

# North American Martyrs Parish

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December 20, 2015, Fourth 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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412-373-2610

### 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<sup>th</sup>  
when Tuesday's Mass will be at 7:00 PM  
**Pastor** .....412-373-0330 X11  
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**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](http://RachelsVineyard.org)  
Pregnancy Counseling: Genesis 412-766-2693 or  
Birthright 412-621-1988



*FR. STEVE'S ILLNESS, THANK YOU, NAM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE,  
INFANT JESUS RESPECT LIFE MEETING, CHRISTMAS COMMUNION CALLS*

**FR. STEVE'S ILLNESS:** Last Sunday, December 13, **Fr. Steve** told me that he was too dizzy to celebrate the 8:00 am Mass. I asked him to lay down which he did and **Fr. O'Shea**, who happened to stay overnight with us for his "Unbound" talk, was able to celebrate the Mass. Fr. Steve had later gotten up to have some breakfast. Later that morning, after my 9:30 Mass and while Fr. O'Shea was celebrating the 11:00 Mass, I checked on Fr. Steve who decided to lie down again. Around 12:30 pm he collapsed in front of his bathroom sink but never lost consciousness. As he lay flat on his back I asked his permission to call 911 to which he agreed. I followed the paramedics to Forbes Hospital where Fr. Steve was examined and underwent a series of tests and was admitted for observation. I also anointed him and gave him Holy Communion. On Tuesday evening at Forbes Hospital, Fr. Steve fell again. An MRI determined that he suffered a stroke. Fr. Steve will remain at Forbes Hospital for rehabilitation, most likely until the end of December. Please pray that he will regain his strength and recover from his stroke. In the meantime, I have made several calls to arrange for priests to help me with confessions and Masses for this weekend, for Christmas, for the Feast of the Holy Family and for New Year's Day until Fr. Steve is able to return to us, God willing.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to **John Kearns** for training four new altar servers. They are: **Juliette Barth, David Cano, Breanna Rutter** and **Noah Evans**. You will be seeing them at Mass in the near future.

Thanks to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** for sponsoring the Angel Tree and for all of you who have bought items for those whose tags you have taken from the tree.

Thanks to the **choir** and **lectors** for doing a splendid job with Lessons and Carols again this year. Thanks to **Paul White**, our new Choir Director who in fact, directed, and to **Karen McDonough**, for her musical accompaniment. Thanks to the members of the **small Christian Community group** for serving refreshments in DeLuca Hall after the program.

Thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** (St. Bernadette Council) who have worked with our own **St. Vincent de Paul Society** to identify poor families in our parish to whom fruit baskets will be given soon as a Christmas gift from the Knights of Columbus.

**NAM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:** There will be six of us priests this Monday, December 21 at NAM Church for our Communal Penance service at 7:00 pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to go to confession before Christmas. As Mary and Joseph were looking for a place for the Christ child to be born, there was no room in the inn. Is there room in your heart for the Christ child? **Make room for him** by confessing your sins and receiving absolution so that there will be plenty of room in your heart for Jesus this Christmas.

**INFANT JESUS RESPECT LIFE MEETING:** This Tuesday, December 22 there will be an Infant Jesus Respect Life meeting at Biedenbach Hall, St. Bernadette Church, at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be **Ellen Mady**, the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Director. She will speak on "End of Life issues".

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNION CALLS:** As in other years, **Elizabeth Trexler** and I will be visiting our homebound parishioners this Christmas season to bring them the Holy Eucharist. I will also offer Confession and the Anointing of the Sick to whomever I visit. Noting that the Christmas season does not end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10, Fr. Steve may or may not be able to assist us with visits to the homebound, depending how he feels.

*Fr. Joe*

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

*Christmas Offering*

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.

**MEETINGS**

**THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, **December 30** at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

**THE STITCHING ANGELS** will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, **January 9** at 1:00 PM in DeLuca Hall, weather permitting. If you would like to learn how to make Chemo Caps, please consider attending this meeting, but let me know so I can have adequate supplies. We will discuss the plans for our upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon as well as plans for Catholic Schools Week and the Raffle Basket for the Spaghetti Dinner. Hope you will be able to attend this informative meeting. Call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or contact her at meh227@aol.com.

