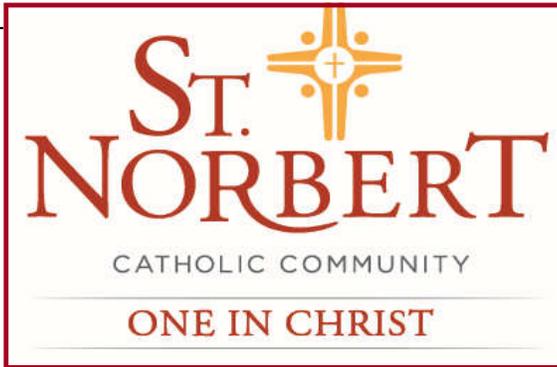


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11 AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;
Youth Mass 6PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM;

DAILY 8 AM MASS AT DAYLESFORD ABBEY, 220 S. VALLEY RD, PAOLI

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-5 PM OR by Appointment

ADORATION: Saturdays 4-5 PM

CLERGY

REV. MICHAEL J. LEE, O. PRAEM., PASTOR

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The poor often believe in God with more sincerity than those who possess much more in the way of material goods. Worrying about what you will eat each day and how you will pay the heating bill or the rent is a great hardship. Yet in today's Psalm we are assured, "When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

In these times, we can be disheartened when we see those among the rich and powerful who constantly try to get richer while cynically depriving the poor of the very necessities of life. But "the LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth."

This refers to those who, as in our own time, walk away from Jesus in disbelief because they can't understand what is of the Spirit and not of the flesh. They can only understand the things of the flesh; they care only for their own flesh and not that of those whom they should love and care for as part of the Body of Christ. We, too, need to take care lest we fall into the same trap.

SPIRIT AND LIFE

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Those who had been following Jesus found the teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, words that we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, puzzling and unbelievable. There are Catholics who innocently believe that our Eucharist is only symbolic of the Body and Blood of Christ. Yet Jesus did not command us to eat this symbol of his body and blood. He said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

"Does this shock you?" In fact, it did seem to shock many of his followers, the disciples no less than anyone else. Referring to another future action which would be hard to believe, Jesus says, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" Nothing more is said about the Ascension at this time, but he is teaching them gradually how to accept something that seems unbelievable.

DO NOT LEAVE

Jesus teaches that "no one can come to me unless it is granted [them] by my Father." Jesus explains these difficult beliefs by telling them that "the spirit . . . gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life." It is in the Spirit that we truly live, and if we believe only in the flesh, we will never understand or be able to believe what seems impossible. That takes faith, and faith is a gift from God. Because they cannot grasp this, many leave him, and so Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" But the faith of the closest followers is strong enough to hold on to what is impossible to understand literally. Peter answers for the Twelve, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." The Apostles have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, "the Holy One of God." Can we accept the gift of faith enough to believe?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jos: 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24:15b

Sunday, August 26

Vigil †Armand Spoto
 7:30 Parishioners
 9:00 †Paul Nguyen & Family
 11:00 †James Evans
 1:30 PM Spanish Mass
 6 PM †Lord's Blessing on Thomas Fahy

Monday, August 27

6:30 †Joseph E. Zack

Tuesday, August 28

6:30 Mark McDaniel

Wednesday, August 29

6:30 Victims of Abuse

Thursday, August 30

6:30 †Edward J. Carney

Friday, August 31

6:30 †Bob Gillin

Saturday, September 1

8:00 †Frank Morelli

Sunday, September 2

Vigil †Carlo DiValerio
 7:30 Parishioners
 9:00 †Cordine Scartozzi
 11:00 †Felice DiFrancesco
 1:30 PM Por Las Almas Del Purgatorio
 6 PM †Jane Kovanic & Martha Pogorzelski

LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

"...It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. ... An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion. ... Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son's cross. ... She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. ... May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them."

Francis, Vatican City, 20 August 2018

Gratitude

Satisfied?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus continues His instruction on the Eucharist. Many of his own disciples cannot accept His teachings and instead return to their former way of life, abandoning Christ altogether. Jesus turns to the Apostles and asks them to choose with the question, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter speaks up for the Twelve responding, "Master, to Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The demands of a stewardship way of life can be difficult. And the teachings of Christ can be hard to accept. How can we keep going when it gets tough? Peter's honest answer to the choice Jesus poses shows us a way to stay true to a stewardship way of life.

