



**ASCENSION THURSDAY, NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, 2011 COMMUNION DATE,
BIG CHECK, NEW HIRE, NAME OF THE MERGED PARISH**

ASCENSION THURSDAY: Next Thursday, **May 13** is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check the Mass schedule on page five for the Vigil and the Holy Day Masses both here and at St. Michael Church.

NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: I recently purchased booklets for both North American Martyrs and St. Michael Churches for the Novena to the Holy Spirit that begins on the day after Ascension Thursday and concludes with the day before Pentecost. The gist of the Novena is an Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit and a Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit that is to be prayed for each of the nine days along with prayers for each of the gifts on the different days of the novena. I will begin the prayer after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, May 14 and will continue to lead the prayer after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday and on each of the weekdays after Mass at either North American Martyrs or St. Michael Churches and finishing the novena after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, May 22.

2011 COMMUNION DATE Since Easter Sunday is late next year (April 24!) that means that Divine Mercy Sunday is May 1 and Mother's Day is May 8. After consulting with both **Diane Fleet** (our principal) and **Donna Lew-Buechel** (our DRE), I have scheduled First Communion for **May 15, 2011 at 1:00 PM at North American Martyrs Church.**

BIG CHECK: I recently received a check for **\$12,500** remitted to North American Martyrs School which represents the balance of our 2009-2010 elementary school grant from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We received a previous check in the Fall for **\$12,500** for a total grant of **\$25,000.**

This grant represents the tremendous support given to our school by the diocese.

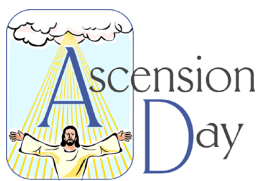
NEW HIRE: After consulting with **Diane Fleet, Joe Cepec** (the business manager of both NAM and St. Michael) and the joint Finance Council of NAM and St. Michael, I am hiring **Mrs. Annette Waldron** as part-time Development Director of North American Martyrs School effective July 1, 2010. Annette will have an office in the school next to the school secretary, **Bonnie Sanford.** Because of Annette's passionate support of our school, her attendance of the Partners in Mission Program with the Diocese as well as her experience in working for WQED, she has the experience, faith commitment and enthusiasm to excel in growing our wonderful school. Please congratulate her.

NAME OF THE MERGED PARISH: This weekend, the registered parishioners of both North American Martyrs and St. Michael Parishes should be receiving a letter informing you of the bishop's intent on gathering three possible names for the new parish as well as a form to be completed with your reply regarding the three possible names. You are to return the form either in person, in the collection basket or by mail no later than Sunday, May 16. If you do not receive a form this weekend, please call the parish secretary so that she may send one to you.

Fr. Joe

ASCENSION

Thursday of this week, **May 13**, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, including children of school age. Parents have the responsibility of making sure that



their children attend Mass. Please check page five of this bulletin for the Mass schedule.

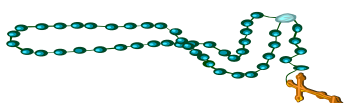
SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses next weekend 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. Thank you for your generosity.

50th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND RECEPTION

A Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of North American Martyrs will be celebrated by Bishop Zubik on **May 23** at 11:00 AM. A reception hosted by Parish Life and the Women's Guild will follow in DeLuca Hall. We are in need of baked items such as cookies and brownies for this event. If you are able to donate items for the reception contact Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 or Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181. Please bring your baked items to the kitchen on Saturday or Sunday before going to Mass. We appreciate your help.

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 8:00 AM Mass.

MEETINGS

THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, **May 11** at 11:00 AM in the Rectory/Office Conference Room.

LADIES OF CHARITY will meet on Tuesday, **May 11** at 9:30 AM in DeLuca Hall.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **May 19** 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.

REST IN PEACE

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Anne Quinones, wife of Barry, and our parishioner,
who was buried from here this past week.*

HOLY HOUR

will be held Monday, May 10 at 7:00 PM.

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 8, 9, 15, 16, 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.

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 Barbara Harrill Bush
requested by Bob & Mary Harrill.*

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of our wonderful grandmothers, mothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, etc. May God bless you in a very special way today.

OUR PTG meets on Tuesday, **May 11** at 6:15 PM in DeLuca Hall. Nominations and voting for next year's officers will be held, as well as a presentation from Tuition Management Systems. Also, the regular agenda items will be addressed, and a social is planned. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

KENNYWOOD TICKETS are scheduled to be sold on **Tuesday, May 11** for \$21/each. Only cash is an acceptable method of payment.

THE DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE will be held on Wednesday, **May 12**. Please keep Nicholas Norman in your prayers, as he will be representing our school. Good luck Nick!

