

# North American Martyrs Parish

*Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*  
**October 16, 2011, Twenty-ninth 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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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil .....4:00 PM  
 Sundays .....8:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 AM Mass  
**Weekday:**  
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday .....8:00 AM

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 Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 1-888-808-1235

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays .....9:30 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 AM  
 St. Anthony Novena begins 13 Tuesdays before June 13<sup>th</sup>

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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.

*THANK YOU, PARISH MISSION, PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE,  
AN APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS, ONLINE GIVING*



**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to **Carol Powell and the Ladies of Charity** for organizing the Communal Anointing Mass and luncheon that followed at DeLuca Hall. There were about 60 persons anointed this year which is quite an increase over last year. Everyone who attended the Mass seemed pleased with both the liturgy as well as the luncheon.

**PARISH MISSION:** Our parish mission this year will employ a “team approach” from the **Passionists** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side. The theme of the Mission is “Parish Unity”. **Fr. Don Ware, C.P.** will be preaching at all of the Masses this weekend. On **Monday, October 17**, I will hear confessions from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at North American Martyrs Church. At 7:00 pm **Sandy Monier**, a wife and mother from Irwin who serves on the Retreat Team, will give a talk at North American Martyrs followed by a Guided Meditation ending at 8:00 pm. On **Tuesday, October 18**, **Fr. Joe Sedley, C.P.** will hear confessions at St. Michael Church from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. He will then lead Evening Prayer at St. Michael Church at 7:00 pm while combining his talk with Evening Prayer and should be finished by 8:00 pm. On **Wednesday, October 19**, **Fr. Joe Sedley, C.P.** will hear confessions at North American Martyrs Church from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. He and I will then concelebrate a Mass on our **Parish Feast Day with his talk as part of the homily**. The Mass should be over by 8:30 pm. Please come and join us for each day of the parish mission and leave each night refreshed and renewed! See the flyer with the bio’s of each of our Mission speakers.

**PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Since we had such a successful summer festival and brought in a profit over our budgeted amount, I wanted to use that extra money for a “missing link” in our parish staff. After addressing the need of a part-time parish social minister to a joint session of the Pastoral and Finance Council, I began in earnest the process of assembling an interview team for candidates for the position of part-time social service minister. The team included: myself, Deacon Rick, Diane Fleet (Principal), Donna Lew-Buechel (DRE), Dr. Ruthann Valentine (Pastoral Council rep.), Dennis Donato (Finance Council chair) and John Lobritz (St. Vincent de Paul president). We interviewed four candidates and the consensus of the team (to which I agreed) was to hire **Denise Lucas** whom I hired on Tuesday, October 11.

Denise completed a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Duquesne University in May and has interned as a Pastoral Associate at her home parish, St. John the Baptist, Plum Boro. Because of her training, she is actually trained as a **Parish Pastoral Associate** which brings more skills to her position than does a Parish Social Minister. Denise will not only be able to visit the sick, assist the poor and the marginalized, be a liaison between parish service organizations and myself and teach on Social Justice as a Parish Social Minister, but she is also trained in catechetics, religious education and theology to lead prayer services, assist at a funeral home vigil and lead cemetery committal services. While her title will be part-time Parish Pastoral Associate which involves more training than a Parish Social Minister, according to diocesan policy, she would earn the same pay as would a part-time Parish Social Minister. In short, she brings more value to our parish. Read about her in the insert in today’s bulletin and welcome her to our parish!

**AN APPEAL FOR NEW MEMBERS:** The next meeting of the **Altar Rosary Society** will be at North American Martyrs Rectory on November 8 at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room. The mission of this group is to: 1) pray for the living and deceased members of the Altar Rosary Society by offering Masses for them, 2) care for the altar linens, candles and flowers throughout the liturgical year, 3) decorate the church at Christmas and Easter and 4) clean the church on a weekly basis. They are in need of new members since all of the members are senior citizens. Membership is for women only (even though good-hearted men, including some husbands, help with the church decoration.) Come to the next meeting if you feel called to this ministry.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Coming in November we will offer **Online Giving** as another alternative for your parish weekly contributions. Online giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Online giving can stand on its own as your means of donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. Utilize our website to set up weekly, monthly and even one time contributions. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins and our website.

Fr. Joe

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19<sup>th</sup> century from the Catholics of Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too, the growing churches in the developing world today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world! There is a specially-marked envelope in your packet for the second collection for World Mission Sunday, which will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of **October 22 & 23**.

