

# North American Martyrs Parish

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December 13, 2015, Third 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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**St. Michael 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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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<sup>th</sup>  
when Tuesday's Mass will be at 7:00 PM

**Pastor** .....412-373-0330 X11

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**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](http://RachelsVineyard.org)  
Pregnancy Counseling: Genesis 412-766-2693 or  
Birthright 412-621-1988

*MANY THANKS, LESSONS & CAROLS, MERCY FOR THOSE OF "SAME SEX" ATTRACTION*

**MANY THANKS:** Sadly, **Jennifer Speranza** submitted her letter of resignation to me on Wednesday, December 2nd. Our principal, **Jessica Munscher** I would like to thank Jennifer for her hard work, dedication, and passion for the school children, parents, staff, and school community. Jennifer was effective in boosting our enrollment and solidifying relationships between faculty, parents, and students. Jennifer will continue to work as a volunteer in school activities, as she has in the past. I will post a job opening for a part time advancement director in the near future. You may contact me at 412-373-0330 x.11 if interested in applying.

Thanks to **Joe Kowalczyk** and **Vic Maccarelli** both of whose terms have expired on the Parish Finance Council. Joe has served on the North American Martyrs Finance Council beginning in 2007 and Vic has served on the St. Michael Finance Council beginning in 2008. Both continued to serve on the North American Martyrs Finance Council when the two parishes merged on September 4, 2010. We are grateful for the service of both of these men who assisted me in the financial stewardship of our churches and school. If you are a parishioner and have background in some aspect of business such as law, accounting, finance, marketing, sales or management and are interested in serving on the finance council please call me at ext. 11. Our current finance council members include: **Donna Balcik**, (Facilitator), **Joe DeNinno**, **Lisa Dickun** and **Tony Maola**. **Tim Thorsen**, Business Manager, is an ex officio member of the Finance Council. The Code of Canon Law (Canon 537) states that the Parish Finance Council aids the pastor in the administration of parish goods with due regard for the prescription of Canon 532 which refers to assisting the pastor as he represents the juridic (legal) affairs of the parish. The Parish Finance Council is consultative, like the Parish Pastoral Council, and generally meets about four times each year.

Thanks to the following six people who have been trained to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. At this date two of them, **Rosemary Barbacci** and **Jessica Munscher** (school principal) have been commissioned. The other four persons are waiting to be commissioned before they assist as Eucharistic ministers. They are: **Leah Roney**, **Maddonna Roney**, **Daniel Hommel** and **Jennifer Speranza**.

In last week's Pastor's Page, I thanked the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild for donating a total of 2 baby changing tables. Since then, I've learned that they actually donated five! Please accept my apology for my mistake. In addition to the two baby-changing tables in the Ladies Room both at NAM Church and St. Michael Church (previously listed) the other three baby-changing tables will be at the Men's and Women's Restrooms in the school hallway next to DeLuca Hall as well as the Men's Restroom in the church hallway. Thank you very much!

Thanks to **Mark Paliotta** and **Will Albert**, both of whom assisted me in picking up, transporting and setting up the five live Christmas trees that will be displayed: two at NAM Church, two at St. Michael Church and one in the NAM rectory. Thanks also to **Mary Ellen Samek** and the **Parish Fellowship Ministry** for sponsoring the Santa breakfast for our children on Saturday, December 12.

**LESSONS & 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 FOR 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 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**

There will be two collections taken up at all Masses on Christmas. One is for the church and the second is for the support of children and youth. During this season of gift-giving, we ask that you remember your church kindly and be generous to the children and youth. Thank you for your continued support.

**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. The intentions will be published in the bulletin provided your envelope is in by today, **Sunday, December 13.**

**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](mailto:meh227@aol.com) or call Chris Michalak at 412-373-1147 or email her at [joseph.michalak@verizon.net](mailto: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.

**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, St. Vincent dePaul Society;

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.

**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 weatherproof 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.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH**

If you were an altar server as a child or youth, you are in a position to offer a valuable service to your church as an adult altar server in the present. If you do not have that particular experience, you need minimal training to also offer this valuable service. Adult altar servers currently assist the priest at daily Masses and funerals; however, no one expects you to commit to serving every day. Call NAM or St. Michael church office to begin your introduction, or re-introduction, to serving on the altar.

**IN A TROUBLED MARRIAGE?**

**Don't suffer through another Christmas.** Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **January 15, 2016**, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

**OPLATKY**

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

**THANK YOU!**

The Altar Rosary annual enrollment campaign was held in October. We wish to thank everyone who returned their enrollment envelope, and we wish to encourage you to return yours in the regular collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory/Office, if you have not done so already. Altar Rosary Society uses the funds collected for vestments, altar needs, candles, linens, Altar Bread and Wine and flowers. Thank you for your continued support of this effort.



**FREE CONCERT**

You are invited to enjoy the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble of St. Petersburg, Russia on Thursday, **December 17** at 7:00 PM at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 4503 Old William Penn Highway. A free will collection will be taken to help defray the expenses of the ensemble.

