

North American Martyrs Parish

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August 20, 2017, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

North American Martyrs is a vibrant parish, built on multi-generational and cultural traditions blended through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Reflecting the unconditional mercy of Jesus Christ, we as a faith community sharing God's love with all people, enthusiastically reach out to embrace everyone, especially the poor, broken, suffering and lost. We draw our strength through prayer, listening to and acting upon God's Word and celebrating the Eucharist, to foster a closer relationship with Christ as humble and faithful members of His Universal Church.



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

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| 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

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| 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. 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'sVineyard.org

Pregnancy Counseling: Genesis 412-766-2693 or

Birthright 412-621-1988



FESTIVAL REPORT, PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, HEALING MASS, PARISH PICNIC, BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING

FESTIVAL REPORT Our Festival Chairperson, **Nick Oto**, said that the profit for the 2017 NAM Summer Festival was **\$45,250**. This is much better than last year when the profit for the 2016 NAM Summer Festival was **\$36,964**. Congratulations to all who made this year's festival a smashing success! Nick will have a spreadsheet in next week's bulletin to show the line-by-line comparison.

PASTORAL COUNCIL There will be a **Pastoral Council Meeting** at the NAM conference room on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:45 pm. Please make every effort to attend this important Pastoral Council meeting.

HEALING MASS The next **Fraternity of Priest Healing Mass** will be on Wednesday, August 23 at Holy Apostles Parish (St. Wendelin Church) Carrick, PA at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and pray for yourselves and to pray for all who need healing.

PARISH PICNIC Our parish will host its annual **Parish Picnic** on Saturday, August 26 after the 4:00 Mass in DeLuca Hall and outside (weather permitting). Please come and join us and make new friends and see old friends as we enjoy picnic food served by our Parish Fellowship Ministry.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING The **NAM Scripture Study group** under the direction of **Cris D'Ascenzo** will be resuming on October 2, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm at the home of Cris D'Ascenzo. The topic is "The Book of Revelation". She will be using the Little Rock Catholic Bible Study as she has used in the past 22 years since she began the Bible study! The cost of the materials for all 16 sessions is only \$17.00. To register for this Bible Study or for more information, call Cris at (412) 373-7634 or at (412) 848-8428. To allow sufficient time to order materials and organize the meetings, please call before September 1, 2017. New members of the group are always welcome!

Fr. Joe



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses next weekend, **August 26 & 27**, for two important programs of the Church in the United States: the Catholic Communication Campaign and the Catholic University of America. The Catholic Communications Campaign, in partnership with our diocesan communications office, has been our voice in the national media: educating, entertaining, inspiring and informing the public about Gospel values. Since 50% of the contributions to the Catholic Communications annual campaign remain in our diocese, this collection helps to support our weekly televised Masses and various catechetical video programs. A much larger communications strategy is being planned for the future. The financial sacrifices made by Catholic parents to provide a Catholic college education today are significant. The funds collected for the Catholic University of America Campaign will help to defray these costs in the form of financial aid through scholarships to students who would not otherwise be able to attend. Thank you for your customary generosity.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

A Protecting God's Children class is scheduled for Thursday, **August 31** at 6:30-9:30 PM in DeLuca Hall. This class is necessary for anyone who volunteers in any capacity in any Diocesan church. Please call Donna Lew Buechel at 412-373-0330 X 18 with any questions.

Food Bank Sunday is next Sunday. Thank you for depositing your non-perishable foods in the main vestibules of either church.

NAM FAMILY PICNIC

The Annual NAM Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, **August 26** after the 4:00 PM Mass on the NAM Church grounds. As in the past, we will have a basket raffle at the picnic so we are asking any interested organizations, families, or individuals to donate a basket by contacting Mary Ellen Samek at 412-889-2278 or at maryellen15146@yahoo.com. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the Church for anyone interested in volunteering at the picnic. Mark your calendar for a day of good food, much fun, and fellowship for all. See the flyer in 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 are holding their annual Baby Shower for Catholic Charities this weekend. 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 available to be picked up in the church vestibule. If you need to contact anyone please feel free to reach out to Bob Snyder at (412)372-8951 or rjsnyder929@gmail.com. Also, anyone on the golf committee is ready to give assistance. Golf Committee: Amy Balla, Sandy Bonidie, Don Wenstrup, Sean Griffith, Jeff Siwik, or Danielle Cole.

