

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
November 13, 2011, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

North American Martyrs is a vibrant parish, built on multi-generational and cultural traditions blended through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Reflecting the unconditional mercy of Jesus Christ, we as a faith community sharing God's love with all people, enthusiastically reach out to embrace everyone, especially the poor, broken, suffering and lost. We draw our strength through prayer, listening to and acting upon God's Word and celebrating the Eucharist, to foster a closer relationship with Christ as humble and faithful members of His Universal Church.



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St. Michael Church
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil4:00 PM
Sundays8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 AM Mass
Weekday:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday8:00 AM

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Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays9:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday8:00 AM
St. Anthony Novena begins 13 Tuesdays before June 13th

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SACRAMENTS (AT BOTH CHURCHES)

Rite of Reconciliation: 12:00-12:45 PM: At Saint Michael Church the second Saturday of the month. All other Saturdays confessions will be at NAM.
Baptisms: By appointment only. Second Sundays during 11:00 Mass and fourth Sundays after 11:00 Mass at NAM. Baptisms at St. Michael Church will be on the third Sunday of the month during the 9:30 Mass. A Pre-Baptism Seminar is required for first-time parents. Call Charlotte to make arrangements.
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call Fr. Joe Luisi to make arrangements.

PARISH NEWS, PARISH SHARE UPDATE, THANKSGIVING SERVICES

PARISH NEWS: I am happy to announce that **Dr. Mike Houy** is the new facilitator of our Parish Pastoral Council as discerned by the other members of the Pastoral Council. Mike replaces **Tim Thorsen** as the facilitator since Tim is our Parish Business Manager, and is prohibited by church law to serve also as Pastoral Council facilitator.

Thanks to **Doloris Binkowski** who has agreed to be the new president of the Altar Rosary Society.

Thanks to the members of the **Ladies of Charity** for doing such an outstanding job organizing and assisting at the Mass of Remembrance and the refreshments that followed, last week at St. Michael Church.

Our parish, as part of the Pitcairn Church Fellowship, will be part of **“Up in the Air for Turkeys”** which will benefit three local food banks: Pitcairn, Crossroads (Monroeville) and Trafford. A minister from different churches in Pitcairn will be up in the air of the Pitcairn Fire Truck ladder platform from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Thursday, November 17 and Friday, November 18 on Broadway Avenue, Pitcairn next to the Sunoco station. I will be “up in the air” from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Friday, Nov. 18 but you can contribute your cash donations from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on both days. Our pastoral associate, **Denise Lucas**, will be volunteering (on the street level) to ask for donations during that same time period. Look for the neon vest!



PARISH SHARE UPDATE Our Parish Share Goal for the 2011 campaign is \$90,065. We have received pledges for 93% of that goal. For those of you who have pledged, you have been very timely with your payments on those pledges. I thank you. The parish still projects to be short of our goal by almost \$7,000. If we are unsuccessful in meeting our goal, the remaining balance must be made up to the diocese from our regular offertory collections. Parishioners who were unable to make a pledge in March can still help us meet our goal by making contributions to the Parish Share Fund using an additional envelope that will be included in your monthly envelope packet marked “Parish Share”. Remember that any monies collected for the Parish Share Program that exceed our goal are kept in our parish and used for the needs of our parish. Thank you for your support.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES: When I came to be pastor of both: North American Martyrs Parish, Monroeville and St. Michael Parish, Pitcairn on October 1, 2009, I celebrated Thanksgiving Mass at NAM in 2009 and at St. Michael Church last year. Since I will be alternating between the two churches in our merged parish, **this year the Thanksgiving Mass will be at NAM on Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 am.** Parishioners are urged to bring non-perishable food items to Mass that will be donated (along with the food items brought by our school children) to the Little Sisters of the Poor for their food pick-up on Friday, November 25 at noon. Volunteers are also needed to help load up the food items into the Little Sisters of the Poor vehicles.

The **Pitcairn Church Fellowship** will sponsor a Thanksgiving Service at the Center Avenue United Methodist Church, Pitcairn, on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow.

The **Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium** will sponsor a Thanksgiving Service at the Muslim Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh on Seamans Lane, Monroeville on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 pm. (Seamans Lane is off of Northern Pike past the new CVS in Monroeville). All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow.



Fr. Joe

~~~~~ *The World Mission Sunday collection totaled \$2,891. Thank you for your generosity* ~~~~~

*RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS*

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, “We thank God for every religious sister who taught us not only our ABCs, but also to love God.” Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. There is a specially marked envelope in your packets for this second collection which will be held during the weekend of **November 20 & 21**. Please give generously. Thank you.

***ADORATION***

**MONDAY, November 14, 8:30 AM-7:00 PM**  
**BENEDICTION & REPOSITION-7:00-8:00 PM**

*In addition to the organizations' member visitation schedule, parishioners are encouraged to come to spend time with Our Lord.*

The schedule is as follows:

8:30-9:30 AM, Altar Rosary Society;  
 9:30-10:30 AM, Stitching Angels;  
 10:30-11:30 AM, Ladies of Charity;  
 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, Catholic Daughters of America;  
 12:30-1:30 PM, Holy Name Society;  
 1:30-2:30 PM, School;  
 2:30-3:30 PM, Women's Guild,  
 3:30-4:30 PM, Infant Jesus Respect Life Group;  
 4:30-5:30 PM, Lectors;  
 5:30-6:30 PM, CCD; and  
 6:30-8:00 PM, Youth Group.

***MEETINGS***

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, **November 16** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

***ON-LINE GIVING***

Have you ever been on your way to Church and realized you forgot your envelope? Available now, North American Martyrs Parish can offer **On-Line Giving**. With On-Line Giving there is no worry about missing your Sunday or Holyday offering due to sickness, vacation or forgetfulness. You can specify a recurring donation weekly or simply sign on to our website and make a quick, one-time offering. Donations will be automatically deducted from your checking, savings or credit card account on the date you specify for any amount you choose. Visit our website and sign up for On-Line Giving or call Tim Thorsen at 412-373-0330 X5.

***CHRISTMAS WAFERS***

Oplatki will be available in the main vestibule of the church for a donation of \$3.00/package beginning the first weekend of Advent.

*This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in memory of Keith Gallagher requested by Lori Gallagher, sister.*



*Please feel free to call or stop in to make arrangements for the Sanctuary Candle for your loved one.*

***PARISH BREAKFAST***

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a parish breakfast in DeLuca Hall Sunday, **November 20** at 8:30-11:30 AM. The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, juice and coffee. The fee is \$6/Adult, \$3/child 6 to 10 yrs of age and Free to any child 5 years of age and under.

***CHRISTMAS FLOWERS***

For many years the NAM Altar Rosary Society has offered you the opportunity to donate toward the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or other intention. This year we hope to make it easier for you with the addition of an envelope for this purpose in your November envelope packets, eliminating the need for you to fill out your own envelope. You may still offer your contribution for your intention/s in the blanks provided on the reverse side. Please drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office by Sunday, **December 11**. The intentions will continue to be published in the bulletin if you get your envelope in by the deadline date.

***ANGEL TREE***

Once again the NAM St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the Christmas Angel Tree to provide presents to those less fortunate. We will support Angel's Place women's shelters, the children of the Cross Roads Food Pantry clients, Intersection Inc., and St. Vincent de Paul clients. The Angel Tree will appear in the church vestibule for the Masses on the weekend of **November, 19**. Gifts should be returned by Sunday, **December 4**, with the angel attached, to support the delivery schedules for the agency Christmas parties. You will note that some of the gifts are to be returned unwrapped. The unwrapped gifts are for the food pantry and for Intersection so that clients can pick out the presents for later wrapping. Once again we thank the parish school children for doing a wonderful job in coloring and preparing the angels for the tree. We also thank our very generous parishioners who have continued to support this project.

