

April 9, 2017

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM;
 1:30 PM **Spanish**; 6PM **Youth Mass**
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30AM & 8 AM; **Saturday** 8 AM
RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 3:30-5 PM; **Thursday** 7-8 PM
 or by **Appointment**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Thursday**
 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

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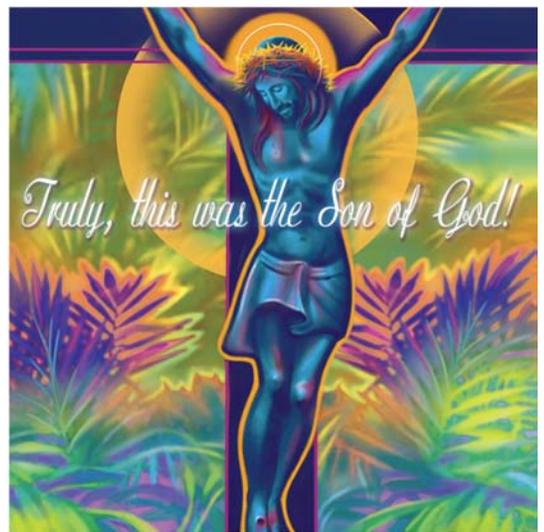
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

One gift our Palm Sunday worship offers is the reminder that no barrier exists between us and God. Jesus knows us, treasures us, and saves us, no matter the abuse or hatred we have endured or the sins we have committed.

Though Jesus is blameless, he accepts punishment for us. Our readings today invite us to imagine ourselves in any of the situations described, and know that our Lord has also been in that place. Isaiah mentions someone who is well spoken as well as someone who is weary, abused, and discouraged. Philipians highlights the two natures of Jesus Christ: the human, which we know intimately, and the divine, which makes Jesus uniquely worthy of adoration and praise. The Gospel invites us to imagine ourselves as any of the characters we see: corrupt or pure, doubting or faithful, abusive or suffering. Our Lord knows all these experiences and offers salvation.



THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus is the Word of God. When we read the scriptures, then, we are literally having a personal encounter with Jesus. That's why spending time with the Word of God is such a wonderful way to pray. Today's Gospel, the Passion of Christ according to St. Matthew, encourages us to spend time with our Lord in his most difficult moments. As we read and pray, we can imagine Jesus sitting beside us. We can speak to him as our wise and treasured friend. Jesus is fascinated by our lives and loves to hear us joining our own experiences to his.

IN CONVERSATION

Jesus gathers his friends around the table for supper. We think of our own experiences with friends and family around dinner tables, or of times when we went without either food or companionship.

- ◆ **Your Last Supper reminds** me of a time . . . [continue in your own words]
- ◆ **What was that evening like** for you, Lord? Jesus knows his closest friends will betray, abandon, and deny him. We recall lonesome times in our own lives, or times we sinned against friends.
- ◆ **Your story brings back** hurtful memories, Lord . . .
- ◆ **Speak to my heart**, Jesus. Share with me your agony. Jesus listens to the crowd clamor for Barabbas. We think of people who have been preferred over us, or times we have maneuvered to be first among many.
- ◆ **There are dark places** in my heart, Lord . . .
- ◆ **You knew the hearts** of those who scourged you, Jesus. What was it like to forgive them? Beaten, exhausted, and hanging between two criminals, Jesus dies. We remember times we have suffered or accompanied others in their pain.
- ◆ **I feel sad**, Lord . . .
- ◆ **You prayed for me personally** in your final moments, Jesus. How can I thank you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
— *Philippians 2:9*

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Vigil †Mary Catherine Young
7:30 Members of the parish
9:00 †Paul, †Joseph, †Mary,
†Antoine Nguyen
11:30 †Isabella Lanza
1:30 PM †Rosendo Penaranda
6 PM †Edward Joseph Cabral

Monday, April 10

6:30 †Francis McNally
8:00 In Thanksgiving Marlita Fair

Tuesday, April 11

6:30 Lord's Blessing on
Patricia Boyce
8:00 †Paul Young

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 †Anne Grant
8:00 †Bunky Mullray

Thursday, April 13

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's
Supper

Friday, April 14

2:00 PM Service of the
Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 15

8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, Easter

7:30 All Masses are being
9:00 offered for all,
11:30 parishioners both
1:30 PM living and deceased

**OUR VISION**

St. Norbert Parish aspires to become one in Christ as a community of fervent disciples, who listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and who lovingly embrace Jesus, present in the poor, the alienated and the spiritually hungry.

