

North American Martyrs Parish

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December 6, 2015, Second Sunday of Advent

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 & STAFF

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	8:00 AM
Friday	9:00 AM

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Find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/NAMParish>

Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 1-888-808-1235

Gambling assistance 1-877-565-2112

MASS SCHEDULE & SACRAMENTS

Sundays	9:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday	8:00 AM
St. Anthony Novena begins 13 Tuesdays before June 13 th when Tuesday's Mass will be at 7:00 PM	
Pastor	412-373-0330 X11
Office/Rector (NAM)	412-373-0330 X10
Office/Rector (St. Michael)	412-373-2610
Business Manager	412-373-0330 X22
Parish Pastoral Associate	412-374-3980
School	412 373-0889
School Advancement Office	412-373-0330 X24
School Fax	412-349-0175
Religious Education	412-349-0942
Youth Ministry	412-373-0330 X12
Office Fax, (NAM)	412-380-1306
Office Fax, (St. Michael)	412-373-2031

Rite of Reconciliation: 12:00-1:00 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.

For post-abortion healing contact RachelsVineyard.org
Pregnancy Counseling: Genesis 412-766-2693 or
Birthright 412-621-1988

***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, CONFESSION SCHEDULE, UNBOUND, THANKS!
LESSONS AND CAROLS, MERCY TO THOSE OF "SAME SEX ATTRACTION"***



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, December 8 is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast day of the United States of America. Since it is a holy day of obligation, all Catholics are expected to attend Holy Mass. The Mass schedule is: Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm at NAM Church, Tuesday, December 8 at 9:00 am (school Mass) at NAM Church, Tues. Dec. 8 at 12:15 pm at NAM Church and Tues. Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Church.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: The confession schedule for December is as follows: **NAM school** confessions only, Monday, December 7 at NAM Church from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, **The Light is Still On For You** confessions with six priests at NAM Church from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (Note that the **CCD students** will be coming from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm that night.) Confessions will be on Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Michael Church with one priest from noon to 1:00 pm. There will be a Communal Penance Service on Thursday, December 17 at Our Lady of Joy Church, Holiday Park with six priests beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be confessions on Saturday, December 19 at NAM Church from noon to 1:00 with two priests.

There will be a Communal Penance Service at NAM Church on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm with six priests. **There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 26.**

UNBOUND: A fellow priest from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, now retired and living in Greensburg, is **Fr. Jeremiah O'Shea** who will be preaching at all Masses next weekend on "Unbound" which is an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. They build relationships of mutual respect and support that bridge cultural, religious and economic divides. They invite all people of goodwill to join them.

THANKS!: Thanks to the **school parents** who are sponsoring the Secret Santa Shop for our school children to buy inexpensive items as Christmas gifts, thanks to our dearly departed **Mitzi Hodges** whose estate has recently given us \$20,000 from her estate which has been used to pay part of our school insurance fees, thanks to **Paul Papa** for donating carpet squares from BNYMellon that has been recently installed in our NAM conference room, thanks to the **Christian Mothers & Guild** for recently purchasing two baby changing tables (one for the Ladies restroom at NAM Church and one for the Ladies restroom at St. Michael Church), thanks to **all of you** who have brought non-perishable food items for our local food pantries and for the Little Sisters of the Poor during the month of November.

LESSONS AND CAROLS: Please join our new parish music minister, **Paul White**, and our choir as they will lead us in what has become a NAM tradition of Scripture Lessons and corresponding carols on Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 pm at NAM Church. It is a wonderful way to get into the spirit of the Advent Season as we await the coming of our Lord. There will be a punch & cookie reception after in DeLuca Hall.

MERCY TO THOSE OF "SAME SEX ATTRACTION": As part of our parish's celebration of the Year of Mercy, I hope to offer Adult Faith Formation Workshops that deal with a variety of themes. For the theme of "Mercy to those of Same Sex Attraction" I will host a workshop at DeLuca Hall on Monday, December 14 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will be watching a one hour documentary that Fr. Steve and I previewed entitled, "Desire of the Everlasting Hills" which is an insightful view of the lives of Dan, Rilene and Paul—all of whom are Catholic and who have experienced same sex attraction. This documentary was an Official Selection of the John Paul II Inter-Faith Film Festival in 2015. This film is sponsored by Courage International which is a Catholic ministry aimed at helping Catholics who experience same-sex attraction. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops endorses Courage International. When I spoke to **Ellen Mady**, the Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, she stated that the Diocese of Pittsburgh endorses this documentary and asked me to share this information with other parishes so that people from other parishes could attend as well. There is no fee. This subject matter is appropriate for adults only—not children or teens under 18. We will also be using the Documentary Discussion Guide that accompanies the film.

