



***VOLUNTEERS TRAINED, TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION,
STEM CELL RESEARCH SPEAKER/BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION***

VOLUNTEERS TRAINED: Upon arriving at North American Martyrs I have been gradually training or designating for training, qualified individuals to assist in various ministries. This training serves two ends: 1) it empowers lay people who have received the Holy Spirit in baptism to share their gifts with the Church and 2) it helps relieve some of the ministerial burdens of the priest or deacon. These include: *Baptism aides, Wedding coordinators and Lay Tribunal Advocate*. It so happens that all of these volunteers are *women*, which was not a pre-requisite for their volunteer service!

A *Baptism aide* is someone who assists the priest or deacon, before, during and after the Baptism which would *normally occur* during the 11:00 Mass on the Second Sunday of the month and after the 11:00 Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the month. These volunteers set up for me (or the visiting priest) which is particularly helpful when I'm traveling from the 9:30 Mass at St. Michael Church and am pressed for time before the 11:00 Mass. These *Baptism aides* are: **Jackie Dugan, Jackie Welch, Marilyn Colosmo and Cindy Capell**. Each of them received "on the job training" with me and has been assisting on a rotating basis.

Wedding coordinators assist the priest or deacon and wedding party on the wedding rehearsal day and the day of the wedding. They typically arrive early and set up the sanctuary, help line up the bridal party in their procession, are present in the back of the church throughout the wedding and clean up the church after the wedding prior to the 4:00 parish Mass to follow. These *Wedding coordinators* whom I recently trained are: **Marian Elder, Paula Smith and Sue Vargo**.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh began training for *Lay Tribunal Advocates* about the year 2000. Their job is to assist the priest or deacon, with qualified lay persons who are trained by the Canon Law Department of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in a confidential manner by which they would be assigned to assist someone who petitions for an annulment. This relieves the burden of the former practice of **only** priests and deacons assisting men and women seeking annulments. The diocese recently scheduled another training session in the spring of this year for *Lay Tribunal Advocates* who would serve the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I have asked **Dr. Ruthann Valentine**, a psychologist from our parish, to go to the multi-session Diocesan training which she is in the process of completion. Once official, she will assist me in serving the needs of those who petition for annulments as we priests and deacons do already.

All parish volunteers must be in compliance with the Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and must be in contact with Donna Lew-Buechel, our parish Safe Environment Coordinator.

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: There are several men and women with whom I have spoken about serving the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with responsibilities either assisting at Mass and/or assisting with Holy Communion in hospitals, health care facilities or to the homebound. I will lead the training session **for those who wish to assist at Mass on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm at North American Martyrs Church**. Note that those who want to be trained as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in Hospitals and Health Care Facilities** are to go to **St. Bernadette Church for the workshop on Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 pm in the St. Bernadette Parish Lourdes Center**. You must have my permission before agreeing to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in any capacity. For those who want to bring Holy Communion to the homebound, please see me privately.

STEM CELL RESEARCH SPEAKER/BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION: **Dr. Jim Rosetti** is an expert on the topic of **Stem Cell Research** and will speak on Monday, May 24 at 7:00 pm at DeLuca Hall. He already spoke at St. John the Baptist, Plum Boro to rave reviews. This talk is free and open to the public. In a related way, thanks for everyone's support of the Mother's Day collection for **Birthright**. The collection total was \$558.63.

Fr. Joe

BACCALAUREATE



Invitations to the Baccalaureate Liturgy on Sunday, **May 30** at the 11:00 AM Mass for High School Seniors in our Parish should arrive this week. If you do not receive yours, call Donna Lew-Buechel at 412-349-0942.



**NORTH AMERICAN MARTYR'S/ST. MICHAEL'S
WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The **June 8th** meeting of the N.A.M. Women's Guild will be held in the **N.A.M. School Library at 7:00 PM**. All women of North American Martyrs and St. Michael's are invited to join with Guild members to discuss the future survival of the Guild. Declining support threatens the very existence of this vital group of women who are part of the very fabric of our Christian community.



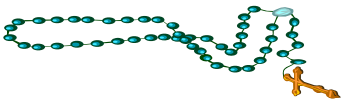
MEETINGS

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **June 2** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

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 10:00 AM in the Music Room.

THE MONTH OF MARY



One of the most beautiful devotional traditions in the church is that of observing the month of May as the

Month of Mary. The Rosary is still a very popular prayer and we urge you to say the Rosary as often as you can. It is recited in our church after every week day morning Mass.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DINNER CRUISE

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Gateway Clipper

350 West Station Square Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

1:00 PM Boarding Time

1:30-4:30 PM Cruise

Buffet Dinner

Cash Prizes

Musical Entertainment

Adults, \$50/ea, Children 3-12, \$15/ea

Children under 3 Free

Tickets will be sold after all Masses

May 22 & 23

Call 412-856-9472 for more information

OHIO TOUR

A trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, Friday-Sunday, **July 16-18**, has been arranged by Wendt Touring to attend the Father Corapi Conference. Included are visits to several renowned churches and to Newport on the Levee for shopping. There will be daily Mass and prayer. Four meals, all sightseeing, admissions and conference fees are included. Call Fran Fulkerson at 412-373-3785 for prices and with any questions.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

The advertisers on the back of our bulletin make our bulletin possible. This week we thank **Michael L. Houy, DMD, General Dentistry** for their ad. If you are a patient, please remember to thank them, too! If you are not, why not consider calling for an appointment?

