

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
September 18, 2011, Twenty-fifth 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 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.



THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION, ESTATE GIFT, NEW SERVER

The Church in transition We are all well aware that effective the first Sunday of Advent 2011 (Nov. 26/27), the texts we use at Mass will change. Over the next weeks and months, we will have brief explanations and/or inserts in the bulletin to explain what is changing.

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Christ Will Come Again is one of the most familiar responses in many churches. This memorial acclamation recalls “the mystery of faith” as we profess. When the new translation of the Roman Missal is implemented, we will see 3 responses instead of 4. The change we will see is the removal of Christ Has Died from the options. When looking at what each of the 4 responses state, Christ Has Died is about Christ and the other responses “When We Eat This Bread, Dying You Restored Our Life or Save Us Savior are addressed to Christ. For any Catholic who remembers the time before the Second Vatican Council when the liturgy was in Latin, will remember that there were only 3 options and Christ Has Died was not one of them. This will be the first phase of transition here at North American Martyrs Parish. **The weekend of October 1st / 2nd**, members of the music ministry will introduce the new Memorial Acclamation, as well as the new Gloria and Holy, Holy, Holy. Throughout the months of October and November, we will use these new versions to gain familiarity with them.

You ask why we are introducing these new versions of the Gloria, Holy, Holy, Holy and Memorial Acclamations before the 1st Sunday of Advent? The U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops gave permission for all dioceses to begin using these three new prayers earlier so we would know them by Advent. In Pittsburgh, **Bishop Zubik** gave permission to begin using the responses effective September 1. The stipulation is that we may **sing** the new responses, but if they are **recited** at a weekday Mass, we **MUST** continue to use the old responses. To reiterate. . . beginning on the **weekend** of October 1st/2nd, we will use the new responses and during the **week** we must use the old responses. This applies only to the Gloria, the Preface Acclamation (Holy, Holy, Holy) and the Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation).

Estate gift We are most grateful for the gift from the estate of the deceased, **Thomas Cable**, to our parish in the amount of \$1,000.00. This gift of one thousand dollars will be used to get a new boiler door for St. Michael Church since the old door is in need of replacement.

I would encourage everyone to think about leaving your parish a gift in your estate as Tom did. In addition to thinking about your heirs, don't forget your church which nourished your soul with God's Word every week as well as Jesus precious Body and Blood. If you have already made up your will, your attorney can attach a codicil to your will as an amendment to include your parish in the distribution of your estate.

New Server In addition to several new liturgical ministers who have been trained over the last several weeks, there is a new adult server, **Chris Haldeman**, who has been trained by **Ed Dobrinsky**. Chris recently moved here from Lancaster and expressed an interest to be trained as a server. Welcome to our parish, Chris! I have reminded Chris, as I remind all parish volunteers, that he must now be in compliance with our parish's Safe Environment Policy and instructed him to pick up a packet in our main vestibule.

Fr. Joe

ADVOCATES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In recent weeks several parishioners have asked, “What are the responsibilities of the Ministry of Persons \with Disabilities.” The following statement may help to bring a full and better understanding. Parish advocates are trained by the Diocese Department under the Secretariat for Catholic Education. The program's focus is on outreach to people who have one or any combination of the following disabilities: Cognitive, ...Continued on Page 4

MEETINGS

THE WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD MEETING will be held Monday, **September 20** at 7:00 PM at the Monroeville Panera Bread.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday, **September 21** at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will begin the year of 2011-2012 with a first meeting on Tuesday, **October 4** at 7:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. All women of the parish are cordially invited to a "Bring A Dish Dinner."

MASS BOOK OPENS

The Mass Book for 2012 will open on Tuesday, Wednesday and 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. 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY EXPLAINED

Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, a prayer shawl is passed on, hand-to-hand and heart to-heart. It is given to someone in need; the intention is to give peace, comfort and strength during a time of trial. The shawl 'creator' begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have passed their shawls on to others in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering God! There is no charge for a shawl. Putting a price on a shawl defeats the purpose of this ministry. However, donations are accepted and will allow the Stitching Angels to purchase more yarn to continue the 'ripple effect' of unconditional love!