**MEETINGS**

**THE PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD** will meet on Tuesday, **October 25**, at 6:30 PM at Panera Bread in the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. If you are unable to make the meeting please contact Ellen Kajder at 412-373-7148. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, **November 2** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

October is designated as the Month of the Rosary, and the Rosary is usually recited in our church after the morning Masses. If you cannot attend Mass during the week, try to make time to recite the Rosary daily along with the members of your family or come to Sunday Mass a half hour early when a member of the Women's Guild and Christian Mothers or the Holy Name Society will be present to lead the prayer.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

November is set aside by the Church as a month in which we remember those who have gone ahead of us in death to everlasting life. Our deceased loved ones, family members and friends are called to mind and heart in our prayers and especially in our celebration of Mass. In keeping with this custom, there will be a special liturgy for members of our families and parish who died during this past year. This special Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, **November 3** at 7:00 PM at North American Martyrs Church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

When we find ourselves in the hospital, as Catholics, one of the things we hope for is to receive Holy Communion during our stay. At Forbes Hospital there is a wonderful group of Eucharistic Minister volunteers who provide the Eucharist on a daily basis. However, in order to continue this daily service, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you are a Catholic in good standing, all you need is the desire to serve your brothers and sisters in their time of need ONE DAY a month, and a letter of recommendation from your Pastor. You need not be a Eucharistic Minister in your parish to serve at the hospital. If you feel the call to this much needed ministry, please contact Jackie Dugan at 412-372-4113. Thank you.

**This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in memory of Maria & Antonio Petrilli, requested by Family.**



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

**ALTAR ROSARY ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN**

The Altar Rosary Annual Enrollment Campaign is held this month. Campaign letters were mailed out last week. You may return your enrollment envelope in the regular collection basket or drop them off at the Rectory Office. We thank you for your continued support.

**DO YOU KNOW SIGN LANGUAGE?**

The Persons with Disabilities Ministry is searching for a person who has training in sign language and closed captioning of programming. Please call Yvonne at 412-551-8832 or email at [ydd3@verizon.net](mailto:ydd3@verizon.net).

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE**

All are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life campaign now through Sunday, **November 6**. The first step is prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. In addition, consider volunteering to pray outside Planned Parenthood, an abortion facility located at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. NAM Parish will be there at 11:00 AM-3:00 PM on Friday, **November 4**. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Carol at 412-373-8807 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh). Carpooling is available.

**STITCHING ANGELS CHANGE OF MEETING**

Due to the Parish Mission, the Stitching Angels will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, **October 25**, at 7:00 PM in the Library. This meeting will be a lot of fun; we will have show & tell as well as a yarn exchange. So bring your latest works of art and extra yarn. Costumes and masks are optional. Next projects involve lap afghans, shawls and chemo caps. Please call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 with any questions.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteer mentors to help refugees who will be arriving in Pittsburgh this fall. If you have a heart for a mission experience right here in Pittsburgh that will make a real difference in the lives of families resettled by Catholic Charities, call Deacon Cliff Homer at 412-325-6759.

**EVENING HOURS NOW AVAILABLE**

The Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh's low vision program now offers evening appointments until 7:30 PM on Tuesdays at the Homestead office at 1800 West Street. The low vision program provides services to people who have some usable vision. Our specially trained optometrist performs an exam to determine the level of vision, and then prescribes optical aids designed to maximize remaining eyesight. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 412-368-4400.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**MONDAY, October 17:** 1) Please keep our preschool family in your prayers as they journey to Schramm's Farm. Hopefully, they will have wonderful weather in which to select that one special pumpkin! Thank you for your prayers for us! 2) Girl Scouts will meet from 6:30-8:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. 3) Market Day paper order forms are due.

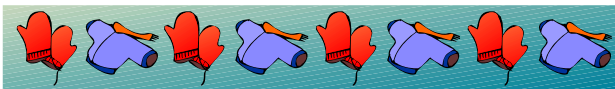
**WEDNESDAY, October 19:** We welcome Officer Fred, from the Monroeville Police Department, who plans to visit our two four-year-old preschool classes. We would like to thank Officer Fred for his dedication, and I ask that you continue to keep all of our police officers and police personnel in your prayers. Thank you.

**THURSDAY, October 20:** 1) Another session of Protecting God's Children is scheduled from 6:30-9:30 PM in DeLuca Hall. Please contact Mrs. Donna Lew-Buechel at 412-349-0942 for further information and registration.

2) Our holiday Pie Shoppe sale begins. If you would like to place an order for the upcoming holiday season, please contact any school family or you may also call the school office to place an order. Other delicious items such as pumpkin rolls will also be available. Again, I wholeheartedly thank you for your support. 3) Market Day internet orders are due. Order forms may be found at every exit area of church.

**FRIDAY, October 21:** 1) The third graders and Mrs. Laubham invite you to join us for Mass at 9:00 AM. Everyone is most welcome to attend. 2) Hoagie orders are due. If you are still interested in ordering a delicious sandwich, please contact one of our school families, or call the school office to place an order. Pick-up is for Thursday, **October 27** by the kindergarten doors from 3:00-6:00 PM. 3) An early dismissal is planned at Noon, due to a faculty meeting. After school care will be available from Noon-6:00 PM.

**HAVE A TERRIFIC WEEK.** God bless you always.

**COAT DRIVE**

Girl Scout Troop 50276 from the Gateway Middle School is holding their third annual "Warm Coat Drive." As the weather turns colder and you are going through your winter coats and jackets, please consider placing any gently used coats that you may not need into the box located in the Main Vestibule of the church. Coats are needed for both males and females of all ages. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society located in Greensburg who give the coats away for free to those in need. Your generous donation will help to keep someone warm during this cold winter season! Thank you!

