

SCHOOL NEWS, PARISH FESTIVAL, SEMINAR ON JOB LOSS/CHANGE



SCHOOL NEWS: I am happy to report that our Capital Campaign has earmarked our school building to get a new roof this summer. Due to your generosity, we have money in the Capital Campaign for this project. The roof is old and is in need of repair. After getting three bids from roofing contractors, the bid was awarded to **CentiMark Roofing**. The work will begin on June 14 so as not to disrupt the students during the school year.

Another bit of really good news is that **Jennifer and Barry Kessler**, who have a son, **Noah**, in our school, have agreed to donate a state of the art playground to be located on a L-shaped plot on the grassy area in the upper right area of our campus (above and to the left of the ballfield). The work will begin this summer and should be completed before the Fall Semester.

This playground has been cleared through the Diocesan Office of Insurance and Benefits and was shared with the members of the Parent/Teachers Guild meeting on Tuesday, May 11. While the playground will be a real bonus to our school children at recess time with adequate supervision, it will be available for any child who wishes to use it. It will be a very attractive feature to our parish/school and will be something we can all be proud of. The parish would never be able to afford such a playground on our own without the generous gift of **Jennifer and Barry Kessler**.

PARISH FESTIVAL: After speaking with my staff and some key members of the parish, I have planned a four-day Parish Festival for next year on the dates **Wednesday, June 29 through Saturday, July 2, 2011**. The festival will take place at North American Martyrs Church grounds and will benefit the needs of the merged parish. A group of us have met with **Reinhart Amusements** to tentatively reserve them for that date. The festival will feature raffle ticket prizes, delicious food, children's rides, children's games, adult games and entertainment. I have experience with parish festivals at my former parishes and see no reason why this event can't be a great success here.

In order to put on a successful festival, it takes the cooperation of an entire parish. A key is to have a **good chairperson** and a **good committee**. A chairperson must be: organized, enthusiastic, someone who works well with people, willing to make an investment of time, and possesses leadership qualities. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. in the school library**. If you are willing to help the festival in any way, whether it is a festival chairperson, co-chairperson, or a volunteer in any way, please come to this first meeting.

SEMINAR ON JOB LOSS/CHANGE: The Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium is sponsoring a seminar on "**The Stress of Job Loss and Job Change and its Effect on Families**" on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at DeLuca Hall from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm. The seminar will kick-off with keynote speaker, **Fr. Frank Almade, Ph.D.**, whose doctoral dissertation in the School of Theology at Duquesne University was on the topic of "The Living Wage". The afternoon will include a choice of breakout sessions from the following topics: **1) "Employment Hot Topics of 2010"**. Based on years of education, experience and expertise, **Attorney Caroline O'Connor** will guide you through a high energy and informative breakout session, where you will be exposed to the 10 in 2010! **2) "Advice from experts on unemployment compensation"** by members of the **Mon Valley Unemployed Committee** **3) "The Stress of Job Loss and Job Change on Marriage and Parenting"** by Nationally Certified and Professional Counselor and Sister of Charity, **Bernadette Manning** **4) "The Stress of Job Loss and Job Change on Adolescent Behavior"** by Licensed Social Worker and Student Assistance Specialist of the North Hills School District, **Tim McDowell**, **5) "The Theology of Work – an examination of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Laborem Exercens*"** by **Fr. Joseph Luisi** and **6) "Finding Peace, Strength and Hope"** by a panel representing different faith traditions from the **Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium**. The seminar is free and open to all and the facilities are handicap-accessible. You may register at the door.

Fr. Joe

SECOND COLLECTION



The second collection taken up at all Masses this weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Africa, formerly known as the American Bishops Overseas collection. Your financial assistance is important, and there is a specially-marked envelope in your packet for this purpose. If you forgot your envelope today, you may place it in the general collection next week. Thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP ZUBIK TO VISIT N.A.M.

We welcome Bishop Zubik next Sunday, May 23, at the 11:00 AM Mass for the Feast of Pentecost, marking the Golden Anniversary of North American Martyrs Parish. I have invited priests and religious, including those who have served here as well as the priests who are from here. Please come and join us in this joyful celebration of this vibrant community of faith and its development in these last fifty years. ~ Fr. Joe Luisi

SCHOOL NEWS

A FUND RAISING MEETING will be held on Monday, **May 17** at 6:30 PM in the School Library. All are welcome to attend.

OFFICER FRED, one of our fine Monroeville police officers, will spend time with our K-4 students this Monday and our fifth and sixth grade pupils this Tuesday. He will address friendship skills, manners of cooperation, and ways to resolve conflicts. Thank you to Officer Fred for sharing your time and talents with us.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES for our three-year-old preschool children will be held Tuesday, **May 18**.

PLEASE KEEP our kindergarten, first, and second grade pupils, teachers and chaperones in your prayers as they attend a play at the Gemini Theater on Tuesday.

AS WEATHER PERMITS, we will celebrate our annual Blue and Gold Carnival Field Day Wednesday, **May 19**. Ms. Bone, our physical education teacher, has planned out our activities using the Olympics as our theme. This is a blue and gold dress down day and our wonderful PTG will be providing a yummy and delicious lunch for us. We can use all of the help we can get on this day to make it successful. If you are able to volunteer in any way, please call us and let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Patrick Farren, son of Tess and Michael, who was a recent diocesan Student of the Month. Brian's academic work here at North American Martyrs is top-notch. He also does a wonderful job as a lector/cantor during our school liturgies. In the Monroeville community, he is active in deck hockey, soccer, and swimming. His older brother, Brendan, is a graduate of our school, and his younger brother, Connor, attends our third grade. Way to go Brian Patrick! We are all so very proud of you!

CONFERENCES for our four-year-old preschool children will be held Thursday, **May 20**.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend our Spring Band and Recorder Concert Friday, **May 21** at 2:15 PM in DeLuca Hall. Mr. Balawejder, our band director, and Ms. Sage, our music teacher, have planned a marvelous matinee. For some foot tapping fun, please plan on joining us!

OUR FIRST GRADERS, under the guidance of Mrs. Laubham, are helping to plan our liturgy for Friday, **May 21** at 9:00 AM. Hopefully, you will be able to join us in our worship service.

ALL HOAGIE ORDERS are due on Friday, **May 21**.

THE KENNYWOOD SCHOOL PICNIC is set for Saturday, **May 22**. All are welcome to participate in this fun-filled day.

***DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY, MAY 18!***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held Sundays during the 11:00 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.

ENVELOPE 101

(second in a casual series)

If you have several weeks of Sunday envelopes to be deposited into the collection basket at one time, please combine all of the monies and/or checks into one envelope (the most recent). It is not necessary to use each weekly envelope if the date has passed, and turning in all of them at one time actually slows the counting and posting processes. Please continue to use individual envelopes for all holy days and special collections. Remember to **mark the outside of your envelopes** with the amount of your contribution inside.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Come enjoy the summer with other young adult Catholics in their late teens, 20's and 30's at this annual event on **Saturday, June 19**. A young adult Mass will be held at St. Peter's Church on the Northside, 720 Arch Street, at 4:00 PM, followed by a tailgate party and the game at PNC Park between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cleveland Indians. Box seat tickets are \$20, and a portion of this price will benefit the Diocese of Pittsburgh Young Adult Ministry. For an order form, please visit www.yampgh.org. Checks and forms must be sent to the Diocese of Pittsburgh by **Tuesday, June 1**.

N.A.M./ST. MICHAEL GOLF OUTING

This year's annual outing will be held at Murrysville Golf Course on Saturday, **July 24**. As always, we will be asking that you check in at the course no later than 7:30 AM. Fees for this year's event will be \$75/ golfer, which includes coffee & donuts during check-in time, a cart for four golfers and a hotdog and beverage after nine holes. Once all golfers are off the course we will enjoy a hot luncheon and beverages. Gifts and cash prizes will be awarded after the meal. Please watch for registration forms at three church entrances at the end of May. With an earlier date for this year's outing than in previous years, we ask that you submit your registration forms and fees and soon as possible. Thank you.



WEDDING BANNS

III. Christopher Longo & Rebecca Sciuillo



BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Central Blood Bank needs our help. Central Blood Bank supplies blood products and transfusion services to more than 40 area hospitals in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and eastern Ohio. Volunteer blood donors are also recruited from the Tri-State region. Over the next 3 months, due to the anticipated shortage of blood donated, local hospitals may have to defer elective surgery for many area patients. This happens every summer when donors go on vacation. North American Martyrs/St. Bernadette blood program donates more units of blood than any other church group in the Tri-State region. Therefore, Central Blood Bank is asking blood donors from our churches to schedule your next blood donation as soon as possible by calling 1-866-366-6771. If you have any comments regarding this life-saving program, contact Chuck Summerville, at csummervil@gmail.com or 412-372-4332.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

COME JOIN US at a baby shower at Our Lady of Joy in Father Marchukonis Hall Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM. The shower is sponsored by the Respect for Life Committee and the Our Lady of Joy JYM. Bring a gift to be donated to Women's Choice Network and Young Lives and enjoy refreshments, games and speakers. Please RSVP to Sandy Strong at 724-327-7205 or email her at destrong@comcast.net.

ST. REGIS has a full time maintenance position opening. Benefits are included. Send resume to St. Regis Parish, 517 Homewood Avenue, Trafford, PA 15085 by May 24.

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.

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, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM Lois C. Steiner-Brother & Sister
11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Harrill Family- Robert & Mary Harrill
Monday, May 17
8:00 AM Michael & Anna Grubanich-Vroble Grandchildren
Tuesday, May 18
7:00 PM Mass/St. Michael
Wednesday, May 19
8:00 AM Margaret & Frank Storch-Storch Family
Thursday, May 20
8:00 AM Mass/St. Michael
Friday, May 21
9:00 AM Charlotte Duggan-Family
Saturday, May 22
12:00 PM Confessions/St. Michael
2:00 PM Wedding-Christopher Longo & Rebecca Sciuillo
4:00 PM Edward Farren-M/M Michael Farren & Sons
Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday
8:00 AM People of Parish
11:00 AM Intentions of Relatives & Friends-Margaret White (Bishop Zubick will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of North American Martyrs Parish)

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

Articles for the May 30th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, May 17. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$7,932. 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) (____) _____

- 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