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Next weekend, **September 24 & 25**, the last weekend of the month, is Food Bank Sunday at both churches. The food collected at NAM will benefit Crossroads Food Pantry of Monroeville and the food collected at St. Michael will benefit the Pitcairn Food Pantry. Please deposit your non-perishable food donations in the main vestibule of either church.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Help your neighbors in need one step at a time. "The Good Samaritan 10,000 Step Walk", benefiting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, will be held during the month of October. Register after Masses on September 24 & 25 to receive a pedometer to measure your steps. You choose the days, times, and places to walk with family, friends or co-workers. You will also receive Sponsor Cards that when purchased provide a chance to win three fantastic prizes. After you record your 10,000 steps, about 5 miles, you will turn in your pedometer and sponsor money with completed cards to a member of the Society or to the Parish Office. There will be T-shirts and other incentives for walkers. The majority of the funds raised will remain with your local SVdP conference in your community to help people this winter with utilities and other emergency needs. Thank you for your participation.

**WEDDING BANNS**

II. Timothy Banks & Julie Buffington
III. Craig Thomas & Sara Chamberland

BINGO!

Fall is on it's way, and so is our next **Bingo Night!** Come out and enjoy the fun on **Saturday, October 1**. This event benefits NAM School. Tickets to the Bingo Night will be sold after all Masses at NAM on the weekends of **September 17-18 and 24-25**. Your \$20 ticket includes 6 cards for all 14 regular Bingo games, including the **\$500 jackpot game**. Early Birds, Specials, extra Bingo Cards and Pull-Tab Games will also be available for purchase, as will hot foods, snacks and desserts. If you have any questions, please call Laura Nicolazzo at 412-856-8074. Thank you!

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lawrence Neilson, Sr. and William H. Bell, Jr., our parishioners, who were buried from here recently.



This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in memory of Mary Luisi, requested by the Sr. Enrichment Group.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. We will celebrate by attending the 11:00 AM Mass followed by our Open House. You are welcome to visit any and all of our teachers and staff until 1:15 PM. At 12:30 PM, Mr. B. will hold a band parent/guardian meeting in DeLuca Hall. All current and new band parent/guardian members are asked to be present at this meeting. We hope to see you all of you there.

THERE WILL BE A SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD meeting Monday, **September 19** at 7:00 PM in the Library.

EVERY MONTH we try to conduct some type of service project with our school students. This month we are holding a Health and Beauty Aid Drive for our local food bank the week of **September 19-23**. If you would like to donate to this cause, please give your items to any of our school students to bring in or you may drop your items off at the school office. Your generosity is most appreciated.

GYM UNIFORMS delivery is Tuesday, **September 20**.

A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSION will be held Thursday, **September 22** at 6:30-9:30 PM in the school library. Please contact Ms. Donna Lew-Buechel for registration information at 412-349-0175.

MARKET DAY INTERNET ORDERS are due Thursday, **September 22**.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the last day of summer with a Dress Down Day also on Thursday. Students, teachers, and staff may wear a t-shirt that signifies their favorite vacation place. Shorts, jeans, sandals, tennis shoes, or flip flops may also be worn.

YOU ARE WELCOME to join us for Mass at 9:00 AM Friday, **September 23**. Mrs. Pinsker and our fourth graders are helping to plan this liturgy.

HAPPY AUTUMN to one and all! When fall arrives at North American Martyrs School, so does our first hoagie sale. Hoagie orders are due by Friday, **September 23**. If you are interested in placing a hoagie order, please call the school office or contact any of our school families.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS PHOTOS, including our four-year-old preschool students and our school staff photos will all be taken on Friday, **September 23**. Please make sure if your child/ren is in our four-year-old preschool program that they are picture ready for this date. All other school pictures will be taken on Tuesday, **September 27**.

I WISH TO THANK all of you again for your continued support of our wonderful school. God bless you always.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AND YOUTH MASSES TO RESUME

The Children's Liturgy of the Word resumed today, Sunday, **September 18** at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Cindy Capell at 412-380-0922 or email capellfamily@verizon.net. We are in need of leaders and cantors. Thanks!

Registrations for CCD for the 2011-2012 school year have been mailed. If you have not received yours, contact the Religious Education Office at 724-986-2557 and leave your name and address. Classes begin Wednesday, September 21.