Stewardship

INCREDIBLE GIFT

Most of us know today as Palm Sunday, although officially in the Church it is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, and to many Church leaders it is simply Passion Sunday, which comes from the Latin name for it, *Dominica Passionis*. We have reflected on this day previously and how the liturgy begins with great joy and becomes more and more somber with the reading of the Passion.

During the procession of the palms Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to great tumult and rejoicing as the people cry out "Hosanna... blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest." As the Mass progresses we get an overview of what is to occur during this holiest of weeks, including the institution of the Eucharist, the passion and death of the Lord, the prediction of His Resurrection, and then His Resurrection itself.

Imagine the confusion of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus has been



PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING:

Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Aaron Gelstine, Courtney Patterson, Mary Corcoran, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Nancy Lowe, Steph Walsh-Beilman, Peter Lim, Peg & Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble,

REST IN PEACE: Mary Ann Flynn, Francis McNally

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pfc. **Jessica Flowers**, USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Dan Kohli**, USMC; 1st.Lt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Maj. **James Merenda**, USAF; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; CPT **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA



spending time with them in the recent weeks prior to the Passion trying to get them to understand that His time of suffering was near and approaching, and that is the reason He must go to Jerusalem. And here is the crowd welcoming and praising and laughing and celebrating His presence.

We are not much different in many ways, but now is the time for us to really embrace and understand the sacrifice the Lord made for each of us, and the incredible gift He has given us. In the coming days it is our final chance to truly rededicate ourselves to being His disciple.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35;

b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

h) Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Pastor's Pulpit

PUTTING IT ALL INTO PERSPECTIVE . . .

EVERYONE LIKES A PARADE

It must be somehow genetic in us humans to celebrate events in our lives by having a parade. I am sure we can all recall the parades in our lives no matter what area of the country we are from or what country we hail from.

Coming from Philadelphia, a city of neighborhoods, I have some wonderful memories of the Mummers' Parade on January 1st and the Saint Patrick Day Parade in Philadelphia as well as the celebration in New York. On and on we can list the parades we have seen and been part of in celebrating ethnic pride, sports accomplishments and national events.

I wonder what it must have been like on that day in Jerusalem when Jesus came parading into town with crowds shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." This is a parade that is remembered some 2000 years later. The people were so caught by the preaching and teaching of Jesus. I wonder how the media of today would have handled the coverage of that day: "Local boy from Nazareth, miracle worked, possible fulfillment of the prophecies of old, makes good in his reaching out to the people."

How quickly the mood of the crowd changed when only a few days later some of those same people are shouting, "Crucify him, Crucify him! We have no King but Caesar!" The lamb being led to the slaughter in fulfillment of prophecy. Again, I wonder how the media of today would



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cover this moment in time. I wonder if in fact it would have gotten any coverage at all since crucifixion was such a common form of execution. Crucifixion was a sign visible to the crowds as to what happens to anyone who tries to become king.

Palm Sunday or Pasion Sunday for all Christians is the entrance into the holiest of holy times. The events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday enact in many ways for believers the somber sense of Jesus present and recalling all that it means for believers.

We pray in the liturgy, "Behold the Lamb of God who



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takes away the sins of the World, have mercy on us." Those words are a reminder of that Lamb of God who entered Jerusalem as a spotless lamb who would be sacrificed for all of our sins.

Many will come and fill our churches on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We rejoice together as Christians in celebration of an empty tomb and our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Please consider being part of this wonderful time as believers in Jesus Christ and remembering all that he has done for all of us.

Everyone likes a parade for sure. Let's not get caught up in the parade and forget what the celebration of Easter is all about. Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose from the dead for our sins.

I would like to conclude with a prayer that was given at the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting by Forest Fisher. I believe he caught the splendor of Easter and its true meaning.

Lord, we lift our minds to You, knowing wisdom emerges less from intellect and more through our desirous hearts. Your generosity abounds, granting us the balance of gifts necessary for advancing the St. Norbert community.

