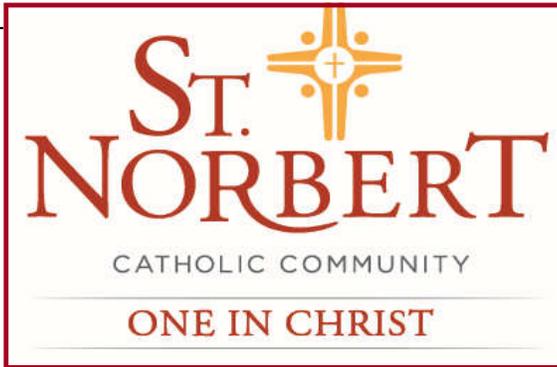


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30 AM, 8 AM; **Saturday** 8 AM

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 4-5 PM ; **Thursdays** 7-8 PM or by
Appointment

Adoration: **Thursdays**, 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

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

REV. STEVEN ALBERO, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR

REV. CARL W. BRASCHOS, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR
(PART TIME)

DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO

DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In many of our relationships with others — friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers — often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.



FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**24ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*"The Lord is kind and merciful."
— Psalm 103*

Sunday, September 17

Vigil †Jeanne Lahiff 1st Anniv.
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Lamar Layfield
11:30 †Felice Di Francesco
1:30 PM †Filomena & Antonio
Moniz
6 PM †Joseph Ferrell

Monday, September 18

6:30 †Deceased members of
the Miseti Family
8:00 †Al Colledge

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 Souls in Purgatory
8:00 †Lucian Manousos

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 †Mildred & Nick Parise
8:00 †Alice & Ann Marie
Espina

Thursday, September 21

6:30 †Reece Valyo
8:00 †Parents of Lillian
Young

Friday, September 22

6:30 †Deceased members of
the Valyo family
8:00 †Helen Wilcox

Saturday, September 23

8:00 †Brian Zwaan

Sunday, September 24

Vigil †Betty Sullivan
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 †Maltilda McHugh
1:30 PM †Consuelo Gomez de
Ocana
6 PM Special Intention



**Friday, Nov 17
ABBEY DINNER
DANCE**

Save the date for the
Daylesford Abbey
Annual Dinner Dance

CONTACT: Mike Sanderson at
msanderson1462@msn.com

Stewardship

Love at Work

The theme throughout today's readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two-way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others.

Some scholars consider Matthew's Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.

Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is



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, Mary Corcoran, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sasaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Jim Cleary, Trudy DiNardo

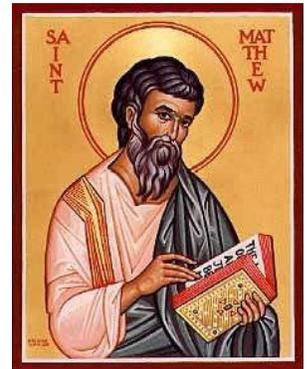
REST IN PEACE: Helen Holmes

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA;
Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, 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

quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship).

Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today's Gospel: "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart." © catholicsteward.com



EMAILS?

If you aren't receiving a weekly Thursday email from St. Norbert's, we don't have your email address. Use the Kiosks in the Narthex or email asimpson@parish.stnorbert.org

ST. NORBERT

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Pastor's Pulpit

APPROACHING JESUS IN . . .

SILENCE & REVERENCE

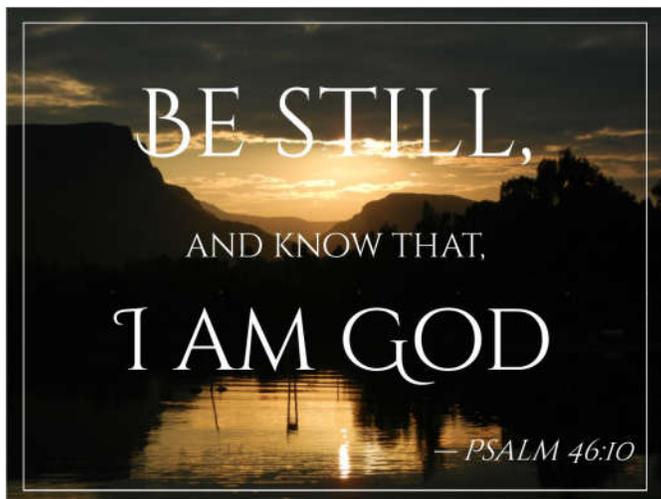
I am finishing up reading the book entitled, "The Power of Silence."¹ I am not suggesting that you read the book (which would not be a bad idea), but that you consider the two words of reverence and silence and how they are treated by us during our Liturgies here at Saint Norbert.