Whether you have same sex attraction or not, many of us have family members and friends who do experience same sex attraction. This documentary and discussion will provide a valuable forum in which to listen to, discuss, and understand other's points of view in conjunction with the teaching of the Catholic Church. I hope that this documentary and discussion will clear up misconceptions and allow each of us to understand and love one another as Christ loves us.

Fr. Joe

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Building and Grounds Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity which makes it possible to maintain our beautiful surroundings.

ANGEL TREE

Once again the NAM St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring the Christmas Angel Tree to provide presents to those less fortunate. We are again supporting Angel's Place women's shelters, the children of the Cross Roads Food Pantry clients, Pitcairn children's program, Intersection Inc., and St. Vincent dePaul clients. The Angel Tree is now in the church vestibule. Gifts should be returned by today, Sunday, **December 6**, with the angel attached, to support the delivery schedules for the agency Christmas parties. We thank the parish school children once again for doing a wonderful job in coloring and preparing the angels for the tree, and we thank our very generous parishioners who have continued to support this project over the past 19 years.

SANTA BREAKFAST

The Santa Breakfast will be held on Saturday, **December 12** at 9:00 AM in DeLuca Hall. The cost is \$7/per person and children under 2 are free. Choose either French toast and sausage or egg, cheese and broccoli casserole with potatoes. Dessert, juice, and/or coffee round out the meal. Call Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 for your reservation by **December 9**. Come and enjoy the day with Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

The NAM Altar Rosary Society each year at this time offers you the opportunity to donate toward the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or other intention. The envelope is in your November packet. Please turn in your envelope for these intentions by Sunday, **December 13**. You may drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office. The intentions will be published in the bulletin provided your envelope is in by Sunday, December 13.

**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.

ADORATION

MONDAY, December 14

8:30 AM-Exposition & Adoration

7:00 PM Holy Hour

In addition to the organizations' member visitation schedule, all parishioners are encouraged to come to spend time with Our Lord.

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 & Eucharistic Ministers;

5:30-6:30 PM, CCD; and

6:30-8:00 PM, Youth Group.

MEETINGS

THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **December 16** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP will hold their December Luncheon on Wednesday, **December 16** at 12:30 PM at the Olive Garden in Monroeville. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome; singles and couples. Please take this opportunity to invite a friend(s). Help us to celebrate this Christmas season with fun, fellowship and food. Reservations are needed. Please contact Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or at meh227@aol.com or call Chris Michalak at 412-373-1147 or email her at joseph.michalak@verizon.net if you have any concerns, comments or questions.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Boy Scout Troop 184 has joined forces with the Marine Corp Reserve to collect new Toys for needy kids in our community. While toys are needed for all ages of children, there is a special need for toys for those of ages 10-13. Unwrapped new toys can be deposited in the collection box in the main vestibules of both churches now through Sunday, **December 20**. Contact Paul Lauer, Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 184 at 412-856-4735 for further information.

LUMINARIA

The Youth Group will again be making available the Christmas Luminaries that will be placed along the driveway and church on Christmas Eve in honor of or in memoriam of a loved one. This year we will have permanent and weather-proof luminaries (to avoid problems with torrential downpours and wind) that can be purchased for \$10/each. Look for the order form available in the bulletin. As always, we appreciate your support.



OPLATKY

Christmas Wafers (Oplatky) are available at North American Martyrs and St. Michael in the main vestibules. The donation is \$3/package.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioner, Pat Ficaglia, and for Matthew Bertovich, who passed recently.

STITCHING ANGELS

The Stitching Angels will hold their December meeting on Friday, **December 11** at 1:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. We will review the items that have been distributed this year and our budget. Also we will discuss the plans for our upcoming Ten Year Celebration and the Raffle Basket for the Spaghetti Dinner. We hope you will be able to make it. As always, feel free to drop off all completed items or bring them to the meeting. Have a wonderful Christmas!!! Call Mary Harrill at 412-848-2654 with any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

The North American Martyrs/St. Bernadette/St Michael Churches will sponsor a Blood Drive on **December 13** at St. Bernadette Church Lourdes Center Lower Level between 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM. For 2015 year to date, the Blood Program has donated 170 units of blood benefiting over 500 Pittsburgh area patients. All participating donors for this drive will receive a holiday t-shirt. To schedule an appointment visit www.centralbloodbank.org and enter group code G0040058 or contact Chuck Summerville, Coordinator at 412-372-4332 or email him at csummervil@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome. Prepare for your donation; eat well, stay hydrated and bring ID. Get Festive and Support Life.