This Lent, we remember Your Son, Jesus . . . a King who chose thorns over a throne . . . servitude over glory. Jesus washed the grime of daily wear from the feet of those who walked beside him. He placed his fears and needs *beneath* the joy and truth He brought others through humble dedication. When we fall to our knees in prayer, remind us that the answer may first be to get up . . . and serve our Brothers on our feet.

Through our participation in this Parish, we become disciples. Let us strive to be as fervent as those who walked *beside* Jesus, perpetually in awe and in preparation for the Kingdom. It is not a lack of obstacles that is required, but the faith to push through them . . . with joy, truth, clarity and purpose. We ask for Your blessing as we move forward effectively, cooperatively, and meaningfully as a team.

Thank You Forrest Fisher.

– Fr. Mike

News & Events

NEW SHARED BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY . . . EXPERIENCING LOSS



Each member of our community has, at one time in their lives, lost a loved one and grieved. Yet, you are not alone...there are others who struggle through the pain of this loss.

Imitating the example of Jesus who cared for Martha and Mary at the loss of their brother, our St. Patrick and St. Norbert communities seek to share in this ministry of love.

If you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss, join us on Monday, May 15, at 7 pm for short prayer service and social gather at St. Patrick's in Malvern. The Prayer Service will be followed with a social.

We will be alternating this monthly Prayer Service between our parishes. Stay tuned for more information.



SAVE THE DATE . . .

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Join **Chris Coccia** and two other comedians for the St. Norbert Knights of Columbus Comedy Night, **Apr 29 at 7 pm**. Admission is \$30 which includes food and beverages. You may bring your own (BYOB wine).



RESERVATIONS: go to kofcpaoli.org and click on Comedy Night. Chris Coccia is the perfect combination of hilarious material and the ability to present "in the moment." Flowing seamlessly between his material and improvisation, Chris engages and opens up the audience as we all share our human-ness. **PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 1133, Paoli, PA 19301

NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

SERVE OUR PARISH

St. Norbert's needs committed individuals who are called to the ministry of Catholic leadership to assist our pastor in making decisions about spiritual life and growth in our parish. Are you or someone you know: **Passionate** about the St. Norbert vision, ministries, and enthusiastic about the future of our parish?



- ♦ **Committed** to spiritual growth – both for yourself and your fellow parishioners?
- ♦ **Flexible** and open to diverse people and ideas, and able to work through consensus rooted in prayerful reflection and discernment?
- ♦ **Able** to unify, inspire and enable others?

- ♦ **Prepared** to actively engage in 10, monthly Pastoral Council meetings per year over a three-year term?

CONTACT: Steve Ryan gnorpl@gmail.com or 610.299.2515 by **April 18** if you (or someone you know) exhibits these leadership and pastoral qualities, are a baptized Catholic 18 years of age or older, and are registered and an active participant in St. Norbert parish. A slate of candidates will be presented in May for consideration by you our parish community.

THIS LENT DO . . .

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

This year, consider adding one of the following prayer, worship, or formation programs to your faith life:



- ♦ Apr 10-14 Weekly **9 Hours That Will Change Your Life: Small Group Faith Sharing** on Sunday Gospels and Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper* with various days and times. **Contact:** Ed Grady at 610.644.1655 ext 115 or Egrady@stnorbert.org
- ♦ Apr 9 **Gethsemani 12 Step Spirituality Nights** for those in addiction recovery (AA, Al-Anon, Eaters Anonymous, etc.), 7:30 PM, Oratory
- ♦ Apr 20 **Gethsemani Addiction Prayer Nites**, 7 pm, Oratory

For more information on these and other programs, call the Parish Office 610.644.1655 or go to

StNorbert.org

Turn it Up!

ST. NORBERT presents...

BEST DANCE SONGS EVER MIXER!
music from yesterday and today

Just a fun community event

Saturday, May 6 6:30 - 10pm

Food provided - BYOB
\$20 per person
\$120 per table of 8 (only 10 available)
\$25 per person at the door

A great way to get your friends together!

