Fish Fry continues this week. The food is delicious, the wait time is very short, and the company is fabulous! Thank you to everyone who is supporting our Fish Fry in any way. See you on Friday! We serve from 11:30 AM-7:00 PM.

THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL followed by a faculty meeting this Friday, **March 12**. Also, you are invited to join us for liturgy at 9:00 AM on this day. Mrs. Pinsker and our fourth graders are helping to plan our Mass.

OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES are selling pies from the Pie Shoppe. The pies will be available for pick-up on Good Friday. Please see any student for an order, or call the school for more information. Thank you.

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 pre-school, 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.

WE ARE STILL SAVING Box Tops for Education, Campbell's product codes which are also found on Pepperidge Farm goods, used printer ink cartridges, elementary-friendly copy paper, even if it is used on one side, and Tyson A+ codes. We appreciate all that you do to help us out.

CASH RAFFLE

By now all parishioners should have received their cash raffle tickets in the mail. 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**.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held Sundays during the 10:30 AM Mass for children in Grades 1-6.

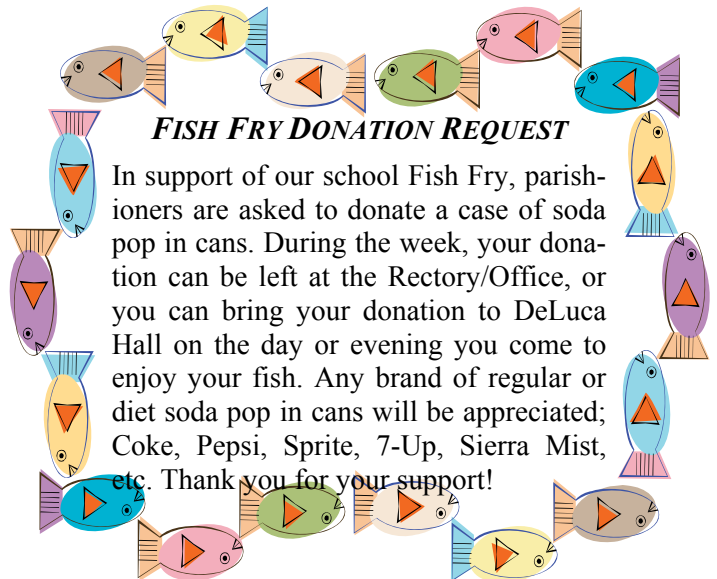
FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

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.

FISH FRY DONATION REQUEST



In support of our school Fish Fry, parishioners are asked to donate a case of soda pop in cans. During the week, your donation can be left at the Rectory/Office, or you can bring your donation to DeLuca Hall on the day or evening you come to enjoy your fish. Any brand of regular or diet soda pop in cans will be appreciated; Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, 7-Up, Sierra Mist, etc. Thank you for your support!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 1/25/10

Pledges Received: \$764,769 (61 % of goal)
Total Responses Received: 600 Paid to Date: \$383,687.
We need your Pledge and participation.

2010 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

The annual Parish Share Program Campaign began Sunday, **February 14**. Last year, we slightly exceeded our PSP goal, and as a result, we were able to use the excess funds to address other issues in our parish. 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE EASTERN SUBURBS RESPECT LIFE group will meet Monday, **March 15** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum. There will be a presentation on the Manhattan Declaration by Cliff Dupill with a question & answer session. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Call: 412-373-2076 for more information.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Monroeville Arts Council is searching for a few good people to achieve its goals of bringing visual and performing arts to the Monroeville area. MAC needs volunteers for treasurer, recording secretary and member-at-large. Board meetings are held once a month at the Monroeville Public Library on the second Wednesday beginning at 7:00 PM. Please call 412-373-7794.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Golofski & Toth Families-Rege & Jackie
10:30 AM People of Parish

Monday, March 8

8:00 AM Sam Eannarino-Family

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 AM **Mass is at St. Michael**

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 AM James Kirsch-Egenlauf Family
7:00 PM First Reconciliation

Thursday, March 11

8:00 AM **Mass is at St. Michael**

Friday, March 12

9:00 AM Deceased Members Sirianni Family-Ernest & Diana Sirianni
2:00 PM **No Stations**
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13

12:00 PM **Confessions at St. Michael**
4:00 PM Jon Houy-N.A.M. Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Frank Miller-Wife & Family
10:30 AM Tony Massaro-Mary Margaret & Joe Hohman



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

*Articles for the **March 21st** bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this **Tuesday, March 9**.
You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net*

Parish Stewardship: \$5,847.
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 jimlyn2@verizon.net 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) (____) _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving out of Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> School information |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entering Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Shut in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Women's Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Parish Health Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in St. Vincent dePaul |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Respect Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Choir |

➤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.