**PILGRIMAGE**

Join Fr. Bill Kiel **June 10-19** and experience first-hand why millions have visited this beautiful remote village where Mary continues to appear daily. Call Den Todaro, tour director, at 724-837-7434 for details



**PARISH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE, 2015-2016
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS (MONROEVILLE)/ST. MICHAEL (PITCAIRN)**

*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8,
Anticipated Mass at 7:00 PM at NAM Church (Monday, December 7),
9:00 AM, 12:15 PM at NAM Church and 7:00 PM at St. Michael
"The Light Is Still On For You" (Confession), Wednesday, December 9, 6:00-9:00 PM,
Benediction & Reposition, 9:00 PM, at NAM Church
Confession, Saturday, December 12, 12:00 Noon at St. Michael Church
Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 13, 7:00 PM, NAM Church, Reception in DeLuca Hall after program
Exposition, Monday, December 14, 8:30 AM, Adoration continues all day, Holy Hour at 7:00 PM
School Children's Advent program, Thursday, December 17, 6:00 PM, NAM Church
Confession, Saturday, December 19, 12:00 Noon at NAM Church
Communal Penance Service Monday, December 21 at NAM Church, 7:00 PM*

Christmas Masses

(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 PM, and 10:00 PM, NAM Church, (Choral Music begins at 9:30 PM)

Friday, December 25, 8:00 & 11:00 AM, NAM Church and 9:30 AM, St. Michael Church, Pitcairn

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Thursday, December 31, 2015, 4:00 PM NAM Church

Friday, January 1, 2016, 9:00 AM, St. Michael Church, Pitcairn and 12:15 PM, NAM Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 2016, 4:00 PM, NAM Church

Sunday, January 3, 2016, 8:00 & 11:00 AM, NAM Church and 9:30 AM, St. Michael Church, Pitcairn



SCHOOL NEWS/ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be altar server training on Thursday & Friday, **December 10 & 11** at North American Martyrs Church from 4:00-6:00 PM. Students should meet in the front vestibule of the church for a brief meet and greet, and then we will proceed to the sacristy to begin training. In our parish, students, both boys and girls, may begin altar serving when they reach the fourth grade, provided they have been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and have received their First Holy Communion. All aspects of altar serving will be covered, including lighting the altar candles and use of the incense censor. Parents may stay during the training, but are not required to do so. If you have any questions, please call John Kearns at 412-372-7130.



PRO LIFE MEETING

Infant Jesus Respect Life Group Eastern Area will meet at St. Bernadette on Tuesday, **December 22**, at 7:00 PM in Biedenbach Hall. Please join us for an informative evening with Ellen Mady as our guest. Ellen is Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She will speak on end of life issues and helping the needy in our area. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and a 50/50 raffle. For further information please call Madonna Roney, President, at 412-829-4193.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU

This Advent on the evening of December 09, 2015 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you. Go to <http://www.diopitt.org/latest-diocesan-news/light-you-0> Or scan the QR code to go directly to The Light is On for You website.

THE CHURCH ALIVE!

It's our parish. It's our home – whether we have been parishioners for a year or a lifetime. It's where we gather for the Eucharist and celebrate the sacraments together. We baptize our young and confess our sins. It is also our place of invitation. When Bishop Zubik announced “On Mission for The Church Alive!” he described our parishes as the heart of our evangelization efforts. Grow the parish, and we grow the Church. Look around to see who you can invite to your “home” to share in the life of Jesus. To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DONNA LEW-BUECHEL,
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, 412-349-0942

THE 2015-2016 CCD YEAR has begun. A family registration form and schedule can be downloaded from the North American Martyrs Parish website at www.namcatholicchurch.org and click on the Religious Education tab. If you are unable to download the form please email Donna Lew-Buechel at namreoffice@gmail.com and one will be sent to you. High School and adult Aides for the classrooms are needed as well as substitute teachers. If you are able to volunteer your time and talents for the children of the parish to help them on their faith journey, it would be greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) is in need of volunteers to share the Word of the Lord with the children of our Parish during the 11:00 Mass. The Leader and the children leave the church before the Liturgy of the Word begins and congregate in DeLuca Hall to break open the Word of God. The schedule is done in two to three month intervals. The leaders are usually scheduled once a month as long as we have enough volunteers to rotate. Please consider sharing your faith with our 4 year old to 1st graders during the Mass. If interested please contact Cindy Capell who is in charge of the scheduling at capellfamily@verizon.net.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Donna Lew-Buechel, Safe Environment Coordinator,
northamericasec@gmail.com