OUR MOMS and special female friends will be joining together for Muffins with Mom on Wednesday, **May 12**. Some of our dads will be preparing this unique treat for our fine ladies.

PLEASE JOIN US for Ascension Thursday Mass at 9:00 AM. Ms. Kearns and our fifth and sixth graders will help to plan our liturgy.

THE FINAL HOAGIE SALE for the year begins on Thursday, **May 13**. Please contact any school family to place an order. Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

THERE WILL BE AN EARLY DISMISSAL Friday, **May 14** due to a faculty meeting in the afternoon.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED your Bingo tickets yet? They are going fast! See you on Saturday, **May 15** for a night of fun in DeLuca Hall. Get ready to call out B-I-N-G-O!

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.

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.

BINGO!

Come join us for another fun-filled evening of Bingo! Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, **May 15**. This event benefits our N.A.M. School. Tickets to the Bingo Night will be sold after all Masses **this weekend**. Your \$20 ticket includes 6 cards for all 14 regular Bingo games, including the jackpot game. Early Bird, Specials, extra Bingo Cards and Pull-Tab Games will also be available for purchase, as will hot foods, snacks and desserts. This is a very popular event so be sure to get your tickets early.

HONOR ROLL STUDENT ANNOUNCED

North American Martyrs Parish proudly joins Central Catholic High School in announcing that the following student from North American Martyrs has achieved honor roll status for the third quarter, 2009-2010 school year.
Honors: Daniel Murtha. Congratulations!

ENVELOPE 101

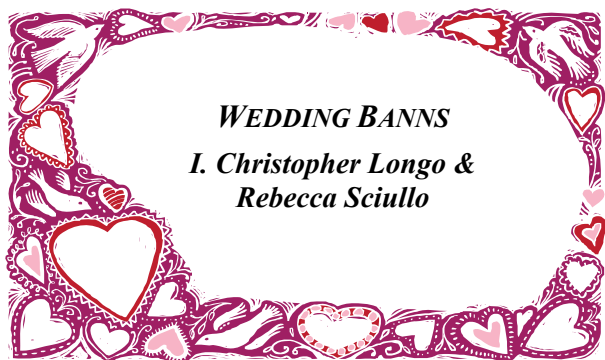
(first in a casual series)

As with all contributions, a set of checks and balances is used here at NAM. If you do not put your amount contributed on the outside of your envelope, it is the responsibility of the collection counters to do so. The total amount of all the envelopes collected for a Sunday Mass must equal the sum of all money and checks collected for that Mass. All of our collection counters volunteer their time to do this important task. Please make their job easier by **marking the outside of your envelopes** with the amount of your contribution inside.

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
I. Christopher Longo &
Rebecca Sciullo

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HISTORIC ST. PETER PARISH will hold a fundraiser, “A Century of Brides” Sunday, **May 16** at 1:00 PM. Antique gowns will be on display, contemporary bridal wear will be modeled, and wedding related vendors will be present. A light reception will follow the show. Tickets are \$30/person in advance and \$40/person at the door. Call 412-322-9454 for further details.

“**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**” a Holy Land pilgrimage is planned for **May 17-28**, sponsored by the Church of the Seven Dolors in Yukon, PA. Visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other sites affiliated with the life and ministry of Jesus. For further information, call 724-722-3141.

LADIES, JOIN MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH for a joy-filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, **May 22**, at 9:00 AM -12:00 Noon at the Radisson Green Tree. The breakfast will feature speaker Kathy MacInnis, Assistant Coordinator of the Magnificat Central Service Team. Kathy will tell her story of a bout with cancer. The breakfast is \$18/person and registration is to be made by Friday, **May 14**. Call 412-461-8906 for further information or you will find a registration form to download at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

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 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 8:00 AM Mothers of the Parish
 11:00 AM People of the Parish
- Monday, May 10**
 8:00 AM Jeannie Swiech-Louise, Char, Donna & Joann
 7:00 PM Holy Hour
- Tuesday, May 11**
 7:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Wednesday, May 12**
 8:00 AM Pat Rolinski-Katie & Bill Horvath
 7:00 PM Elsie J. Vroble-Children & Grandchildren
- Thursday, May 13 The Ascension of the Lord**
 9:00 AM Anne & John Dobos-Storch Family
 12:15 PM People of Parish
 6:00 PM **Mass/St. Michael**
- Friday, May 14 St., Matthias**
 8:00 AM 61st Anniversary-Tom & Eileen Hanlon
- Saturday, May 15**
 12:00 PM **Confessions/Here**
 4:00 PM Edward Farren-M/M Michael Farren & Sons
- 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

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

Articles for the May 23rd bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, May 11. You may submit to namchar@nauticom.net

Parish Stewardship: \$9,051.
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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