Looking at himself and the world around him, Peter comes to a realization. To paraphrase, he says, "I don't really see any better options, Lord. I've tried life with you and it's



PRAYERS & READINGS

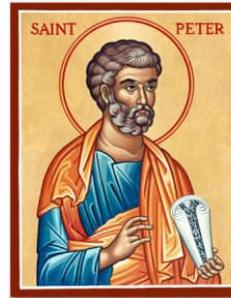


PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam,

Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmel, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez, Maura Tehrani Henderson, Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravec, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Eduardo "Lalo" Quintana, Joseph Moreilli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Lt. Col. **James Merenda**, USAF; Lt. **Nicholas Prestipino**, USA; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; Maj. **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA



hard. But I've tried life without You and it's harder — it doesn't satisfy. Where else am I going to go? I choose You, Lord." Peter knows he doesn't have all the answers. And, so, he humbly

chooses to rely on God. When the going gets tough, we can keep going by relying on God and trusting more deeply in Him.

Remembering blessings and relying on Him — these are two keys to a beautiful way of life.

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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.

ST. NORBERT
 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor's Pulpit

MY RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY . . .

LOOK TO JESUS

NOTE: A number of parishioners may have missed my homily that addressed the disturbing news from the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report regarding Catholic clergy abuse of children and minors. I feel so strongly about this, that I am printing my opening message in that homily to you in this Pastor's Pulpit. You can see my full homily on our StNorbert.org website at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MPEPZo8foigoXxrShOOqml0Wb8dPVhxD/view?usp=sharing>
I also encourage you to read Pope Francis' **Letter to the People of God** in response to the Grand Jury report: <https://zenit.org/articles/popos-letter-to-people-of-god/>

Before I begin my homily on the wonderful promise that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist, allow me to share with you my response to all that appeared in the news on Wednesday, August 15.

I celebrated Mass at 6:30 AM for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. I returned to the Abbey to get a coffee and saw the headline about the Grand Jury report on child sex abuse by clergy in the *Inquirer* and was drawn to read it.

As I read I began to get sick to my stomach and then angry and then extremely hurt by all I was reading about individuals in leadership positions in the Church

and how so many people were hurt and, in many ways, emotionally crippled by what was not done in the disciplining of individual priests who perpetrated such horrible acts.

I can't imagine how all of you felt by such betrayal. I canceled a meeting that morning and simply got in my car and drove. Driving can be therapeutic for me and a time to collect my thoughts. I don't know how or why, but in the name of God I was called to visit the shrine of Padre Pio in Barto, Pennsylvania. I suspect I was drawn to the shrine by the relic that parishioner Ed Morris had of Padre Pio. One way or the other, I suspect it was the Holy Spirit. It was a prayerful drive and I finally found the shrine, thanks to my GPS, straight north on Route #100.

Driving onto the grounds of the shrine, the first thing I saw was a statue of Saint Michael the Archangel. I pulled my car over and just starred at the Statue. "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle..." a prayer that was at one time recited at the end of each Mass when I was a

child.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls."

I entered the Chapel and that prayer kept ringing in my head. Yes, this is a battle against evil. I pray for grace and healing for so many.

Last Sunday's Gospel was John 6:51-58 where Jesus says,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from

heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

This is what separates us Catholics from almost every other religion. We actually consume Jesus and he lives in us and we are in him. This is powerful. Today and every day that you receive Jesus, think about that

and what it means.

These horrible offences in this report did not come from Jesus. If anything, we need to come together as a community and stand up to Satan and his evil spirits who are trying to destroy our Church.

May I suggest that you offer up the Eucharist you will receive at Mass for the healing and comfort of those who have been injured by individuals they trusted.

Pray for our Church and for those whose faith may be shaken by such a scandal.

*I am the bread of life says the Lord.
Whoever receives this bread will live forever.*

As we move forward, have courage and strength to stand strong and if you would like to talk to Fr. Steve or me, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office or see us after Mass.

God Bless and protect us all in this time of crisis,
Fr. Mike



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THAT MAN IS YOU![™]
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By Honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

DISCOVER

- The unique Catholic vision of love and marriage, which is so profound that it spans from the Paradise in Eden through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in Heaven.
- The latest neurological science that harmonizes profoundly well with the Church's vision of love and marriage.
- Powerful stories from around the globe of men and women whose lives give testimony to the power of love.
- The structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life.
- The grace of renewal being offered to men and families through an encounter with Our Lady.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

September 13, 2018 – 10 Week Program
St. Norbert Church, Parish Center
6:00am-7:30am

SCHEDULE

6:00am Light Breakfast
6:15am Video Presentation
7:00am Small Group Discussion
7:30am Sessions Ends

Contact Tom Cancelmo
tcancelmo@btcmktg.com

Even if you have registered for TMIY already
you must register for the Fall 2018 again.