**THE SENIOR ENRICHMENT GROUP** will attend the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday, **January 6**. After Mass and the Recitation of the Rosary, the group will meet for Breakfast at Eat n Park. If you are unable to make the 8:00 AM Mass, please join us around 9:00 AM for food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome. Please consider bringing a friend. If you have questions, call Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or contact her by email at meh227@aol.com.

**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 through today, 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.

**LUMINARIA**

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.

**THE STAFF, FR. STEVE  
AND I WISH YOU ALL  
A VERY SAFE, BLESSED AND  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**FR. JOE LUISI**

**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.

**DECK THE HALLS!**

The Altar Rosary Society will decorate the Church for Christmas today, Sunday, **December 20**, after the 11:00 AM Mass and again on Tuesday, **December 22**, at 10:00 AM. Any and all volunteer help, from members and parishioners alike, is greatly needed and will be greatly appreciated.

**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. Go to <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org> where you will find additional information.

**OPLATKY**

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

**FOOD BANK**



Next weekend, **December 26 & 27**, the last weekend of the month, is Food Bank Weekend at both Churches. The food collected at NAM will benefit those who visit Crossroads Food Pantry of Monroeville and the food collected at St. Michael will benefit those who visit Pitcairn Food Pantry. Please deposit your non-perishable food donations in the main vestibule of either church. Working alone we are limited in what we can accomplish, but together we can continue to make a difference in helping others. Feeding those in need is a privilege and a responsibility.

**REST IN PEACE**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners, Martha Kraus and Tom Hanlon, and for Mary Vega and Sylvia Sepesy who passed recently.*

**THANK YOU!**

The St. Vincent dePaul Society wishes to thank all of the parishioners who so generously provided Christmas gifts to support the Angel Tree project this year. A total of 274 presents were delivered to the various agencies we supported. In addition to the agencies represented at the North American Martyrs Church, there were angels at St. Michael Church which supported a local pre-school program in Pitcairn as well as Intersection in McKeesport. We were especially pleased that all of the angels were taken at both churches. Your generosity has allowed the true spirit of Christmas to be shared with the less fortunate of our neighbors.



*Merry Christmas*

**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)  
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**

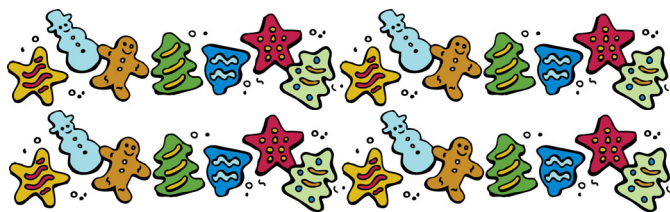
**Sunday, January 3, 2016, 8:00 & 11:00 AM, NAM Church and 9:30 AM, St. Michael Church, Pitcairn**



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**PLEASE JOIN NAM SCHOOL** on Monday, **December 28** at Altimate Air Trampoline Park from 6:00-8:00 in North Versailles for a Fundraising Night to benefit the NAM PTG. The NAM PTG will earn 40% of all proceeds during this date/time. A flyer must be presented and may be found on the front page of the school website. Please contact Tawnie Schubert at 412-926-5933 for more information. We hope to see you there!

**PLEASE SUPPORT** the NAM School Fundraising efforts by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards. Giant Eagle gift cards are sold at face value in \$25.00 and \$100.00 denominations after all weekend Masses at both St. Michael and North American Martyrs Churches. Gift cards are also available in the school office, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Giant Eagle gift cards may be used for grocery and gasoline purchases at all Giant Eagle and GetGo locations, as well as other retailer gift cards. The school earns 5% per dollar purchased. You may also designate a school family toward their annual individual family fundraising goal of \$400.00. Tuition discounts are also available.

**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!**

We are in the early weeks of the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by the Holy Father. The Jubilee Year will last until **November 28**, 2016. Pope Francis has described this year as a “favorable time to heal wounds.” At the same time, we have begun “On Mission for The Church Alive!” The goal of “On Mission” is to help our parishes become even more vibrant communities of service. What social outreach to the community can our parish do that it is not doing now? 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](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)

**I**n 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

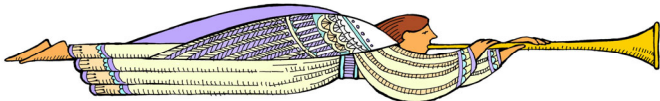
As the mother of God incarnate, Mary had a very important role to play. It must have seemed such a daunting task, that she would bear a son, and he would become the Christ child, savior of our world. But she was made for this purpose, and so preformed her part perfectly, just as God intended. God has a purpose and a plan for each and every one of us. And though at times the duties he has set before us seem unfeasible, he made us to accomplish them. There is nothing the Lord will give us that we were not made to handle, even bearing his son to the world, to die upon a cross for the sins of all living creatures. We pray for a joyous Christmas to all and that all people may make a place in their hearts for the Christ child that was born, Jesus!

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD 2, ST. RENE GOUPIL

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.” Agnes M. Pharo. On behalf of Neighborhood #2 we wish everyone a blessed, hope-filled Christmas.

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

Thanks to your generosity to the Angel Tree program and Toys for Tots, the gifts will be delivered to the agencies so that their clients can open gifts they may not otherwise receive. Congratulations to Richard Sorrells who recently completed a welding training program to find gainful employment. May your Christmas be blessed with the love of family, the warmth of home, and the joy of Christ's birth!

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: Sg 2:8-14 3; Lk 1:39-45  
 Tue: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
 Wed: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Lk 1:57-66  
 Thu: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
 Fri: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  
     Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14  
     Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
     Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
 Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
 Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

*The Sanctuary Candle at NAM burns this week in memory of Regis Hanlon, requested by Shirley.*



*The Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns this week in memory of Husband, Nick & Daughter, Shirley Valerino, requested by Wife & Mother, Virginia*

**CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS**

#558 No Winner, #937 N. Colberg, #035 K. Hartman, #032 M. Mrvos, #562 T. Mendicino, #645 G. Balla, #457 C. Dawson

**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, Anita Farruggia, Doreen Franceschini, Leanne Genel, Bob Gojkovich, Karen Gribischer, 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 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 & Dave Dolan  
**Monday, December 21**  
 8:00 AM Intention of Paul Foran-Pat & Jack Barley  
 7:00 PM Communal Penance Service  
**Tuesday, December 22**  
 8:00 AM St. Michael, Deceased Members of the Agostini Family- Carl & Barb Agostini & Family  
**Wednesday, December 23**  
 8:00 AM John & Violet Palatas-Dennis, Janet & Dan  
**Thursday, December 24**  
 8:00 AM St. Michael, Charles Casey, Sr.-Storch Family  
 4:00 PM Anne & John Dobos and Margaret & Frank Storch-Storch Family  
 10:00 PM Ray Pasierb-Pysnik Family  
**Friday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
 8:00 AM Eileen Summers-Kathy & Eric  
 9:30 AM St. Michael, Eileen Hanlon-Altar Rosary Society Members  
 11:00 AM People of the Parish  
**Saturday, December 26 St. Stephen**  
 9:00 AM Leonardo DelDuca-M/M John D. Ianni  
 12:00 PM No Confessions  
 4:00 PM Thresa Petrucci Panichella-Family  
**Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 9:30 AM St. Michael, Deceased Members of Hagan & Schwaderer Families- Regina Schwaderer  
 11:00 AM M/M Anthony Luisi-Loving Children



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

*Articles for the January 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office before Tuesday, December 29. You may submit to [office@namcatholicchurch.org](mailto:office@namcatholicchurch.org)*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2015-2016**

2015 Wkly Offertory Rec'd, December 13	\$9,175.00
On-Line Giving	1,244.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>10,419.00</b>
Total Offertory to Date	\$220,387.00
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$1,972.00</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 \_\_\_\_\_

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                    |   |