JUST A REMINDER.....

If you wish to submit an article for publication in the bulletin, please check the deadline date which can be found after the Mass Intentions listed for the week. Also please remember to be specific about in which Sunday bulletins you would like your article to appear.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Provias, former parishioner, and for Charles Kappes, our parishioner, who was buried from here this past week.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of 4/30/10

Pledges Received: \$781,173. (62 % of goal)

Total Responses Received: 618 Paid to Date: \$406,222.

We need your Pledge and participation.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

The large candle that burns by the tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, honors God and serves as a reminder of His presence. Your monetary gift of \$30 toward the candle will memorialize your intention for a week, and it will be 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 **or** In Honor of (circle one)

Name _____

Week requested (Sun-Sat) _____

Requested by _____

Your phone number _____



This week's Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Deceased Members of Monterossi & Karnis Families requested by Pamela & Louis Monterossi

SCHOOL NEWS

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME Mrs. Cecilia M. Grandillo, our Diocesan Educational Consultant, on Monday, **May 24**. She will spend the day with us visiting our teachers and students in their classrooms. Mrs. Grandillo will also see Father Luisi and Mrs. Fleet.

UNIFORM MEASUREMENTS will take place on Monday, **May 24** from 9:30-11:30 AM in school.

OUR SIXTH GRADERS will be on a mini-retreat with Father Joe, Tuesday, **May 25** from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Ms. Kearns will join them for lunch in the rectory.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 is our Blue and Gold Carnival Rain Date. Mr. George Mursch, regardless of the previous Wednesday's weather, will provide a festive array of carnival games for us to enjoy. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please call the school office if you are able to help.

HOAGIE ORDERS will be delivered and available for pickup Thursday, **May 27** in DeLuca Hall after 3:00 PM.

OUR THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD preschool students wrap up their wonderful year of learning on Thursday, **May 27** with a picnic at Steel City Gym, a terrific facility owned and run by the Schulte family.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION is set for Friday, **May 28** at 1:30 PM. in DeLuca Hall. All are welcome to attend.

MRS. PINSKER and our fourth graders will help plan our liturgy on Friday, **May 28** for the 9:00 AM Mass. Please plan on joining us.

THERE IS NO SCHOOL on Monday, **May 31** due to the Memorial Day holiday. Thank you to everyone who served time in our military services. We are most appreciative of your dedication to our country. God bless you always!

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in an excellent education for your child? If so, we are presently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. We have openings in our three or four-year old preschool, as well as our full-day Kindergarten-6th Grades. Financial aid is available. For a school tour or more information, call 412-373-0889.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS

This is the time of year to schedule your group's meetings and events. Your organization may depend on using our facilities for certain dates, but unless those dates are reserved on our calendar, you may run the risk of losing them. You must either pick up a form or request the forms by email to schedule with the parish secretary for your meetings and events taking place between the months of August, 2010 & July, 2011.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is held Sundays during the 11:00 AM Mass for children in Grades 1-6. The last CLW until the fall is Sunday, **May 30**.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION...Please call Fr. Joe to schedule

MARRIAGE PREPARATION sessions are held twice yearly, in the fall and spring. Call 412-349-0942 to register for any session

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 process. 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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

FOOD BANK

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. Please deposit your non-perishable food items in the main vestibule of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

COME JOIN US for an informative day at Duquesne University's DuquesneFest 2010 on Sunday, **June 13**. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Meet other high school and college students, discover the many facets of financial aid and explore majors and career options. Visit www.duq.edu/admissions for further information.

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 Monday, **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 23 Pentecost Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM People of Parish
 - 9:30 AM **Mass/St. Michael**
 - 11:00 AM Intentions of Relatives & Friends-Margaret White (50th Anniversary of North American Martyrs Church)
- Monday, May 24**
 - 8:00 AM Robert & Carmela Yourick-Joe & Kathy DeNinno
- Tuesday, May 25**
 - 7:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Wednesday, May 26 Saint Philip Neri**
 - 8:00 AM John Palatas-Violet, Janet, Dan & Dennis
- Thursday, May 27**
 - 8:00 AM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Friday, May 28**
 - 9:00 AM Marianne Celli-Rita & Dave Dolan
- Saturday, May 29**
 - 12:00 PM **Confessions/N.A.M.**
 - 4:00 PM Mary Connolly-John & Ashley Nee
- Sunday, May 30 The Most Holy Trinity**
 - 8:00 AM Patty Rolinski-Lucy Kammennzind
 - 9:30 AM **Mass/St. Michael**
 - 11:00 AM Nicholas R. DeCesare-Family (Baccalaureate)

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

Articles for the June 6th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, May 25. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$8,837.
The Catholic Relief Services collection totaled \$1,921.
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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