MRT CLASSES

A Mandated Reporter Training (MRT) class has been scheduled for Monday, **September 11** at 6:30-9:30 PM at St. Catherine of Sweden parish in Allison Park. You may sign up on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are only 50 spaces in each session. Everyone who volunteers in any capacity must have this certification. Call 412-4546-5633 for information about registering.

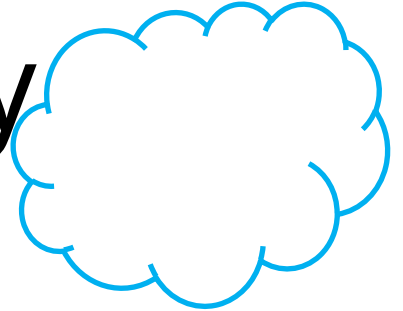
ATTENTION ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS

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.



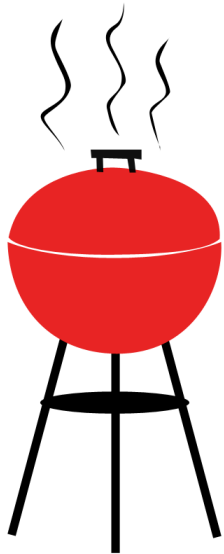
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NAM Family



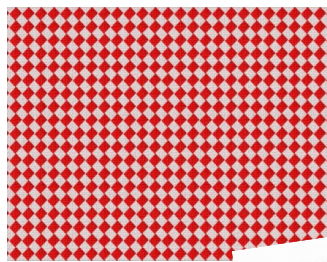
Picnic

**Picnic will begin at 5:00 P.M. after the
4:00 P.M. Mass at NAM Church Grounds**

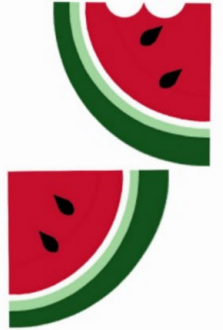


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| DINNER: 5:00 P.M. | |
| Until Food Runs Out | |
| Moonwalk | 5:30-7:30 P.M. |
| Bingo (All Ages) | 6:30-8:00 P.M. |
| Raffle Drawing | 8:15 P.M. |

*Bring Your Favorite Dessert
for the Dessert Table!*



Interested in volunteering? Contact:
Mary Ellen Samek 412-889-2278 -or-
Danielle Cole 412-440-8891



SCHOOL NEWS**AUGUST NAM SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 22 with Bishop Zubik

2:30 PM, St. Paul Cathedral

Call the office at 412-373-0330 X10

By Friday, August 25 for your invitation

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

YOUTH GROUP

WELCOME BACK. I am so excited for this coming year. Let me start off by saying how much I have missed everyone and a great big **THANK YOU** for all of your thoughts and prayers. Now

down to business!!

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF will be Sunday, **September 10** at 1:00 PM in DeLuca Hall. Any student from 7th-12th grade is encouraged to attend. Bring friends and just check out what we have to offer. Come and learn about your faith. Some things to discuss: Trunk or Treat, Mission trip, Volunteering opportunities, Soup sale fundraiser and Lock in.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS please contact me at chuff1571@comcast.net or at 412-780-4630.

LET'S MAKE this year remarkable!!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

The NAM Scripture Study group invites you to join us this fall to learn about the Book of Revelation beginning on Monday, **October 2**, 7:00-8:45 PM. The cost of the materials for all 16 sessions is only \$17. To accept our invitation or for more information, call Cris at 412-373-7634 or Al at 412-848-8428. To allow sufficient time to order materials and organize the meetings, please call before **September 1**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DONNA LEW-BUECHEL,

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, 412-349-0942



Religious Education Registration for 2017-2018 is now available online at www.namcatholicchurch.org. 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!