In accordance with the Diocese of Pittsburgh Safe Environment Policy ALL volunteers must be compliant in order to volunteer in ANY capacity within ANY group in the parish. If you missed the flyer in last week's bulletin, please contact Donna at the email address above for the new State requirements. As always, we are so very blessed to have such dedicated and wonderful volunteers here at North American Martyrs Parish, and we appreciate you sharing your faith, time and talents to make our Parish Community strong and vibrant.



ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME to our Youth Group fellowship gatherings each Thursday night in DeLuca Hall from 7:00 -9:00 PM!

GIANT EAGLE SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE
AFTER ALL MASSES.
\$25 AND \$100 INCREMENTS.
Stop by and help support our school!

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD 1, ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Good morning fellow parishioners! Last weekend marked the commencement of the Advent season; a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus in our lives. This week in the Gospel the Advent message rings true; "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths!" We must follow the words of wisdom from the Lord's cousin, John, and we must prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. What can we do to prepare though? What can we change in our lives to "make straight the path" for God's coming? It's more than just putting up decorations. We must ask God to open our eyes to the opportunities He sets for us to make a difference in the lives of others. We must bring the love of Jesus into everything that we do. That is what we must do to prepare His way, for God does bless us all!

John and Lauren Mizik, Team Leaders,
724-454-8755 or 724-396-0420

NEIGHBORHOOD 2, ST. RENE GOUPIL

Why does the priest wear purple during Advent? Purple represents a time of penance and preparation. The purple vestments remind us to prepare penitentially for Christ's coming. Take advantage at one of the many opportunities we have for the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas: Each Saturday at 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00-9:00 PM, "The Light is Still on For You" and our communal Penance service on December 21 at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars for an evening of great music, inspiration, and fellowship on Sunday, December 13 with Lessons and Carols. There will be light refreshments and a social in DeLuca Hall afterward, sponsored by the Small Christian Community Ministry.

Cathie Snyder, Team Leader, 412-372-8951,
Sue Vargo, Team Leader, 412-856-6198,
Veronica Benson, Assistant Leader, 412-373-7853

NEIGHBORHOOD 3, ST. JEAN DE LALANDE

Please consider donating an unwrapped children's toy in the Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots box in the vestibule of each church before December 20. Toys are distributed to area needy children by Christmas. The drive is sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 184 of which Benny and I are members. Several other current scouts are active altar servers at both churches and their families actively support our parish, school and troop. More information about the program can be found at www.toysfortots.org. Thank you. If you have a birthday, anniversary, or milestone in December and would like it mentioned in a future article or have any other suggestion, please feel free to contact any team member or me at galiamarty@verizon.net.

Team Leader: Marty Galia, 412-380-4681.

NEIGHBORHOOD 4, ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF

St. John de Brebeuf was one of the first Jesuit missionaries to reach Canada. He was a hardy frontiersman and established the first mission in 1625 near Lake Ontario. He was the first of the martyrs to be killed while preaching Christianity. In 1649, the Iroquois captured the Huron village of Saint Ignatius and he was killed. His courage was admired by the young native Americans. See what is happening in your neighborhood or to get involved, Call Elizabeth at 412-374-3980.

NEIGHBORHOOD 5, ST. CHARLES GARNIER

St. Charles Garnier arrived in Canada in 1636. He, like the other martyrs, preached the faith to the Native Americans. He did much of his work in the Ossernenon village. In 1649, while working with a group of followers, he was killed by the Iroquois. To see what is happening in your neighborhood or to get involved, Call Elizabeth at 412-374-3980.

NEIGHBORHOOD 6, ST. GABRIEL LALAMANT

St. Gabriel Lalemant arrived in 1648 at Fort St. Mary in Canada. In 1649 he joined Fr. Brebeuf at St. Ignatius. They worked at the mission there attempting to convert the Native Americans to Christianity. The mission was captured by the Iroquois tribe and he was taken prisoner and killed. To see what is happening in your neighborhood or to get involved, call Elizabeth at 412-374-3980.

NEIGHBORHOOD 7, ST. ANTOINE DANIEL

St. Antoine Daniel came to see and stay in Canada in 1632. He preached Christianity to the Native Americans and started the school of our Lady of Angels in Quebec for Native American boys. Many of the Native Americans disliked the idea of their young boys being taught Christianity and the idea of a peaceful existence. One day in 1648 while he was saying Mass in his frontier chapel he was killed.