St. Norbert Parish Activity Center

For reservations visit StNorbert.org

Around Our Parish

Our Youth Group Living Stations have turned into one of the most touching and impacting spiritual experiences of Lent. This was our 13th year and the quality of the music, staging, and teens who devote many hours of intense practice is very evident in the two nights reliving Christ's Passion. If you haven't experienced it, I highly recommend you do next year alone or with your family. It is particularly stirring of your heart as it precedes our upcoming Holy Week next week. Thank you St. Norbert Youth Group for your annual gift to our parish. — Fr. Mike



FAST FACTS

Youth Group Update: **Alтарation**, an exploration of the Mass, is the Youth Group focus for Lent in both the middle school and high school groups. **Stebenville Youth Conference**



July 21-23, COST \$360 per youth; online registration at **StNorbort.org**

Special Needs Events: **Retreat Day for Mothers of Children with Disabilities: May 2**, 9:30 AM—2 PM, Malvern Retreat House **CONTACT Malvernretreat.com. OVERALL**



CONTACT: Donna Carr at 917.816.4370 or dmcarr13@yahoo.com

End of Life Issues: The 50+ Senior Topics and Respect Life Ministries present **“End of Life Issues: A Catholic Perspective”** featuring Deacon Alfred Mauriello, MD, on Saturday, **Apr 29**, following the 8 AM Mass. The medical and ethical issues surrounding the end of life can be a source of confusion and anxiety as we try to make the “right” decisions. Our Catholic faith provides clarity and reassurance on these matters: Advanced Life Care Directives, living wills and health care proxies, etc. **RSVP** Kevin Horan, kevin.horan1@verizon.net or Joseph Maxwell, jfMaxwell@verizon.net Free. Refreshments provided in the School Dining Hall.



Need A Priest: If you or someone you know needs a priest, please let us know. We are not always aware of those hospitalized or home bound. Call 610.644.1655

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY:

Sundays: EDGE 10:05-11:15 am Youth Group Room; **Youth Group** following 6 PM Mass; **Dads Basketball**, 7-9 PM, Gym

Mondays: Becoming Catholic **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** 7 PM. **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com

Tuesdays: Dawn Seekers Bible Study, 8:30 –10 AM, Parish Office Dining Room; **Walking With Purpose**, 9-11 AM, School Dining Room. **CONTACT:** Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com

Young Adults Faith Sharing, Parish Office Lower Level, 7:30-9 PM, **CONTACT:** Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com

Wednesdays: JCREW Youth Group, 7-9PM, Youth Group Room **Thursdays: Adoration** 8 :30AM—8 PM, Oratory with **Reconciliation** 7—8 PM; **Legion of Mary**, 9-10:30 AM, Sacristy Meeting Room. **Christian Practice of Yoga** 11-noon Parish Office Lower Level

Saturdays: Reconciliation 3:30-5 PM or by appointment; **Adoration** 3:30-5 PM

UPCOMING:

Apr 9 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM. Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140

Apr 13 Holy Thursday, 7:30-8:30 PM, Church.

Apr 14 Good Friday, 2 PM, Church

Apr 15 Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM, Church

Apr 16 Easter Sunday, 7:30, 9 11:30 AM, Spanish Mass 1:30 PM; **NO** 6 PM Mass.

Apr 20 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbort.org

Apr 29 End of Life Issues: A Catholic Perspective, 50+ Senior Topics & Respect Life, 8:30 AM St. Norbert Dining Hall **CONTACT:** Kevin Horan 610.296.4687

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St. Norbert Golf Outing  Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017

St. Norbert GOLF Outing & Gala

WHITE MANOR COUNTRY CLUB
WEDNESDAY - MAY 3, 2017
GOLF & TENNIS, SILENT & LIVE AUCTION, DINNER

Early bird ticket price before 4/13; Final ticket sales 4/26.

Event Contact
Brooke Keith at Buff3024@aol.com

To donate an item to the silent or live auction,
please contact Shannon Duzy at sjduzy@verizon.net

PURCHASE TICKETS OR MAKE A DONATION AT
SNSGolfOuting.com

50+ GROUP SPONSORS SPRING . . .

NYC TRIP

Join us Wednesday, **Apr 26**, for a **“Day On Your Own in NYC.”** Leave St. Norbert’s at 8 AM, arrive NYC at 11 in Times Square. See a Broadway show or visit the Tenement Museum (contact Moira Murphy at 610.644.1969 or tigers.bisons@verizon.net). Depart NYC at 5 PM and arrive home at 8 PM. **COST:**



\$50 per person. **RESERVATIONS:** Marianne O’Neill 215.817.4900 or marianneo219@gmail.com **DEADLINE:** Apr 12. Checks payable to St. Norbert Parish 50+ Group

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