Register at WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG

News & Events

COMING THIS FALL...

TRANSITIONS



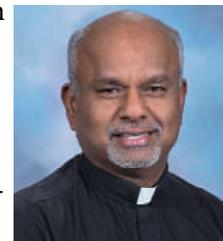
We have an exciting and busy several months ahead of us this Fall with:

♦ **Fr. Arul Amalraj** joining St. Norbert's as Parochial Vicar on September 1 (*photo right*). Fr. Arul is a Norbertine and joins us from St. Patrick's in Malvern.

♦ **Fr. Steve** (*photo below*) will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical beginning September 3 through October 31.



♦ The opportunity to celebrate **Fr. Mike's** (*photo above*) upcoming retirement and all that he has poured into St. Norbert's over the past 8 years on **Saturday, October 27** following the **5:30 PM Vigil Mass**.



♦ **Welcoming Fr. Steve** as our new pastor beginning November 1.

We will be sharing more information about Fr. Arul and these events with you in the coming weeks. We are so thankful for your time, energy and prayers for our parish. We also want to assure you that St. Norbert's will continue to be an amazing parish as we build on all the wonderful gifts and charisms you have that make us unique.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. God bless, **Fr. Mike Fr. Steve**
SIGN UP NOW!

READY...SET...GO!

Attention Parents: Registered parishioners or school families can now sign up for the Fall season of St. Norbert

Field Hockey, Soccer, Football and Cross

Country. Go to StNorbertCYO.org website and click on the link to Wagdogs.com



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CONTACT: David Fritz for Cross Country at davidfritzjr@gmail.com



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS



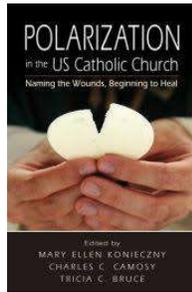
Anyone who works or interacts with children (under 18 years of age) **must** attend an Archdiocesan Safe Environment Class. The next St. Norbert class will be **Sept 5, Wednesday, from 7-9:30 PM**

CONTACT: Ed Grady at 610.644. 1655, ext 115 or egrady@parish.stnorbert.org

DAYLESFORD ABBEY OFFERS . . .

HEALING POLARIZATION

A faith sharing experience around the book, "Polarization in the US Catholic Church: Naming the Wounds, Beginning to Heal" starting on **September 27**, and for four alternating Thursdays (**9/27; 10/11; 10/25 and 11/8**). This book features 13 essays that were originally presented as talks at a Notre Dame University conference in 2016.



Starting at 7 PM, each session will begin and end with prayer, and will encourage participants to freely dialogue without judgement of others, with the hope that we may more readily become "a people of reconciliation."

Abbot Domenic Rossi will be the moderator of these sessions. **Cost: \$20 for a copy of the book and a free-will donation** to support this and other works of Daylesford Abbey. **Registration:** <http://daylesfordabbey.org/occasion/polarization-in-the-us-catholic-church-naming-the-wounds-beginning-to-heal/>

50+ GROUP HOSTS . . .

TEA AND TOUR

Join us on **Thursday, Sept 13** for a Full Afternoon **Tea** at *A Taste of Britain* in Eagle Village in Wayne, and a stroll through the grounds of **Stone-**



leigh, the former Haas family property at 1829 East County Line Road in Villanova that is now a free 42-acre public garden. Bring your friends, your kids or your grandkids--come for the walk, the tea, or both. **Stoneleigh: 2:30 PM** for a self-guided walk through the grounds. The paths are flat and paved—easy for walking, and perfect for baby strollers or wheelchairs. Free. **Afternoon Tea: 4:00 to 5:30 PM** at *A Taste of Britain*. **Cost:** is \$26 per person, including gratuity. **RSVP by Friday Sept 7** to attend the Tea; for Stoneleigh, RSVP requested, but not required. Drop off or mail the registration form and payment to the Parish Office or use the mail slot. **CONTACT:** Moira Murphy tigers.bisons@verizon.net or 484.437.0896

STONELEIGH STROLL & A TASTE OF BRITAIN TEA

Thursday, Sept 13

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number Visiting Stoneleigh: _____

Number Attending Tea @ \$26 each: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

(cash or check payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group)

Drop off or mail complete form with payment to St. Norbert Parish Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Due Date: Friday, Sept 7

STARTING THIS FALL...