**BLOOD DRIVE**



The North American Martyrs/St. Bernadette/St Michael Churches will sponsor a Blood Drive today, Sunday, **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 benefitting over 500 Pittsburgh area patients. All participating donors for this drive will receive a holiday t-shirt. To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.centralbloodbank.org](http://www.centralbloodbank.org) and enter group code G0040058 or contact Chuck Summerville, Coordinator at 412-372-4332 or email him at [csummervil@gmail.com](mailto: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, Medjugorje, where Mary continues to appear daily. Call Don Todaro, tour director, at 724-837-7434 for details



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

**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**

**THE STUDENTS IN GRADE 6** will visit the Concordia of Monroeville Nursing Home on Tuesday, **December 15** with the Ladies of Charity. They will pray the Rosary and sing Christmas carols with the residents. Please pray for a safe trip for our students, staff, chaperones, and Ladies of Charity.

**THE NAM CHESS CLUB** will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, **December 15** at 6:30 PM. The Chess Club is open to all students in grades 1-8. We would like to thank Steve Truschel for leading this club for our students. If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please contact the school office.

**THE ANNUAL ADVENT PROGRAM** is scheduled at North American Martyrs Church on Thursday, **December 17** at 6:30 PM. Please join our school students for a musical evening to celebrate the Advent season.

**THE NIGHT AT THE RACES COMMITTEE** would like to thank everyone for their support in helping to make our 3rd annual Night at the Races a success! The evening was a fun-filled night with horse racing, raffles and auctions. Thank you again for your continued support.

**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 CHURCH ALIVE!**

“All the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God....the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man.” Those are the words of Saint Jean Vianney, the 19<sup>th</sup>-century French priest who is the patron saint of all priests. At the heart of Catholic worship is the Mass. Never take the liturgy for granted. Think of ways to help you and your fellow parishioners experience the life-changing power of the Mass. To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic.

Visit [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> graders during the Mass. If interested please contact Cindy Capell who is in charge of the scheduling at [capellfamily@verizon.net](mailto:capellfamily@verizon.net).

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**Donna Lew-Buechel, Safe Environment Coordinator,**  
[northamericasec@gmail.com](mailto: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

The message in today's Gospel is simple; be a good Christian. If you have excess, you should give to those who have nothing. If you have been cheating people for your own benefit, cease and desist! If you have been bullying for your own gain and self-ego, find your heart and be kind; be fair. These seem like common sense things to those who have been instructed in the Catholic faith, yet even so not even all Christians live their lives this way. The Christmas season is all about the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift that God has ever given. It is about giving without receiving, and realizing that what you receive is God's grace. He gave His only begotten Son so that we may have eternal life. Wow! That is something so great we cannot even begin to fathom its depth. This week try to give a little more, try to do a little more, try to be the people that God has asked us to be, and we will do the same. God bless you all!

John and Lauren Mizik, Team Leaders,

## NEIGHBORHOOD 2, ST. RENE GOUPIL

Gratitude and generosity often go hand in hand. God is generous in His blessings to us and often gives us more than we need. Our gratitude inspires us to "give back" to God. Gratitude is the attitude of a generous heart. We hope to see many of you at this evening's beautiful Advent Service, "Lessons and Carols." Stay and meet your neighbors at the social afterwards at DeLuca Hall.

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

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

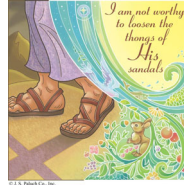
St. Noel Chabanel came to Canada in 1643. He worked for 6 years among the Algonquin near Fort St. Mary. He disliked the cruel customs and tried to teach and show the Native Americans the Christian way. In 1649, he was killed out of hatred for the faith he was teaching to the Huron Indians.

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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
 Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
 Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thu: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 Fri: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
 Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*The Sanctuary Candle at NAM burns this week in memory of Ann Wenstrup, requested by Husband, Don.*



*The Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns this week in memory of Morgan Toth, requested by Parents.*

**CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS**

#865 C. Mogulich, #223 No Winner,  
 #026 No Winner, #810 B. Craver, #338 M. Meighan,  
 #043 N. Speranza, #521 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](mailto: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](mailto:meh227@aol.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, December 14 St. John of the Cross**

8:00 AM Tom Morris-Millie  
 8:30 AM NAM, Exposition & Adoration  
 7:00 PM NAM, Holy Hour

**Tuesday, December 15**

8:00 AM St. Michael, Morgan Toth-Parents

**Wednesday, December 16**

8:00 AM Intentions of Loy Foran-Pat & Jack Barley

**Thursday, December 17**

8:00 AM St. Michael, Louise McMaster-Family

**Friday, December 18**

9:00 AM Thomas Brody-Parents, Shirley & Gil Brody

**Saturday, December 19**

9:00 AM Pauline Elko-Tom Elko & Family  
 12:00 PM NAM, Confessions  
 4:00 PM John LaMarca-Daughter, Lisa

**Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Bob Clawson-Kathleen & Family  
 9:30 AM St. Michael, People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Rev. Anthony G. DeLuca-Rita & David Dolan

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

*Articles for the December 27 & January 3 bulletins must be submitted to the Rectory Office before Monday, December 14. You may submit to [office@namcatholicchurch.org](mailto: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 third Wednesday of each month.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2015-2016**

2015 Wkly Offertory Rec'd, December 6	\$12,115.00
On-Line Giving.....	1,526.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>13,641.00</b>
Total Offertory to Date .....	\$209,968.00
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$1,915.00</b>

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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