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! **The Lord Provides** – Even when we strive to be close with God we can wonder if He's really listening to us or if He really cares for us with an unquenchable love. This is especially true in moments of trial or challenge. Yet, we know that when we focus our eyes and ears and hearts on the things of God we can see His love at work for us in all things. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable," that nothing can separate us from His love. Are you challenged by the changes that will soon take place in your parish and throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh? **Join Bishop David Zubik** in prayer and worship at one of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Summer Sessions and be renewed in God's love for His people. 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 PM 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 onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more about it and to stay informed.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD 1, ST. ISAAC JOGUES

In this week's Gospel reading, a mother is trying to persuade Jesus to heal her daughter. It can be a disturbing passage for it seems like Jesus is a little unfeeling toward this woman. Rather, he was communicating the plan of salvation that was consistent with the Father's will. She believed in her faith when many other people doubted and rejected Jesus' authority. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs." So Jesus granted her desire. When she turned to Jesus she found mercy and grace both for herself and for her daughter. There is no person so unworthy that Jesus will ignore their request for help, not any situation so hopeless that Jesus cannot turn it completely around. But it takes the faith to ask for His help. The next time you see a child spewing its food around, especially if there is a little dog sitting there to catch what falls, let it remind you to have the faith of that woman and call upon the power and mercy of our Savior to help in one of your messy situations.

John and Lauren Mizik, Team Leaders,

NEIGHBORHOOD 2, ST. RENE GOUPIL

In today's Gospel reading, the Canaanite woman shows by her words and actions a greatness of faith that stands in sharp contrast with the littleness of faith that Jesus' own disciples have shown. What started out as a rejection culminates in the healing of her daughter. Jesus' insistence that He came for the lost sheep of Israel does not mean that Gentiles who come in faith will be excluded. Jesus' love and compassion has no boundaries. Join your NAMily members this Saturday after 4 PM Mass for the annual Parish Picnic. Hope to see you there.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD 3, ST. JEAN DE LALANDE

Congratulations to expectant first-time parents Laura and Loran Sekely, first-time Grandparents Carole and Loran Sekely and Lynn Marie, and first-time expectant Great grandmother Kathleen Clawson. Happy 82nd birthday to my Mom, Laura Galia. Her homemade pizza and badminton skills are legendary. 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: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
 Tue: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
 Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
 Thu: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Fri: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
 Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
 Sun: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Bob Larkin-8:00 AM Ushers
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, People of Parish
 11:00 AM Frances Toohill-Mercedes Taylor
Monday, August 21 St. Pius X
 8:00 AM Rebecca Maola-Adrienne & Ron Virtes
Tuesday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society
Wednesday, August 23
 8:00 AM Rosemary Buker-Family
Thursday, August 24 St. Bartholomew
 8:00 AM **St. Michael**, Toby Stern-Family
Friday, August 25
 9:00 AM Ann Wenstrup-Family
Saturday, August 26
 12:00 PM NAM, Confessions
 4:00 PM Jack Litzinger-Edith Sekerka
Sunday, August 27 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 9:30 AM **St. Michael**, Michael T. Castagnero-Mike & Kim Castagnero
 11:00 AM Richard Delaney-Mother

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Michael burns this week in memory of Ted Crandall, requested by Gloria & Family.

CALENDAR LOTTERY WINNERS

Lottery winners will appear at a future date.

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, Mary Harrill, 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 Stelmaszczyk, 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 September 3rd bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office before Tuesday, August 22. 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 Crownpointe, NM, the third Wednesday of each month.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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| Offertory Collection, 8-13-17 | |
| Weekly Offertory Rec'd | \$6,480.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$1,184.00 |
| Total | \$7,664.00 |
| Buildings & Grounds | \$1,105.00 |

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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons w/Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent dePaul |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jr High Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Youth Group |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | |