

North American Martyrs Parish

Two Churches ~ One Community ~ A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

August 6, 2017, Transfiguration of the Lord

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.



North American Martyrs Church
2526 Haymaker Rd • Monroeville, PA • 15146
412-373-0330



St. Michael Church
750 Wall Ave • Pitcairn, PA • 15140
412-373-2610

Rev. Joseph G. Luisi, Pastor
office@namcatholicchurch.org

MASS SCHEDULE & STAFF

Saturday Vigil4:00 PM
Sundays8:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 AM Mass
Weekday: Monday, & Wednesday8:00 AM
Friday9:00 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

Sundays9:30 AM
Tuesday & Thursday8:00 AM
St. Anthony Novena begins 13 Tuesdays before June 13th
when Tuesday's Mass will be at 7:00 PM

Pastor412-373-0330 X11

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Business Manager412-373-0330 X22

Parish Pastoral Associate412-374-3980

School412 373-0889

School Advancement Office412-373-0330 X24

School Fax412-349-0175

Religious Education412-349-0942

Youth Ministry412-373-0330 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. 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 Rachel's Vineyard.org

Pregnancy Counseling: Genesis 412-766-2693 or
Birthright 412-621-1988



THANK YOU! ALTAR SERVER FUN DAY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, GOOD MORNING GOD

THANK YOU!: Thanks to **Kevin & Patty Toohill** and a host of volunteers who worked at our Flea Market this year. Judging on the amount of items in DeLuca Hall which spilled out into the lobby and hallway, I'd say that this year's amount of merchandise may be greater than what we've seen in recent years. It takes a lot of time and effort to collect the items, store them, take them out of storage, display them with like items, price them, sell them, bag /wrap them and give what's leftover to **Fr. Tom Lewandowski** who takes them with his tractor trailer to Appalachia in Kentucky. It is a major undertaking and all of the hard work pays off because the money donated goes to our school. Thanks to everyone who not only worked the Flea Market but to those who donated and/or bought items at the Flea Market, I want to thank you.

ALTAR SERVER FUN DAY: **Mrs. Leah Roney** will assist me in hosting an Altar Servers Fun Day on our own grounds this year on Friday, August 11 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The day will include whiffle ball, relay races (with prizes) at our ballfield over the hill from our playground. We will have a cookout and bonfire to close the evening. **Leah** has e-mailed all of the servers' parents and is awaiting their response and availability of our servers. We could always use more help from other servers' parents. I hope and pray for a great turnout and plenty of sunshine!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, August 15, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is: Monday, August 14 at 7:00 pm Vigil Mass at NAM Church. Note: while Eucharistic Adoration will take place after the 8:00 am Mass on Monday, August 14, I will have benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45 pm just prior to the Vigil Mass. On Tuesday, August 15, the Mass will be at 9:00 am at NAM Church, 12:15 pm at NAM Church and at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Church. I hope to see you at one of the Masses.

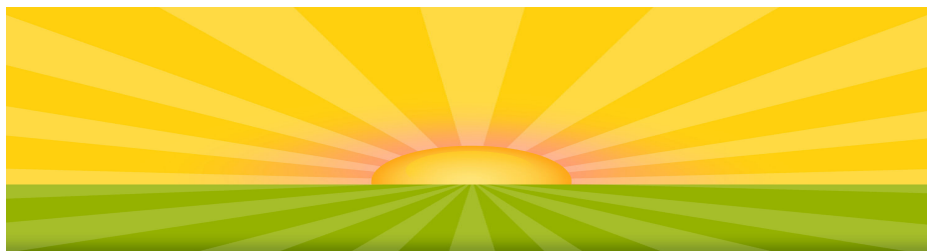
Good Morning God *You are ushering in another day
untouched and freshly new;
So here I come to ask you, God
If you'll renew me too?*

*Forgive the many errors
that I made yesterday,
And let me try again dear God,
to walk closer in Thy way.*

*But Father; I am well aware
I can't make it on my own,
So take my hand and hold it tight,
for I can't walk alone.*

Author Unknown

Fr. Joe



ADORATION

**MONDAY, August 14; 8:30 AM-Exposition & Adoration
6:45 PM Holy Hour**

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

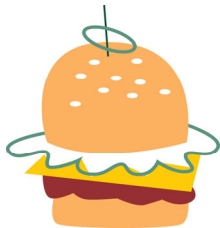
The schedule is as follows:

- 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;
- 5:30-6:00 PM, CCD; and
- 6:00-6:30 PM, Youth Group.

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend for the Building and Grounds maintenance. Thank you for helping us to keep our facility beautiful and in good repair.

BURGER BLAST



Pitcairn Community Renaissance will host its third Burger Blast of the summer on Saturday, **August 12**. Please come join us at the corner of Wall Avenue and Third Street in Pitcairn from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM for delicious hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes and more.

NAM FAMILY PICNIC

The Annual NAM Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, **August 26** after the 4:00 PM Mass at NAM Church. We will continue the traditional basket raffle. Any organization, family, or individual that would like to sponsor a basket is asked to contact Mary Ellen Samek at maryellen15146@yahoo.com or at 412-889-2278. Mark your calendar and plan for a day of good food, fun, and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for more details.



Pitcairn Borough is in need of substitute School Crossing Guards; must have Act 33 and Act 34 Clearances. If interested please call Mayor Betsy Stevick at 412-372-2436.

BABY SHOWER



The Stitching Angels will hold their annual Baby Shower for Catholic Charities the weekend of **August 19 and 20**. Every year the parish generously donates items for this worthy cause. All items are given to mothers and babies in need. This year there is a need for diapers (2 to 4 - Identification on package), baby wipes, baby shampoo, diaper rash ointment, baby bottles and baby wash. In addition there is a need for clothing in sizes from 6-18 months. Please place all items in the pack n play in the main vestibule of North American Martyrs or in the box at the entrance of St. Michael Church. Your help is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or at meh227@aol.com.

GOLF OUTING



The 2017 NAM School Golf Outing, to benefit the school Technology Fund, will be held Saturday, **September 16** at Butler's Golf Course – Lakeside Course. Please come and join us for golf and a delicious buffet dinner. Sign-up forms as well as forms allowing businesses and individuals to make contributions to the Golf Outing / Technology Fund are an insert to this week's bulletin or can be picked up in the church vestibule.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you have attended here for any length of time and consider this your parish, we would like you to know that in order to become a member, you must register. Those who have grown up in the parish and who are now adults must also register. Unless you are receiving envelopes each month or unless you are a registered on-line giver, you cannot receive a tax statement of your donations, nor be eligible for a sponsor's certificate for baptism, confirmation or as a witness to a wedding. To avoid disappointment, fill out the coupon on page 7 in the bulletin or call the secretary at either church to ask for a membership package.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS

This is the time of year to schedule your group's meetings and events for 2017-2018. Your organization may depend on using our facilities for certain dates, but unless those dates are reserved on our calendar, you may run the risk of losing them. You must either pick up a form or request the forms by email to schedule with the parish secretary for your meetings and events taking place between the months of August, 2017 and July, 2018. Please try to set your dates as soon as possible.



Stitching Angels' Baby Shower WEEKEND OF AUGUST 19-20

**PLEASE NO
BABY POWDER, PACIFIERS, PLAYMATS OR CARRIERS**

We are collecting the following:

**Diapers (2 to 4) Number Identification on Box
Baby Wipes-Baby Shampoo-Diaper Rash Ointment
Baby Wash
Baby Clothing (Size 6 Month to 18 Month)
Baby Bottles-Teething Rings
Books for Children Under Age of 2
Small Toys for Children Under Age of 1**

**Thank You So Much for
Your Continued Support!**

**Please place all donations in Pack n Play in Main Vestibule of NAM or
in the box in the Main Entrance of St. Michael Church.**



**Sponsored by the Stitching Angels for
Catholic Charities Women In Need**



SCHOOL NEWS**SUMMER NAM SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or by appointment in August.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE a tour of our wonderful school, please contact Danielle Cole, Director of Advancement at 412-373-0889 ext. 24 or at cole@namschool.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

NAM Back to School/Parish Picnic: Saturday, **August 26**

First Day of School K-8: Monday, **August 28**

First Day of Pre K 3 Preschool: Tuesday, **September 5**

First Day of Pre K 4 Preschool: Wednesday, **September 6**

NAM School Golf Outing: Saturday, **September 16**, Butler's Golf Course.

Purchase Giant Eagle Scrip Cards
in denominations of \$25.00 or \$100.00
at weekend Masses.

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2017-2018 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office at 412-456-3042 before Monday, **August 21**.

YOUTH GROUP

AS ALWAYS, if you need to reach me, I'm available by cell at 412-780-4630 or at chuff1571@comcast.net.

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

SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, **August 16** at St. Michael Church, 750 Wall Ave., Pitcairn, PA 15140. We will meet at 7:00 PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DONNA LEW-BUECHEL,

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, 412-349-0942



Religious Education Registration for 2017-2018 will be available online at www.namcatholicchurch.org at the end of July. Public school children in 1st-8th grades should be registered for CCD. If you have any questions or need to have a registration form emailed, please contact Donna at namreoffice@gmail.com.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

DONNA LEW-BUECHEL, SAFE ENVIRONMENT

COORDINATOR, northamericansec@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. 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.

**ON MISSION FOR CHURCH ALIVE!**

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The Transfiguration – In the mystery of the Transfiguration Jesus reveals to his disciples that he is the Son of God and that he will come again in glory at the end of the age. Yet, this magnificent sight occurs

only after Jesus tells his followers that they must take up their crosses in order to follow him. Jesus wants us to share in his glory, while at the same time encourages us to be prepared for the challenges that arise along the way.

Join Bishop David Zubik in prayer and worship at one of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Summer Sessions and continue to prepare your heart for the big changes that will soon take place in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The changes may challenge us, but we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide the gifts and resources for the Church to grow and thrive. The Summer Sessions will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, **August 24** at Saint Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw; Monday, **August 28** at Saint Thomas **More**, Bethel Park; Tuesday, **August 29** at Saint Margaret Mary, Moon Township; Wednesday, **August 30** at Saint Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships. Visit **onmission-churchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD 1, ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Jesus was the son of a carpenter and he started a different religion. Many people could do important things, like Jesus, as long as that person has leadership, wisdom and knowledge. In their time with Jesus, the disciples observed such life-changing experiences that they were themselves transformed into new people. Think about how you would feel if you were selected to have such a strange experience. Enjoy the summer and get ready for the leaves!

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

NEIGHBORHOOD 2, ST. RENE GOUPIL

Today we consider one of the most startling events in our faith story. The man the disciples knew as friend and rabbi is suddenly revealed to a privileged three as God's Son. The disciples see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah (representing the law and the prophets) about His "exodus". The word evokes Israel's past deliverance from Egyptian slavery and anticipates the freedom Jesus will win, but only through His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. A heavenly voice urges the frightened disciples to listen to Jesus, the "Chosen Son" for in Him the Law and the prophets converge and are fulfilled. The disciples have beheld as part of Jesus' own identity the splendor and wonder that belong only to God.

Cathie Snyder, Team Leader, 412-372-8951,
Veronica Benson, Assistant Leader, 412-373-7853

NEIGHBORHOOD 3, ST. JEAN DE LALANDE

Please join us after Mass on August 13 to hear about Karen Bova's recent visit to Ghana with a group from Duquesne University. Please keep long-time usher Burley Hartin in your prayers. I have great respect for his strong faith, his love of family, and ability to survive several personal losses over the years. Due to physical ailments, he is now living at the Willows Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont. If you have an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or prayer request and would like it mentioned in a future article or have any other suggestion or request, 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.

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD 6, ST. GABRIEL LALEMANT

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD 7, ST. ANTOINE DANIEL

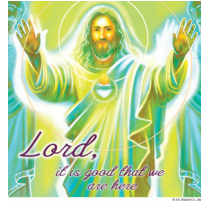
St. Antoine Daniel came to see and stay in Canada in 1632. He preached Christianity to the Native Americans and started the school of our Lady of Angels in Quebec for Native American boys. Many of the Native Americans disliked the idea of their young boys being taught Christianity and the idea of a peaceful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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
 Tue: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
 Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
 Mt 15:21-28
 Thu: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Fri: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
 Sat: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
 Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:00 AM Bob Jessup-Family
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of Parish
 11:00 AM Anna Quattrocchi-Family
Monday, August 7
 8:00 AM Rebecca Maola-Adrienne Virtes & Ceil Havrilla
Tuesday, August 8 St. Dominic
 8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Patsy Pizzuto-Paul & Shannon Trunzo
Wednesday, August 9
 8:00 AM Richard Sassano-Mom & Dad
Thursday, August 10 St. Lawrence
 8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Anthony & Mary Luisi-Fr. Joe Luisi
Friday, August 11 St. Clare
 9:00 AM Anna Golofsky-NAM St. Vincent dePaul Society
Saturday, August 12
 12:00 PM **St. Michael**, Confessions
 4:00 PM People of Parish
Sunday, August 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM William A. Plute, Sr-Family
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, In Honor of St. Joseph-Galia Family
 11:00 AM Dorothy Mooney-Rathz Family

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns this week in memory of Antonio Mendicino, requested by Fred Mendicino.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

Week 7/2/17-7/8/17:

#698 No Winner, #042 No Winner, #046 S. Tatters,
 #251 No Winner, #149 W. Supancic, #239 M. Gebhardt,
 #702 B. Harper

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mary Ann Abbenante, Eugenie Antcich, Jim Barr, Edith Botti, Gladys Bronick, Ray Caskey, Rosalie Cordasco, John DeCenzo, Theresa DeVito, E. Family, Tom Elko, Adrienne Ellis, Pat Emmick, Farren Family, Anita Farruggia, Doreen Franceschini, Leanne Genel, Bob Gojkovich, Karen Gribischer, Christine Huff, Tom Kimicata, David Maola, Bernard Matthews, Sr., Lauren Mizik, Ann Pegg, Celeste Peleggi, Bob Pitulski, Michelle Poydence, Jacob R., Christine Samrok, Clara Sands, Kathy Smail, Sophie Stahl, Fr. Miro Stelmasczyk, Regina Schwaderer, Linda Tabone, Charlotte Trexler, Clare Valansky, Mary Ann Vecchio, Theresa Ventresca, Renee Venturella, Deborah Walker, Roberta Walker, Sherry Woods, Wesley & Alexander, John Yanniruberto, Nancy Youthers & Betty Yoxall.

If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name put on this prayer list, please have them contact Patti Kemerer at 412-856-7294 or at pattiakem@gmail.com 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.

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

Articles for the August 20th bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office before Tuesday, August 8. 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, NM, the third Wednesday of each month.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection,	07-23-17	07-30-17
Weekly Offertory Rec'd	\$4,401.00	\$5,098.00
On-Line Giving	\$2,024.00	\$1,097.00
Total	\$6,425.00	\$6,195.00



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"/> Returning to Parish | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Catholicism/RCIA |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Guild |
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