**YOUTH GROUP & YOUNG ADULT NEWS
LAUREN GATES, 412-445-6570**

SR HI YOUTH GROUP will meet this Monday, **September 19** at 7:30-9:00 PM in Biedenbach Hall at St. Bernadette.

JR HI YOUTH GROUP will meet next Tuesday, **September 27** at 7:30-9:00 PM at North American Martyrs. Exact location TBA.

YOUNG ADULTS: Join our Facebook group and follow our events: "Monroeville Young Adult Group" Look for information about social gatherings, Theology on Tap, Bible Studies and more!

He who works as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands. ~ St. Benedict of Nursia

BLOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Now through September 30, the North American Martyrs/St. Michael/St. Bernadette churches will be sponsoring a Virtual Blood Drive at the Central Blood Bank Community Donor Center in the Corporate Office Park, Building II, behind the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. Donor Center hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 12:00-7:00 PM, and Friday & Saturday from 7:30 AM-2:30 PM. This blood drive is to honor all those who lost their lives 10 years ago. For all donors who have Rh-negative blood type (A-, O-, B-, AB-), Central Blood Bank will make a \$15 donation to the Flight 93 National Memorial Fund. To schedule your life-saving appointment, please call 1-866-366-6771. For other comments, contact Chuck Summerville, Coordinator at 412-372-4332 or csummervil@gmail.com.

Continued from Page 2.....Hearing Loss/Deafness, Physical, Vision Loss/Blindness. The Goal of the program is that Persons with disabilities may have FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH, or INCLUSION for all parishioners in the life of the Mass and the Church, (liturgical, educational and social). We will strive to provide training, information and support services on a continuing basis. Your parish advocates are Yvonne Dimuzio, Marilyn Colosmo and committee members are Carol Koch, Lenny Surniak, Allison Lautman and Linda Ciccarelli. "Let us join together in Christ in breaking down those walls which separate us, one from another."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Thu: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-3



MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday, September 18 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Rose Marie Pugliano-Leax Family
9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish
11:00 AM Maria & Alfredo Colaianni-Walt & Clara Jo Sakaluk
Monday, September 19
8:00 AM Dottie & Ed Coletta-Lorraine & Tom Butcavage
Tuesday, September 20 Sts. A. Taegon, P. Hasang & Companions
8:00 AM St. Michael, Husband Frank & Son Tomas Folino-Family
Wednesday, September 21 St. Matthew
8:00 AM Emmanuel Navara-Nick & Lorenza Grado Family
Thursday, September 22
8:00 AM St. Michael, Donald DeGrazia-Michelle DeGrazia
Friday, September 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina
9:00 AM Margret Mary Bratkowski-Storch Family
Saturday, September 24
12:00 PM Confessions/NAM
2:00 PM Wedding-Craig Thomas & Sara Chamberland
4:00 PM Rosalia Saksa-Stephanie Saksa

- Sunday, September 25 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM St. Michael, Bob Cepec-Helen Klassen
11:00 AM Loretta Sutcliff-Joyce & Jerry Kennedy

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

Articles for the October 2nd bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, September 20. 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!

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

St. Michael: C. Amantea #101, M. Rice #921, D. Mahan #299, A. Mashione #385, T. & R. Marcoz #130. NAM: S. Evans #845, R. Bottles #101, Y. Jankovich #385.

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, Eileen Summers, Violet Palatas, Peggy McKenna & Barbara Busch, Eileen Hanlon.

PITCAIRN COMMUNITY DAYS

Pitcairn Boro officials and the Pitcairn Recreation Board are having their annual Community Day, today, Sunday, September 18 at the Pitcairn Park Building. Festivities are at 1:15-10:00 PM. Enjoy a full day of fun, games, pony rides, delicious food, and live entertainment, including Sputzy, Tim Scotts Band, 8th Street Rox and Wee Jams and fireworks. Everyone is welcome.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'September 4, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd' for \$8,900 and '2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed' for \$9,790.

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.

Form with fields for Name, Address, Phone (Home) (), (Work) (), and checkboxes for various interests like 'New Parishioner', 'Moving out of Parish', 'Interest in Holy Name Soc.', etc.