WALKING WITH PURPOSE



Please join us for **Walking with Purpose** (WWP) starting **Tuesday, Oct 9 at 9 AM** in the St. Norbert School cafeteria. For the 4th year of WWP at St. Norbert's, we will be offering two courses:

- 1) **Opening Your Heart, the Starting Point** which is our foundational Bible study recommended for all new participants to WWP.
- 2) **Keeping in Balance, Creating Order Within** for those that have completed the our first study.

Childcare provided. CONTACT: Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com

FAST FACTS:

SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

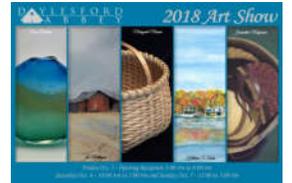
CONTINUE: The stairways to the Parish Office have been replaced with brand new concrete and they are a marked improvement (*photo below left*). Next on the restoration agenda are the external faceted glass church windows (*right*). Periodically, the material holding the glass in place needs to be reconditioned and sealed. High-level work began this week and will continue until completion. Meanwhile over at the School (which starts the Tuesday after the Holiday weekend), the gym floor has been stripped, new polyurethane applied and it is ready to go for Fall school usage and CYO basketball. Thanks to all who have worked on the renovations and improvements and thanks to you our parishioners for your generosity in making our parish amazing.
— Fr. Mike



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about Jesus the person and his teaching in a non-threatening atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile? Then think about Alpha. More than 16 million people in 168 countries around the world have taken the Alpha Course in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches. The next Alpha Course — **at no charge** — starts **Sunday, Sept 16-Nov 25** from **1-2:30 PM** at **St. Monica's** in Berwyn. CONTACT: Fr. Charles Zlock at czlock@saintmonicachurch.org

ABBEY ART SHOW OCT 5-7: Save the dates for the annual Daylesford Abbey Art Show with the opening reception on Friday, **Oct 5** from 5-8 PM; Saturday 10 AM—5 PM and Sunday noon to 5 pm. St. Norbert parishioners **Maria Morales** and **Giovanni Arcamone** are among the 75 artists exhibiting.



HELP NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL: St. Norbert School is looking for enthusiastic and caring individuals to help monitor and direct activities for our after-school program. CONTACT: Geraldine Donaher at gdonaher@stnorbert.org

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REDISCOVER LOVE...in Your Marriage with Retrouvaille (retroVIE). Couples learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. Christian-based, Catholic in origin, but all faiths welcome. CONTACT: HelpOurMarriage.org



CHOIR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Sunday, Sept 9. Preludes before the 11:30 am Mass with hospitality after. Join in this celebration.

KINGDOM JUNCTION...

CLOSED SEPT 2



Kingdom Junction, our ministry to toddlers up to 5 years old during the 9 AM Mass, will be closed on Labor Day Weekend, **Sunday, Sept 2**. Parents: Come to Mass as a family while your tots watch

Bible cartoons, color and learn Scripture stories in the Narthex Sacristy Meeting Room.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

MASS

Starting Sunday, Sept 9, the 11 AM Mass goes **BACK** to 11:30 AM

ADORATION

Starts again on Thursdays beginning Sept 6 from 8:30 AM to 8 PM

RECONCILIATION

Starts again on Thursdays beginning Sept 6 from 7-8 PM

THE FAITH PLAYBOOK
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH



ATTENTION GUYS: THE FAITH PLAYBOOK: Conversations about Life and Faith is a special Thursday Night Football & Faith evening on **Oct 11** prior to the Eagles-Giants game. Carson Wentz, Nick Foles and other current and former Eagles witness the role faith played and plays in their lives. Homes in our area are currently signing up to host a viewing of the Eagles talking about their faith on streaming video. Consider hosting this evening with family, friends, neighbors or fellow parishioners. Then watch the Eagles demolish the Giants. This is an outreach of our **That Man Is You** sessions starting Sept 13. CONTACT: Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmktg.com on how to register and host this evening.

THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE: Want to explore the meaning to life in a friendly, relaxed setting? Looking to learn more