I for one, believe that our liturgies here at Saint Norbert are prayerful and respectful in so many ways. I mean that sincerely.

Allow me to share with you a few selections from the book about the value of silence at Mass as well as times in our lives where we step aside from the "cacophony of noise" and enter into the "sounds of silence."

Please pray over and read the following.

- ◆ In order to re-enter silence, it is not enough to stop the movement of one's lips and the movement of one's thoughts. That is only being quiet. Being quiet is a condition for silence, but it is not silence. Silence is a word, silence is a thought. It is a word and a thought in which all words and thoughts are concentrated.
- ◆ When one drapes oneself in silence, as God himself dwells in a great silence, one is close to heaven, or rather, one allows God to manifest God to the one who is silent.
- ◆ Sacred silence allows one to place oneself joyfully at God's disposal. It allows one to overcome the arrogant attitude that would claim that God is at the disposal of all the whims of his children.
- ◆ Sacred silence is truly the place where we can encounter God, because we come to God with the proper attitude of one who trembles and stands at a distance while hoping confidently.



- ◆ Without radical humility that is expressed in gestures of adoration and in sacred rituals, no friendship with God is possible.
- ◆ Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God. Where the Spirit is there is the Church.
- ◆ The one who possesses God in their heart and in their body is eager for silence.
- ◆ We must uproot ourselves from the world, from the crowd, and from all activity, even charitable works, in order to remain for long moments in the intimacy of God.
- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time when the

quality of interior silence can allow us to enter a little into God's silence.

- ◆ The silence of eternity is a silence of love.
- ◆ Mother Teresa had a charred face by God's silences, but she bore within her and breathed love.
- ◆ The aestheticism of silence does not depend on human factors; it is divine. The silence of God is an illumination, simple and sublime, little and grandiose.
- ◆ The most difficult thing for man is to seek God in silence. This silent light is not a human word but a humble and pure light.

- ◆ Ignatius of Loyola wrote, "The more the soul is in solitude and seclusion, the more fit it renders itself to approach and be united with its Creator the Lord.

The above does not imply that we should not make "a joyful noise unto the Lord." But it reminds us that when we walk into Narthex and then the Sanctuary or main Church, we are entering into the "silence" of the Lord. People joke about the "bells and smells" of our faith, but as Catholics, we do use our mind, heart, and physical properties to engage the Lord. Thus, we stand, sit, kneel, sing, recite and are silent at different times. We are not at a movie theater, but, as the "body of Christ" we are interacting with Our Lord truly in body, soul and spirit.

Let us approach our "Encounter with Jesus" this Sunday and every Sunday with renewed silence and reverence. — Fr. Mike

¹ The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise, Robert Cardinal Sarah, Ignatius Press, 2016



ARTIST HONORED FOR ST. NORBERT WINDOWS

THANK YOU MARIA

Long-time parishioner Maria Morales was honored recently with a new plaque in our Narthex. Maria designed the faceted glass windows in our Church, but was never recognized for her work. An accomplished artist, Maria is known throughout our area, region and country, not only for her art which has a Southwest flavor, but also her organizational skills. Maria, along with husband Lou (pictured to Maria's

left), have been instrumental in starting, managing and mentoring new artists through art shows designed to showcase all artists' different styles and mediums. Thank you Maria for your wonderful design work on our windows — donated to the parish when the building was built — and your tireless efforts on behalf of all artists to reflect God's beauty, grace and truth through art. — Fr. Mike

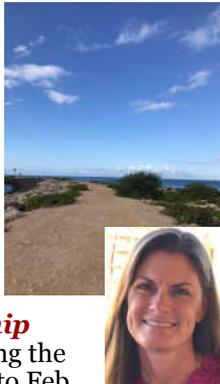


News & Events

WANT TO GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUALITY?