**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, October 17 at 7:30 PM in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette.

**SR HI:** The WYD Boat Cruise is Sunday, **November 13** at 6:00-9:30 PM! Join us on the Gateway Clipper for a night on the river with other Youth Groups from Pittsburgh. The cost is \$30/person, due to Lauren Gates by Friday, **October 14**.

**JR HI YOUTH GROUP**, for students in grades 7-8, will meet Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 PM in DeLuca Hall at NAM.

**JR HI:** The Middle School Faith Rally is coming Friday & Saturday, **November 4 & 5**. Teens and parents are welcome to join us for this enthusiastic evening of music, prayer, story-telling, and fun. The cost is \$10 before **October 24** and \$15 afterward. Contact Lauren if you plan on attending!

**WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS!** The Youth Group's Haunted House and Bake Sale is Saturday, October 29 at 6:00-11:00 PM. We transform Biedenbach Hall into a spooktacular Haunted House, and sell baked goods in the Lourdes Center. Please call Lauren if you can make a donation!

**OPEN HOUSE**

Oakland Catholic High School will hold their annual Open House for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls on Sunday, **October 23** from 12:00-3:00 PM. For additional information please visit our website <http://www.oaklandcatholic.org/> or contact [cgonick@oaklandcatholic.org](mailto:cgonick@oaklandcatholic.org).

**FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

St. Bernadette Parish will host a Halloween Social for adults with special needs on Tuesday, **October 25** at 7:00 PM. For details, call Marilyn at 412-373-5983 or Yvonne at 412-856-0141

**A DAY OF REFLECTION**

All are invited to a Day of Reflection, sponsored by Srs. of St. Joseph Associates, on Saturday, **November 12** at 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the St. Joseph motherhouse in Baden, PA. Fr. Eugene Lauer will present the topic of "Discovering Spiritual Joy in a Complex Contemporary Society." Carpooling to the motherhouse is available. For more information, call Kathy Haver at 412-373-1039 or email her at [kjhaver@verizon.net](mailto:kjhaver@verizon.net).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tue: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thu: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 16 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Michael Koper-Emily Kauric Family
9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish
11:00 AM Dorothy Goss-Tom & Judy Heimerl
Monday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:00 AM Vincent Jonnet-Daughter
Tuesday, October 18 St. Luke
8:00 AM St. Michael, Alice Waltz-James & Tressa Golick
Wednesday, October 19 Sts. J. de Brebeuf, I. Jogues & Companions
8:00 AM Paul Vernon-Family
Thursday, October 20
8:00 AM St. Michael, Mary Luisi-Parish Ladies of Charity
Friday, October 21
9:00 AM Nicholas R. DeCesare-Wife & Family
Saturday, October 22
12:00 PM Confessions/NAM
4:00 PM People of Parish
Sunday, October 23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Andrew Bock-Wife Elizabeth
9:30 AM St. Michael, Dominick Tartaglione-John & Phyllis Saabo
11:00 AM Daniel Altieri-Toohill Family

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

Articles for the November 6th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, October 18. 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!

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

St. Michael: T. Costello #480, R.M. Collins #114, J. Magalich #734, J. Conwell #691, G. Cunningham #576, N. Toto #212.

NAM: #576 M. Kubisiak, #734 B. Stanesic, #480 H. Williams.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



In need of prayer

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 Mocadlo, 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.

THE INFANT JESUS RESPECT LIFE GROUP will meet on Monday, October 24 in DeLuca Hall at 7:00 PM. The speaker, Mrs. Helene Paharik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will present, "The Church's Teaching on Human Dignity" a perfect topic for Respect Life Month. Refreshments will be served and all parishioners are invited to attend.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes rows for October 9, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd (\$10,643), 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed (\$9,790), 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short) (\$853), 2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd (\$133,957), 2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed (\$146,850), 2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short) (\$12,894), and 2011/12 Fiscal Year Budget (\$509,080).

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) (\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_)

- \_\_\_ New Parishioner \_\_\_ New Address or Phone
\_\_\_ Moving out of Parish \_\_\_ School information
\_\_\_ Returning to Parish \_\_\_ Interest in Catholicism/RCIA
\_\_\_ Entering Hospital \_\_\_ Shut in
\_\_\_ Returning Catholic \_\_\_ Interest in Women's Guild
\_\_\_ Interest in Persons w/Disabilities \_\_\_ Interest in St. Vincent dePaul
\_\_\_ Interest in Holy Name Soc. \_\_\_ Interest in Ladies of Charity
\_\_\_ Interest in Altar Rosary Soc. \_\_\_ Interest in Stitching Angels
\_\_\_ Interest in Jr High Youth Group \_\_\_ Interest in HS Youth Group
\_\_\_ Interest in Respect Life \_\_\_ Interest in Choir
\_\_\_ Interest in Senior Group \_\_\_ Interest in Funeral Choir