

North American Martyrs Parish

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November 20, 2011, Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King

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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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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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.

RITE OF WELCOME, GOOD NEWS FROM SCHOOL, THANK YOU, NEWS FOR WOMEN



RITE OF WELCOME: This Saturday, November 19 at the 4:00 pm Mass I will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for 1 child, 1 teen and 3 adults who are either part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (or Adults). All five have either been baptized Catholic or Protestant. They are classified as **Candidates** at this time as they continue to learn about the Catholic faith into which they will be fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 7, 2012. They are: **McKenna Clifford** (a fourth grader in our school), **Colton Brown**, (a ninth grader who completed our CCD program), **Gene Bianchi**, who, as an adult, was never confirmed, **Lisa Rocco**, who was baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments and **Bambi Pascuzzi** (the grandmother of McKenna Clifford). Bambi is a baptized Lutheran who wants to become a Catholic. When you see them, please welcome them to the RCIC or RCIA program of our parish and pray for them as they continue their journey to be fully initiated into our faith.

GOOD NEWS FROM SCHOOL: Children who attend NAM School take the Terra Nova test every year. One of our teachers, **Mrs. Cindy Pascoe**, analyzed the data and learned that our school children have scored an average of **2.5 years ahead** of their national elementary school counterpart. Isn't that incredible! Please read the full report on an insert in today's bulletin.

THANK YOU: Thanks to the **Ladies of Charity** who hosted a very moving Remembrance Mass on November 2 . . . Thanks to the **Women's Guild** for hosting a successful Art and Craft Show on November 12 . . . Thanks to **The Holy Name Society** for sponsoring this weekend's Pancake Breakfast at DeLuca Hall from 8:00 am to 11:00 am . . . Thanks to **Don Butler** for painting the statue of Mary in the grotto area outside of St. Michael Church . . . Thanks to **Paula Smith** for donating a statue of the Infant of Prague to North American Martyrs Church which now completes the statue area in front of the etched glass windows of the North American Martyrs and Blessed Kateri Tekawitha . . . Thanks to **Will Albert** for volunteering your labor and materials for roof repair on the North American Martyrs rectory. Note that next year, the North American Martyrs rectory is scheduled to have its roof replaced along with the steep section of the NAM church roof as part of the roof replacements in our last year of our Five-year Capital Campaign.

News for Women One of our school moms, **Jeanne Schulte** will be beginning an eight week course called **Ministry of Moms Sharing** or MOMs for short. This is a national program begun by Benedictine Sister Paula Hagan of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Paul's Monastery in St. Paul, Minnesota. It claims to have reached over 500,000 women and their families in over 100 dioceses. It is a support group for mothers of children up to age 10. Jeanne hopes to host the meetings in her home. It is for any mother, whether your child is a toddler, pre-schooler or elementary school child in either our school or in public school.

MOMS is an 8 week parish-based peer ministry using the book MOMS: A Personal Journal. Each session begins and ends with a prayer ritual designed to enhance the Christian perspective on each of these topics. The 8 sessions are entitled: 1) Self-Esteem and Self-Acceptance, 2) Stress, Worry and Anxiety, 3) Everyday Spirituality, 4) Feelings, 5) Personal Goal Setting, 6) Values in Friendship, 7) Discernment: Spiritual Gifts Inventory and 8) Celebration.

If interested, **contact Jeanne at 412-609-9752**. I have asked our new Pastoral Associate, **Denise Lucas**, to be advisor for the group.

In other news for women, why not consider a women's retreat? Come and experience rest, quiet time, opportunity for prayer and a renewed awareness of Christ at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center located high on the hill overlooking the South Side. This year's theme is "Rooted in Christ Growing in Love". For more information, pick up a brochure at the entrance of church or use their web site <http://www.catholic-church.org/stpaulsretreatcenter/>. Call Sr. Alice Halterlein, OSF, Promotion Coordinator at 412-381-7676 ext. 142 for reservations.

Fr. Joe

RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS



By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. The second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend, **November 19 & 20**. If you forgot your envelope today, you may place it in the regular collection next week. Thank you for giving generously.

MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **November 30** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

THE NAM WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD will meet Tuesday, **November 29** at 6:30 PM at Panera's in the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. If you are **unable** to make the meeting please contact Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148.

THE ROSARY MINISTRY will make rosary kits on Thursday, **December 1** at 9:30 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. This is not just for the Stitching Angels; we are always in need of help in counting out the beads and making up the packages. We need at least six people! We make up 200 kits in 2 hours. We can do lunch afterwards if you like. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP! Call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181. Please note we are not making the rosaries, only the kits.

THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP will attend the Mass at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, **December 7**. After Mass and the recitation of the rosary, the group will meet at Eat N Park for breakfast and fellowship. All couples and singles over 50 are welcome to attend. Call 412-372-3181 with any questions.

THE DECEMBER MEETING of the North American Martyrs Women's Guild will be held on Friday, **December 9**. We will meet at DiNunzio's Restaurant at 5:30 PM (located in the Mosside Shopping Center) for dinner. Then we will attend the "Journey to Bethlehem" at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, located on Haymaker Rd. If you have not had the chance to sign up for this meeting and program outing, call Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148.

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Christmas Seals before all Masses next weekend, November 26 and 27.

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those of you who signed up to begin Online Giving. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please prayerfully consider this option. Not only can it be used along with our offering envelopes, it will also hopefully decrease busy work for office staff, reduce expenses and allow the parish to count on a steadier stream of income. To sign up or receive more information, you can visit the parish website at www.namcatholicchurch.org. Remember to include your envelope number when signing up.