For weekly faith sharing information call Kathy at 724-327-8966.

NEIGHBORHOOD 8, ST. NOEL CHABANEL

St. Noel Chabanel came to Canada in 1643. He worked for 6 years among the Algonquin near Fort St. Mary. He disliked the cruel customs and tried to teach and show the Native Americans the Christian way. In 1649, he was killed out of hatred for the faith he was teaching to the Huron Indians.

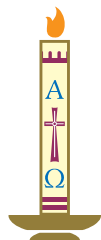
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 Tue: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Wed: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 Fri: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
 Sat: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



SANCTUARY CANDLE



*The Sanctuary Candle at NAM
 burns this week in memory of
 Tom Morris, requested by Wife, Millie.
 The Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael
 burns this week in memory of
 Tom Amantea,
 requested by Jim & Pat Cepec.*

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

#706 P. Barley, #309 M. Griffith, #608 No Winner, #065 C. Kubicko, #472 F. Kelley, #442 R. Sferra, #034 No winner

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Low-gluten hosts are available at NAM and St. Michael Churches for anyone with wheat/gluten intolerance. *They are not gluten free*; they contain .01% of gluten/wheat. If you need this type of host, please let Father know before the Mass begins. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth at 412-374-3980.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mary Ann Abbenante, Robert Anderson, R.A., Jim Barr, Jim Behe, Edith Botti, Gladys Bronick, Barbara Bush, Ray Caskey, Rosalie Cordasco, John DeCenzo, Jenny Detwiler, Theresa DeVito, Rachel Edwards, Tom Elko, Pat Emmick, Pat Ficcaglia, Anita Farruggia, Doreen Franceschini, Leanne Genel, Bob Gojkovich, Karen Gribscher, Shirley Hanlon, Bernard Matthews Sr., Gert Moadlo, Margaret Nebiolo, Jamie O'Grady, Celeste Peleggi, Gene Pilardi, Michelle Poydence, Marie Rotella, Christine Samrok, Clara Sands, Kathy Smail, Martha Smeltz, Andrew Smith, Sophie Stahl, Tom Steimer, Ruth Sutherland, Helen Toth, Clare Valansky, Theresa Ventresco, Renee Venturella, William Whitaker, Sherry Woods, John Yanniruberto, & Nancy Youthers.

If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name put on this prayer list, 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 & PITCAIRN<
 ➤ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CAN HELP<
 ➤CALL 412-373-0330 X33<

If you or someone you know, particularly someone who is homebound or ill, would benefit from receiving a Prayer Shawl, please contact Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or at meh227@aol.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Frances C. Toohill-Family
 9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Jack Mudraney-Mary Louise
Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose
 8:00 AM Catherine Bondi-M/M William Plute Family
 7:00 PM NAM, Julia Dodds-Nancy & Bob Rygiel
Tuesday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 AM NAM, Mary Luisi-Luisi Family
 12:15 PM NAM, Chuck Vercelli-Juliet Selia
 7:00 PM St. Michael, People of Parish
Wednesday, December 9
 8:00 AM John Oreski-Jenny & Family
 1:00 PM Broadview Manor, Helen McCord-NAM Parish Staff
 6:00 PM NAM, The Light is Still on for You (Confessions)
Thursday, December 10
 8:00 AM St. Michael, Madeline Mastrangelo-M/M William Plute Family
Friday, December 11
 9:00 AM Emilia Del Duca-M/M John D. Ianni
Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00 AM Helen Dwyer-Altar Rosary Society Members
 12:00 PM St. Michael, Confessions
 4:00 PM Agnes Pavlak-Robert & Karen Pavlak
Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM St. Michael, Homer Sheridan-Wife & Family
 11:00 AM Frances Cecelia Toohill-Mercedes Jean Taylor

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

Articles for the December 20th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office before Tuesday, December 8. You may submit to office@namcatholicchurch.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2015-2016

	Nov 22	Nov 29
2015 Wkly Offertory Rec'd	\$5,624.00	\$4,812.00
On-Line Giving.....	1,661.00	1,066.00
Total Offertory	7,288.00	5,878.00
Total Offertory to Date	\$190,449.00	\$196,327.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$4,881.00	

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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| <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"/> Women's Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons w/Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent dePaul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Name Soc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies of Charity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Rosary Soc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stitching Angels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr High Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Youth Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Funeral Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Senior Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Altar Server |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | |