

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
October 2, 2011, Twenty-seventh 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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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 MISSION, PARISH FESTIVAL, COMMUNAL ANOINTING MASS, FOOD PANTRY

Parish Mission Traditionally, we have offered a Parish Mission during the week of our Patronal Feast of the North American Martyrs on October 19. I am keeping to that tradition, so please mark on your calendars the Parish Mission on Monday, October 17 through Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm – 8:30 pm. The tentative schedule is: Monday and Wednesday evening the mission will be at North American Martyrs Church. On Tuesday evening, the mission will be at St. Michael Church. Due to the importance of the Parish Mission to foster unity in our newly merged parish, I am asking all organizations and ministries for adults to please cancel all other evening meetings during this three day period. There will be more information about the parish mission in next week's bulletin.

Parish Festival I have met with our festival chairpersons, **Robert & Mary Jane Petrilli**, our parish business manager, **Tim Thorsen**, and representatives from **Reinhart Amusements** and we settled upon next year's festival dates as **Wednesday July 11 through Saturday, July 14, 2012**. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Communal Anointing Mass The annual Communal Anointing Mass will be on Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 pm at North American Martyrs Church. This will be followed by a luncheon at 2:30 pm at DeLuca Hall sponsored by our **Ladies of Charity**. Any person who has a **notable** illness e.g. Arthritis, heart condition, depression, cancer, knee surgery, is eligible to be anointed. This also includes the "frail elderly" who may not have any particular condition but who are getting weak. It does not include any child below the age of reason (7 or 8 years old) and does not include anyone who has the common cold (which is not considered a notable illness).

Please contact North American Martyrs Church to notify our secretary whether you can attend the Mass and Luncheon or not. Wheelchair-bound persons and persons with walkers are welcome to attend.

Food Pantry The United Way Campaign for 2011-2012 has recently started (August 31, 2011). Employers soon will be asking employees to participate and/or renew their contributions to United Way agencies. One United Way agency in need of help is the Cross Roads Food Pantry. This food pantry house a community outreach program uniting people of all faiths to serve Monroeville residents who are in need of food and other necessities. As concerned and caring individuals, their mission is to provide nutritional food, personal care items, and social services to those who need them in order to sustain, to strengthen and to educate.

The Cross Roads Food Pantry continues to get requests from new applicants for food for many reasons such as: loss of job, illness in the family, etc. and a result of the current economic climate. As of the end of August 2011, we have had an increase of 66 new clients, a 65% increase in families and 20% increase in the number of adults and children we have served over 2010.

It is their intent to help satisfy these clients' needs by asking for support from PPG associates, Westinghouse and others in the Monroeville and surrounding area. **Jim Manner**, the Director of Cross Roads Food Pantry, has an excellent group of volunteers and says "we can continue to help others in need with your donation to our Food Pantry through United Way payroll donations. Thank you for your past support and hopefully you can again help in the 2011-2012 campaign. Our agency number is 1838 that is required on the pledge form from United Way. Designation: Cross Roads Food Pantry."

Fr. Joe

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In your collection packet there is a special envelope for contributions to the parish St Vincent de Paul Society. This collection is the major source of funding for our Society's works of charity which include help with utility bills, rent, and providing beds and furniture to needy neighbors in our community. We appreciate the continued support of our parishioners and are thankful for the generous giving spirit at North American Martyrs. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend, **October 8 & 9**.

MEETINGS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **October 5** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

LADIES OF CHARITY will meet in DeLuca Hall on Tuesday, **October 11** at 9:30 AM. Please remember to bring your donations for Angels Place and the Food Pantry.

MASS BOOK OPENS

The Mass Book for 2012 will open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, **October 4-6**. You may come in person to NAM from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon on Tuesday and 2:00-4:00 PM on Thursday, or you may come to the vestibule at St. Michael on Wednesday from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. After Thursday, you may phone for Masses to be said at either church at 412-373-0330 X4. or stop in. The guidelines will be similar to last year, that is, two Masses may be said during the year for the same intention, only one of them on Saturday or Sunday. If there are additional Masses taken for that intention, it is possible that some would be sent to retired priests or mission priests who are in need of Mass Intentions.

ADORATION

MONDAY, October 10, 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
BENEDICTION & REPOSITION-7:00-8:00 PM

Organizations are asked to follow the schedule they have followed at NAM in the past. In addition to the organizations' member visitation schedule, you are encouraged to come to spend time with Our Lord.

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.

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.

*This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in memory of **Robert G. Jessup**, requested by Family.*



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

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will begin the year of 2011-2012 with their first meeting on **Tuesday, October 4, in DeLuca Hall**. All women of the parish are cordially invited to a "**Bring A Dish Dinner**." Dinner begins promptly at **7:00 PM**, so please come no later than **6:45 PM with your delicious dish to share with others**. A brief meeting follows to introduce our programs for the year, and Cris D'Ascenzo, a member of the Guild, will give a brief insight to the Bible Study Group conducted at St. Michael Church. Please bring your Bible with you and **don't forget to bring a friend**.

ALTAR ROSARY ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN

The Altar Rosary Annual Enrollment Campaign will be held this month. Campaign letters will be mailed out this 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.

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. Carpooling is available.

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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PENNY COLLECTION**

The Knights of Columbus will be at North American Martyrs Parish after all Masses this weekend, **October 1 & 2** for their annual Penny Collection which benefits exceptional children with special needs at McGuire Home and St. Anthony's school program. Thank you for your generosity.

SCHOOL NEWS

ON SUNDAY, October 2 we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. Please say an extra prayer for all life from conception through our final journey. Also, please be supportive of organizations that help to nurture the concept of respecting all stages of life.

THERE IS A RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION meeting scheduled for Monday, **October 3** at 6:30 PM in the Faculty Room. If this is an area of interest for you, please plan on attending.

OUR GIRL SCOUT TROOPS will meet on Monday, **October 3** from 6:30-8:00 PM in our school library. There is still time to consider joining Girl Scouts. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Mrs. Sharon Swaney at 412-856-5659.

PLEASE KEEP our 4th-6th graders, their teachers, and their chaperons in your prayers. They will attend the RiverQuest field trip on Tuesday, **October 4**. Mrs. Laubham, Mrs. Pinkser, Mrs. Seech, and Mrs. Weisser, have all been trained to teach the RiverQuest lessons. Further information is forthcoming for these students and their families.

YOU ARE WELCOME to join us for Mass on Friday, **October 7** at 9:00 AM. Mrs. Seech and our 5th graders are helping to plan this liturgy.

THANK YOU to each and every one of you who contributed to our Health and Beauty Aid Collection. I am happy to report that we donated a multitude of items to our local food bank. I am sure that all of these items will be truly useful to those less fortunate than us.

LOOKING AHEAD, there is no school on Monday, **October 10**. Our teachers have a planned in-service day scheduled. Classes will resume on Tuesday, **October 11**.

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY

St. Bernadette Church will have a public Rosary on Saturday, **October 15** at 12:00 Noon in the parking lot of the Esta Esta Restaurant, Rt. 22 in Monroeville. Please park in the St. Bernadette parking lot and carpool to Rt. 22. The Catholic organization, "America Needs Fatima," is planning to hold 7,000 public Rosaries across the United States on this day. Please come and pray to Mary with us. If you have any questions, please call Joan at 412-372-4394. God bless you!

YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

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

SR HI YOUTH GROUP, which is for students in grades 9-12, will meet Monday, **October 3** at 7:30 PM in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette.

JR HI YOUTH GROUP, which is for students in grades 7-8, will meet Tuesday, **October 11** at 7:30 PM in DeLuca Hall at North American Martyrs.

YOUNG ADULTS, college age to 35 years of age, are invited to join us for our next Theology on Tap, a great night of discussion, food, and fellowship on Thursday, **October 13** at Rivertowne Pourhouse, on Center Road at 7:00 PM. Our speaker is Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB. He will speak about evangelization and Catholic radio!

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither. ~ C. S. Lewis

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!

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MEN'S RETREAT

Please join us for a prayerful and peaceful Men's Retreat weekend at St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, a sacred place of rest and spiritual refreshment, **October 14-16**. Contact Dale Connelly at 412 607 4011. Come experience rest, relaxation, opportunity for prayer, quiet time, fellowship and a renewed awareness of Christ. This retreat may help you fulfill your spiritual quest in seeking and living the Gospel of Jesus in a deeper and more personal manner.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
 Tue: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
 Wed: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
 Thu: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
 Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 Sat: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
 Sun: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

St. Michael: R. Kuzmic #577, L. Decenzo #246,
 M. Donahue #473, R. Chery #180.
NAM: R. McCann #473, K. Bird #955, F. Baker #023,
 T. Gilliland #180.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



In need of prayer

Martha Smeltz, James Bauccio, Joe Condrasky, Andy DeBono, 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, Eileen Summers, Violet Palatas, Peggy McKenna & Barbara Busch.

THE SECOND COLLECTION AT ST. MICHAEL THIS WEEK IS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

HELP FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

Widowed, divorced or separated? "Beginning Experience" offers help to hurting single-again folks. The next weekend will be held **October 14-16** at the Gilmory Center in Moon Twp. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. Make a confidential call to Lyn at 412-448-9019 or Steve at 412-367-4948 or 412-720-8694 or contact www.BeginningExperience.org. You don't have to go through this alone. Travel from heartache to hope.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 2 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Carmine & Estella Trenga-Daughter Doreen
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of the Parish
 11:00 AM 20th Wedding Anniversary-Michele & Greg George

Monday, October 3

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Altar Rosary Society

Tuesday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Michael Melnichak-M/M Joe Barbacci

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 AM Kate O'Malley-NAM Ladies of Chairty

Thursday, September October 6

8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Donna Molchan-Anna Mae Conroy

Friday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Jackie Houy-Tom Kovalcik & Lynn Krouse

Saturday, October 8

12:00 PM **Confessions/St. Michael**

4:00 PM William Pensenstadler-Steve & Nancy Knezevich

Sunday, October 9 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Richard & Mary Miller-Mary Jane Korber
 11:00 AM Dr. Maurice Taylor-Toohill Family
 1:00 PM Communal Anointing Mass

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

Articles for the October 16th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, October 2.

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 ON YOUR ENVELOPES. THANK YOU!

September 25, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd	\$ 8,459
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed	\$ 9,790
2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short)	\$ (1,331)
2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd	\$ 113,765
2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed	\$ 127,270
2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short)	\$ (13,506)
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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