***ANNUAL REPORT***

The NAM Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides the following annual fiscal report for 2011. Assistance was provided to the poor in our area thanks to the generosity of our parishioners: Food \$2,039, Shelter \$2,400, Utilities \$8,719, Furniture \$8,047, Appliances \$1,495, Other \$477 for a total of \$23,177. Home visits totaled 86 and other contacts were made, helping 252 people. The society members performed 900 hours of service traveling 2,928 miles.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WE WELCOME** Mrs. Ceil Grandillo, our Diocesan Educational Consultant, to our school Monday, **November 14**. She will spend the day visiting with teachers, students, and staff.

**IF YOU ORDERED PIES** from the Pie Shoppe, please remember to pick them up after school on Monday, **November 14** in DeLuca Hall.

**THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION** Committee will meet Monday, **November 14** at 6:30 PM in the faculty room.

**PTG MEETS** Tuesday, **November 15**, at 6:30 PM in DeLuca Hall.

**HOAGIES WILL BE DELIVERED** Thursday, **November 17** from 3:00-6:00 PM by the kindergarten doors.

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY AND GROUP PHOTO DAY** is scheduled for Thursday, **November 17**. All groups such as our Scouts, basketball players, altar servers, etc., will have a group photo taken. All of these children should bring their necessary clothing to represent their group.

**YOU ARE WELCOME** to join us on Friday, **November 18** for the 9:00 AM Mass. Mrs. Pinsker and our fourth graders will help to plan this liturgy. They will proceed to the altar with one or more food items to donate to our local food bank. You are welcome to be part of our procession.

**THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL** on Friday, **November 18** at Noon due to a faculty meeting. We are continuing to work on our Middle States evaluation.

**THANK YOU** to the anonymous donor for their gift of \$1,000 for the school technology fund. If anyone wishes to make a donation, please call Mrs. Diane Fleet, school principal, at 412-373-0889.

**LOTTERY CALENDARS**

NAM School is selling lottery calendars based on the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery, the 3-digit number drawn each evening at 7:00 PM beginning in January, 2012. Each calendar is sold for \$30 and gives you 365 chances to win prizes ranging from \$30 to \$1,000. Calendars will be sold after all Masses this month. If you have any questions call Kristen Watson at 412-427-2759 or kristen.watson@gmail.com. We appreciate your continued support with our fundraising efforts.

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, Virginia Beck, who was buried from here this past week.

**YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS**

LAUREN GATES, 412-445-6570 OR [youthmin@stbrnadet.org](mailto:youthmin@stbrnadet.org)

**SR HI YOUTH GROUP**, for students in grades 9-12, will meet Monday, **November 14** at 7:30 PM in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette.

**SR HI YOUTH GROUP:** It's Official! Our High School Youth Group is moving to Sundays! Beginning **November 20**, our schedule will be as follows: 5:00-7:00 PM, meet at St. Bernadette, Biedenbach Hall; 5:00-5:30, dinner or a substantial snack; 5:30-6:30 games and our main presentation for the evening; 6:30-7:00 small groups and further discussion. We will end our time together with Mass, from 7:00-8:00 (this is obviously optional if the teens have already attended Mass). Watch your mailboxes for more information concerning our Sunday night Youth Group, and our Fall Retreat (scheduled for December 9, 10, & 11).

**JR HI YOUTH GROUP**, for students in grades 7-8, will meet Tuesday, **November 22** at 7:30 PM in DeLuca Hall at NAM.

**THE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** is for those who are from college age to 35 years. Our December Theology on Tap is scheduled for Thursday, **December 8** at 7:00 PM at the Rivertowne Pour House. The speaker is TBA. All ages and faiths are welcome!

*To see the miraculous within the ordinary is the mark of highest wisdom."-- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS**

The North American Martyrs/St. Michael/St. Bernadette-blood program as of the end of September, donated 191 units of blood products benefiting 573 local patients. For other information about this program, contact 412-372-4332 or [csummervil@gmail.com](mailto:csummervil@gmail.com).

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Children in grades K-6 are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Musical Program. The program will be performed on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM prior to the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00. Please plan on attending the following rehearsals. Since there are a limited number of rehearsals please make every effort to attend all of the practices. Practices will take place in the church.