PRAYER WALK

Are you looking for more meaning in your life? In all your busyness, did you ever wonder about your purpose and what God is doing with you? Do you desire a deeper, more intentional relationship with God, yet aren't sure how to start? This fall, St. Norbert's will be offering a series of morning and evening reflections on **"Prayer Walk: Growing in our relationship with God through prayer."** Starting the 4th Thursday of every month – Oct 26 to Feb 23 with morning 9:30-11 am and 7:30-9 pm sessions – Heather Makowicz, MSW and certified Spiritual Director, will lead five reflections and sharings on:



- 1) Oct 26 **Our Road to Emmaus** – Discovering/Rediscovering our spiritual heritage
 - 2) Nov 16 (3rd Thurs) **Developing** a foundation of prayer
 - 3) Dec 28 **Fostering** a daily awareness of God's presence
 - 4) Jan 28 **Encountering** boredom, dryness, and distraction in prayer
 - 5) Feb 23 **Discernment** and decision making
- These mornings and evenings of reflection will include a time of formation, silent reflection, and sharing. **RSVP** Heather Makowicz at hjm41370@gmail.com or 484.919.9808 **NOTE** space is limited to a smaller group.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE . . .

BUSY FALL AT ST. NORBS

There are many opportunities to be a Fervent Disciple, grow in your discipleship or chart your course to becoming a Fervent Disciple at St. Norbert's. We have something for everyone, so check out our encounters with Jesus through sports, fellowship, spirituality, and more:

INTERESTED IN BEING CATHOLIC?

Special "Come & See" evening **Oct 2 at 7 PM** at the Parish Office. Then explore the Catholic faith each week to learn about and discuss what the Church teaches, why and how it is connected to a personal relationship with God. There is no commitment; the environment is casual and conversational. Our RCIA program (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**). Invite a friend or a loved one. **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com



SPECIAL BRUNCH . . .

The 50+ Group Anniversary and Kick-off Brunch will be at the Desmond Hotel's Hunt Room on Sunday, **Sept 24 at 10:30 AM. Cost:** \$26. **CONTACT:** Kay Wasson 484.343.0003 or wassonmk@yahoo.com



DATE NITE FOR MARRIEDS

Looking for a great date night for you and your beloved that gives you some quiet time to talk, reconnect and regroup from the busyness of life? Then consider coming to the **Alpha Marriage Course**. From **Thursday Sept 28– Nov 16** from **6:30– 9 PM**. The evening includes a catered dinner to get you in the mood. **Childcare provided**. Space is limited. Register online now at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=93b673> **CONTACT** Mark Griswold caffedirector@stnorbort.org



PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

St Norbert's is offering an Archdiocesan Safe Environment training session on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 7 pm in the school dining hall. Anyone working with children is required by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; to take this training. It is also highly recommend that parents and grandparents attend this training program to not only be aware of what situations can develop, but how to protect your child/grandchild from possible dangers. **REGISTER:** virtus.org St. Norbert class. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbort.org or 610.644.1655 ext115 or



POTLUCK DINNER

Been part of a small group in the past? Curious what a small group is? Considering joining a small group? Join us on **Friday, Sept 29** from **7-9 PM** for our Small Group Potluck Dinner. Get out your favorite recipe. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbort.org or 610.644. 1655 ext115



HOMEBOUND VISITORS NEEDED

Our Ministry to the Sick and Homebound needs people to bring the comfort and solace of the Eucharist to the sick or infirm in our area and be to be a parish witness to the care and compassion of Jesus Christ. The time commitment varies (monthly to weekly) and is according to the needs and schedule of the one visited and the minister. Please consider joining this important ministry. **CONTACT:** Jim Ryan at jdryan17@gmail.com with any questions.