This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of Antonio & Anna Mendicino requested by Fred Mendicino



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

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. 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. The tree will be up this weekend at NAM. Another will be up at St. Michael after the weekend.

**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.

**SANTA BREAKFAST**

The North American Martyrs Parish Santa Breakfast will be on Saturday, **December 17** at 9:00 AM in DeLuca Hall. The price is \$5/person and children under 2 are free. The day will be filled with a good breakfast, fun activity, and of course visiting with Santa. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, **December 13**. See more information in the flyer in today's bulletin.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Mary Ellen Samek at (412) 889-2278.

**2012 CALENDARS**

Each year at this time we are provided with a beautiful calendar for the new year. We thank Gene Corl Funeral Chapel and Jobe Funeral Home for providing them. The calendars can be found at all the entrances to the church. Please take one home to enjoy all year.

SCHOOL NEWS

BAND STUDENTS will meet on Monday morning and Girl Scouts will meet in the evening at 6:30-8:00 P.M.

MARKET DAY INTERNET ORDERS are due on Monday, **November 21**. We appreciate all of your support.

THERE IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL on Wednesday, **November 23** at Noon. After-School care will be available until 6:00 P. Please make arrangements with Mrs. Bonni Sanford in advance for child care needs.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY to you! The North American Martyrs School family is most grateful to all of you for your continued support of our wonderful school. May the good Lord continue to bless all of you and your loved ones during this special time of year.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL on **November 24-28**. Classes resume on Tuesday, **November 29**.

WE CONTINUE to save and/or need Campbell labels, also found on other products such as Pepperidge Farm, Box Tops for Education, used ink cartridges, elementary-friendly copy paper, even used on one side, new copy paper, art and craft supplies, and office supplies. Thank you for your consideration.

ARE YOU LOOKING for a fabulous education for your child or another school-aged youngster? North American Martyrs School is the answer! We are still accepting applications for our three-year-old preschool-sixth grade program. Please call 412-373-0889 to set up a tour or to receive additional information. See you soon!

**HAVE A
HAPPY** **Thanksgiving !**

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 souls of Dr. Billy Appel, who passed away recently, and our parishioner, Dean'Na Pizzuto who was buried from St. Michael this past week.

**YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS**

LAUREN GATES, 412-445-6570 OR youthmin@stbrnadet.org

SR HI YOUTH GROUP, for students in grades 9-12, will meet **SUNDAY, November 20** at 5:00 PM in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette

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

ITS 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 you have already attended Mass). Watch your mailboxes for more information concerning our Sunday night Youth Group, and our Fall Retreat (scheduled for **December 9-11**). The deadline to sign up for the Fall Retreat is Friday, **November 25**. You do not need to have your final payments in on this date; just let Lauren know you're planning on attending!

YOUNG ADULTS, for those who are college age to 35 years, are invited to the January Theology on Tap on Thursday, **January 12** at 7:00 PM at the Rivertowne Pour House. Our speaker is TBA. All faiths are welcome!

"Dear Young People, do not be satisfied with anything less than truth and love, do not be content with anything less than Christ." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

**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.

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 3:15 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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tue: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thu: 1 Kgs 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 1:39-55
 Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
 Sat: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
 Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
 Mk 13:33-37



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
 8:00 AM David Socci-Socci Family
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of Parish
 11:00 AM Joseph Balawajder-Carol & Bill Balawajder
 12:15 PM Exposition & Adoration
 4:30 PM Benediction & Reposition
Monday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 AM Josephine Zumba-M/M Paul Topolosky
Tuesday, November 22 St. Cecelia
 9:00 AM **St. Michael**, Anna Mendicino-Fred & Tony
Wednesday, November 23
 8:00 AM Alfred Savel-Marian & Bill Storch
Thursday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac (Thanksgiving Day)
 9:00 AM **NAM**, Mildred Vernon-Family
Friday, November 25
 9:00 AM Stella Creamer-Kathleen Clawson & Family
Saturday, November 26
 12:00 PM **Confessions/NAM**
 4:00 PM Elizabeth Hatok-Mary Ann Laguardia
Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM People of Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Jerry Behe-Jackie & Amanda
 11:00 AM William Dembski-Dembski Family

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

Articles for the December 4th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, November 22. You may submit to 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!

November 13, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd	\$ 8,846
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed	\$ 9,970
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short)	\$ (944)
2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd	\$ 181,260
2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed	\$ 195,800
2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short)	\$ (14,541)
2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget	\$ 509,080

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

St. Michael: M. Rakaw #204, K. Lubitz #459, S. & B. Falleroni #035, D. Diable #919, M. Palmer #289.
NAM: #459 R. DeFrancesco, #035 C. Kirchartz, #878 K. Vercelli, #289 V. Ament.

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, 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 and Sandy Barry.

ARE YOU MARRIED TO A STRANGER? Do you feel alone? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **January 13**, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or at 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

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 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.

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) (____) _____

<input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner	<input type="checkbox"/> New Address or Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> Moving out of Parish	<input type="checkbox"/> School information
<input type="checkbox"/> Returning to Parish	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Catholicism/RCIA
<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 Persons w/Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in St. Vincent dePaul
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Holy Name Soc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Ladies of Charity
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Altar Rosary Soc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Stitching Angels
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Jr High Youth Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in HS Youth Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Respect Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Choir
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Senior Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Funeral Choir