

North American Martyrs Parish

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September 4, 2011, Twenty-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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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 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY, HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY!,
A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL**

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: In anticipation of the **First Anniversary** of our newly merged parish, we are going to have a Parish Pictorial Directory. It's been since 1995 that St. Michael's had a Pictorial Directory and at least five years since NAM had a directory so the Pastoral Council and I thought it was appropriate and timely for our new parish to have a new pictorial directory. Our purpose is to build up the family/community spirit of North American Martyrs Parish. Our parishioner, **Patti Horomanski** will be our Parish Directory Coordinator working with **MyChurch Family Album**. (See the insert in today's bulletin). Everyone is encouraged to sign up for a family or individual photo. Only those who have a picture taken will be included in the directory and receive a copy of the directory. Everyone who has a picture taken will receive a free 8X10 photo and you will be able to view your proofs immediately. You may also choose to order extra pictures which will be returned to you in time for Christmas cards/gifts.

Pictures will be taken according to the following schedule by appointment only:

September 19 through 23 @ St. Michael Church on Monday thru Friday from 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

September 26 through 30 @ North American Martyrs Church on Monday thru Friday from 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Come to the main vestibule of the church through the church door closest to the parish office.

October 4 through 7 @ North American Martyrs Church on Tuesday thru Friday from 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the main vestibule of the church and on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at DeLuca Hall.

To sign up for your appointment, there will be volunteers after each Mass this weekend and next at both churches in the main vestibule. Also, there will be "online sign ups" available by Saturday, September 3 and Sunday, September 4. Go to our website, www.namcatholicchurch.org to find the link. Patti needs help from our parishioners to be greeters to sign-in families or individuals when the photo sessions begin. Please call her to volunteer to be a greeter for these sessions at (412) 372-8543. Please do not call Patti to schedule your photography sessions. Instead call 877-764-4535. Non-parishioners may also come to have pictures taken but will not be included in the directory; you may invite other family members/neighbors to take advantage of this opportunity.

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY! As we mark the first anniversary of our parish on September 4, I can see much growth in this past year with the creation of our Pastoral and Finance Councils with members of both churches, the hiring of a full time Youth Minister, **Lauren Gates**, the hiring of a part time school Advancement Director, **Annette Waldron**, the St. Anthony Day Italian Mass, the Parish Festival, another successful Fish Fry and Flea Market, the restoration of the Stations of the Cross and new frames at North American Martyrs Church, the addition of teen lectors, the contributions of Business Manager, **Joe Cepec** (now retired) to be succeeded by **Tim Thorsen**, subdividing the St. Michael Rectory property and installing a fence and relocating the "call-to-worship" bell, the monthly all-day Eucharistic Adoration, the assignment of a Deacon, and lastly, the collaborative process of crafting a Parish Mission Statement. While together we have accomplished much, with the grace of God, the best is yet to come! North American Martyrs and St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Fr. Joe

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fellow Parishioners: The Pastoral Council would like to thank all of you who took the time to read, reflect and most importantly comment, on the draft Mission Statement that was published in the bulletin on Sunday, August 14th. The quality of the feedback we received made it clear that you truly understood the level of importance we placed on developing a clear, concise and meaningful mission statement for our parish community. Furthermore, we want to assure you that every one of your inputs was reviewed, analyzed and discussed in great detail in the development of what we now are prepared to offer as our current North American Martyrs Mission Statement. (See the Mission Statement on the top of the bulletin cover.)

We would also like to note that we are moving forward in the process of developing specific parish goals and objectives to serve as guidelines for the wide variety of parish organizations and ministries, as well as for each individual parishioner as we proceed in the implementation of our mission statement. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to actively participate in this on-going process by providing any member of the Council your comments and recommendations for these goals and objectives, or you can use our e-mail address at pcofnam@comcast.net to reach all of us.

God Bless, The Pastoral Council

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

The Bishop's Education Fund Collection will be taken up during the weekend of **September 10 & 11**. Catholic schools are the most effective way to ensure that our Faith is passed on for future generations. For some parents a Catholic education is not attainable for their children without tuition assistance. All of the money given in this collection will help these families meet the rising cost of tuition in our Catholic schools. There is a specially-marked envelope in your packets. We are certain that you will be as generous as possible, and we thank you.

MEETINGS

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

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE will resume at 7:30 PM on Thursday, **September 8** in the Music Room. New members are welcome!

LADIES OF CHARITY will meet in DeLuca Hall on Tuesday, **September 13** at 9:30 AM. Please remember to bring donations for Angel's Place and Food Pantry. The meeting will end promptly at 11:00 AM.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members are reminded of the yearly luncheon and meeting to be held at D'Imperio's on Tuesday, **September 13** at 12:00 Noon. Please send in your reservations to Maureen Jacobi. Preparation for the October Campaign will follow in DeLuca Hall.

SENIOR ENRICHMENT

The Senior Enrichment group will attend the 8:00 AM Mass at NAM on Wednesday, **September 7**. After Mass and the Recitation of the Rosary, the Seniors will meet for Breakfast at Eat 'n' Park. All are welcome to attend; couples, singles and anyone around 55. Hear all about our upcoming plans and enjoy good food and fellowship. For information call 412-372-3181.

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 second collection at St. Michael this weekend is for the Capital Improvement Fund.



This week's Sanctuary Candle at North American Martyrs burns in honor of the Janicki Family, requested by S. Jonnet.

This week's Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns in memory of Mary Luisi, requested by Marty, Dona, Olivia & Benny Galia.

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 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." Please see the flyer in this bulletin for further details.