Sunday, **November 20**, 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday, **November 27**, 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday, **December 4**, 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday, **December 11**, 9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday, **December 18**, 12:30-2:30 PM,

**(DRESS REHEARSAL)**

*We look forward to seeing you at practice! Don't miss this chance to be involved in this awesome musical performance!*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43  
 Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thur: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44  
 Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48  
 Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS**

**St. Michael:** N. Klassen #645, J. Tatters #874, L. Grill #014, C. Wisniewski #976, T. Costello #804, P. Cowlehan #159.  
**NAM:** A. Buches #645, N.Colberg #874, T. Corbett #159.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**



Martha Smeltz, James Bauccio, Joe Condrasky, Andy DeBone, Theresa Ventresco, Enza Bauccio, Josie Fasano, Sophie Stahl, Homer Sheridan, Pat Emmick, Victor Caruso, Richard Colaric, Rachel Edwards, Jean Perazzelli, Tina Bianchi, Jamison Byrne, Andrea Rosso, Karen Gallagher, Gert Moadlo, Dean'Na Pizzuto, Cori Poole, Carmel Seibert, Jamie O'Grady, Florine Mikolaczyk, Nancy Yothers, Katie Rizzo, Beverly King, Charles Dial, Violet Palatas, Peggy McKenna, Barbara Busch & Jim Ackerman.

**THE INFANT JESUS RESPECT LIFE GROUP** is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Bake Sale the weekend of **November 19 & 20** after all Masses at the entrance to DeLuca Hall. After the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass at St. Michael, we will be selling at the back of the church. Please consider donating baked goods. You may drop them off at the DeLuca Hall entrance on Saturday, **November 19** at 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. If you have any questions, contact Marian Elder at 412-856-5967.

If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name published in the bulletin, please have them contact Linda Freytag at 412-856-7321 or at [jimlyn2@verizon.net](mailto:jimlyn2@verizon.net) no later than Tuesday 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](mailto:meh227@aol.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, November 13 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Josephine DeMunari-Ermie  
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Irma DeBone-Andy & Donna  
 11:00 AM Dorothy Jane Virtus-Dave

**Monday, November 14**

8:00 AM Angelo & Caterina DiMarco-Family  
 8:30 AM Exposition & Adoration  
 7:00 PM Benediction & Reposition

**Tuesday, November 15**

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Jack Sands-Clara

**Wednesday, November 16**

8:00 AM Cathy Becker-NAM Altar Rosary Society

**Thursday, November 17**

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Husband Frank & Son Tomas Folino-Family

**Friday, November 18**

9:00 AM Jane Toohill-Toohill Family

**Saturday, November 19**

12:00 PM **Confessions/NAM**  
 4:00 PM John Donis-Tony Mimicucci

**Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

8:00 AM David Soggi-Soggi Family  
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of Parish  
 11:00 AM Joseph Balawajder-Carol & Bill Balawajder

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

*Articles for the November 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, November 15. You may submit to [office@namcatholicchurch.org](mailto:office@namcatholicchurch.org)*

Mass for the Living and Deceased Members of N.A.M.'s Altar Rosary Society is said at our twin parish, St. Paul's Catholic Church in Crownpoint, New Mexico, on the first Monday of each month.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES OR TAPE TO CLOSE YOUR ENVELOPES. THANK YOU!**

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| <b>November 6, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd</b> | <b>\$ 12,814</b> |
| 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed                | \$ 9,790         |
| 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short)          | \$ 3,024         |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd                  | \$ 172,414       |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed                 | \$ 186,010       |
| 2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short)           | \$ (13,597)      |
| 2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget                   | \$ 509,080       |

**WELCOME TO NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH**

**In order that we may serve your needs better, please fill out this form, check any interests 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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