HELP FOR THE BEREAVED

North American Martyrs/St. Michael Bereavement Support Team announces a series of six weekly meetings beginning in September for those who have lost a loved one. The meetings will be held at North American Martyrs Church. Evening sessions begin Tuesday, **September 13**. Daytime sessions begin Wednesday, **September 14**. The start times are yet to be determined. If you or someone you know might benefit from these discussions, please call Carol at 412-856-8531 or e-mail at jcoles799@comcast.net for the evening sessions. For the daytime meetings, please call Camille at 412-373-0461 or e-mail at cameltooth@AOL.com.

**WEDDING BANNS**

I. Craig Thomas & Sara Chamberland

The office will be closed Monday, September 5 for the holiday. Fr. Joe Luisi and the staff wish you all a very safe and happy Labor Day

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 3-4, 10-11, 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!



SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY LABOR DAY to one and all! With that in mind, school is not in session on Monday, **September 5**. Please enjoy this holiday with your family and friends.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have a rosary prayer service on this day to honor our Blessed Mother. Mrs. Seech and our fifth graders will help to plan our paraliturgy.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US for the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, **September 9**. Mrs. Laubham and our third graders will help to plan this liturgy.

THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS first regularly scheduled game of the season is set for Sunday, **September 11**. Since our school family supports our teams, we will have a Black and Gold Steeler Dress Down Day after Mass on Friday, **September 9**. That means the children are to wear their school uniform to school that day, but they may bring a Steeler/Black and Gold shirt to change into after Mass. There is no need for them to change their other clothing or shoes. This is an optional Dress Down Day and no one is required to participate in this event. Let's go Steelers!

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.



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

- The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on Sunday, **September 18** at the 11:00 AM Mass. This ministry occurs every Sunday throughout the school year except on the weekends when the Youth Mass is held. If anyone is interested in helping out with the CLOW or would like to find out more information about this ministry, please contact Cindy Capell at 412-380-0922 or email capellfamily@verizon.net. We are in need of leaders and cantors. Thanks!

- Youth Masses will resume Sunday, **September 11**, at the 11:00 AM Mass and alternate every month thereafter with the Saturday Mass at 4:00 PM. Any youth interested in volunteering for this ministry or any family seeking more information about the Youth Mass can contact Cindy Capell at 412-380-0922 or email at capellfamily@verizon.net. Any youth can volunteer for one Mass or many Masses in the positions of Greeter, Usher, Gift Bearer, and Lector. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry; you will not be disappointed!

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

ATTENTION all Junior High parents and students: Our Youth Group Kick Off is being moved to **September 13**. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome to join us for an awesome night filled with food, fun and fellowship at 7:30-9:00 PM in DeLuca Hall at North American Martyrs.

YOUNG ADULTS! Join us for Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:30-9:00 PM. We meet in the public space in Penn Center on 22 (across from Buffalo Wild Wings). Contact Lauren Gates with any questions or comments. Also, join us Saturday, **September 17** at the Rivertowne Pour House for dinner and socializing! We'll be there beginning at 6:00 PM. Feel free to bring a friend

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. PLEASE STOP IN TO PICK THEM UP BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME DURING THOSE HOURS, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING DONNA LEW AT 724-986-2557.

ADORATION

MONDAY,

September 12, 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.

There is a sign up sheet posted in the main vestibule of both churches, should you wish to sign up to come to some portion of the all-day adoration.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tue: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thu: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt :1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Sir 27:30-28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9;Mt 18:21-35



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 4 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members Altar Rosary Society
9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish
11:00 AM 1st Anniversary-North American Martyrs Parish
Monday, September 5 Labor Day
8:00 AM Nancy Grandillo-Marian & Bill Storch
Tuesday, September 6
8:00 AM St. Michael, John Donis-Louis & Honey Vecchio
Wednesday, September 7
8:00 AM Elizabeth Jonnet-Daughter
Thursday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM St. Michael, Nick Magalich-Alice & Joe
Friday, September 9 St. Peter Claver
9:00 AM People of Parish
Saturday, September 10 St. Gregory the Great
12:00 PM Confessions/NAM
4:00 PM Intention of Cook & Dobrinsky Families-Charlotte & Ed Dobrinsky
Sunday, September 11 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM People of Parish
9:30 AM St. Michael, Jean Baklarz-Anita Farrugia
11:00 AM Elio DeIulii-Family

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

Articles for the September 18th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by this Tuesday, September 6. 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: J. Best #102, R.M. Collins #114, S. Fischer #754, B. Borst #716, P. Cepec #711, C. Gagne #570.
NAM: M. Farren #102, J. & D. Hackett #054, K. Connolly #754, J. Murtha #213

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 Moadlo, Dean'Na Pizzuto, Cori Poole, Carmel Seibert, Jamie O'Grady, Florine Mikolaczyk, Nancy Yothers, Katie Rizzo, Ben Baklarz, Beverly King, Charles Dial, Eileen Summers, Violet Palatas, Peggy McKenna & Barbara Busch.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE

Start saving loot on everyday purchases and support the Knights of Columbus at the same time. Order your 2012 Entertainment Book from any member of Pius XII Council 4925. OR contact Roger Sr: at 412-225-5870 or at rogersr@firstcall-plumbing.com or call . Books are only \$30 and contain more than \$20,000 in savings!!!

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.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. August 28, 2011 Wkly Offertory Rec'd \$ 7,505; 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Needed \$ 9,790; 2011/12 Wkly Offertory Over/(Short) \$ (2,285); 2011/12 YTD Offertory Rec'd \$ 79,027; 2011/12 YTD Offertory Needed \$ 88,110; 2011/12 YTD Offertory Over/(Short) \$ (9,084); 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 items which may apply to your situation, 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 Parish Health Ministry ___ 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 Grp ___ Interest in HS Youth Group
___ Interest in Respect Life ___ Interest in Choir
___ Interest in Senior Group ___ Interest in Funeral Choir