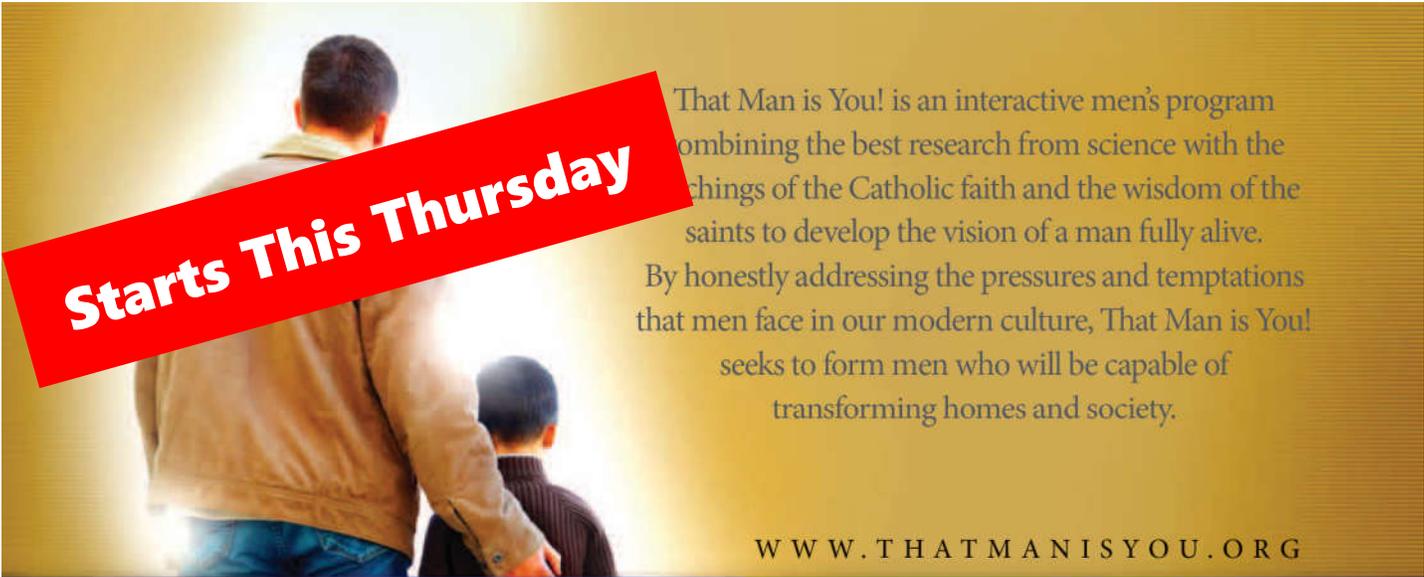
MARY & RELIGIOUS ART TOUR

Join the 50+ Group for a tour of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, lunch and the Shrine art museum featuring over 500 works of Marian and religious art on **Thursday, Oct 19** from **8:45 AM – 4 PM. Cost:** \$45 with box lunch; \$35 without or bring your own lunch. **CONTACT:** Mary Galloway at marvvgalloway@aol.com or Carol Shannahan at coy498@aol.com



Name: _____
Email: _____
Cell: _____

Circle Turkey **OR** Ham Box Lunch \$45 (number): _____
 No Lunch \$35 **RSVP: Sept 25**
 Make checks payable to St. Norbert Church with 50+ Group in memo section. Drop or mail to the Parish Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301



Starts This Thursday

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.

WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG



B E C O M I N G A M A N A F T E R G O D ' S O W N H E A R T

DISCOVER

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles
- How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER

Steve Bollman
Developer That Man is You!
Founder & President Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thursday Mornings
St Norbert's Parish Dining Hall
50 Leopard Road
Paoli, PA 19301
September 21, 2017-13 Week Program

SCHEDULE

6:00am - Breakfast
6:30am - Video Presentation
7:00am - Small Group Discussion
7:30am - Session Ends

REGISTRATION

Register for this free program online at:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=5e7600>
- Call Tom Cancelmo @ 610 254 7437;
or email tcancelmo@btcmktg.com.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Please join us for **Walking with Purpose** (WWP) starting **Tuesday, Oct 3** at **9 AM** in the St. Norbert School cafeteria. For the 3rd year of WWP at St. Norbert's, we will be offering two courses:

- 1) **Touching the Divine** that draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on his personality.
- 2) **Opening Your Heart, the Starting Point** which is our foundational Bible study recommended for all new participants to WWP.

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

NEED PRAYER & HEALING

St. Norbert's has four specific evenings every month for:

- 1) **BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Monday, Sept 18**, at 7 PM for those that have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss. This month at **St. Norbert's**; next at **St. Patrick's** of Malvern. CONTACT: Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709
- 2) **GETHSEMANI EVENING OF PRAYER FOR ADDICTIONS: Thursday, Sept 21** at 7 PM in the St. Norbert Oratory for families and individuals to pray for loved ones struggling with addictions. 3rd Thursday of the month. CONTACT: Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org



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

Wednesdays: Christian Practice of Yoga 10:30-11:30 AM Parish Office Lower Level; **JCREW** Youth Group, 7-9 PM, Youth Group Room

Thursdays: Adoration 8:30 AM-8 PM, Oratory with **Reconciliation** 7-8 PM; **Legion of Mary**, 9-10:30 AM, Sacristy Meeting Room. **Saturdays: Reconciliation** 4-5 PM or by appointment; **Adoration** 4-5 PM

UPCOMING:

Sept 18 Marian Consecration Mornings **9:30 AM**; Evenings **7-8:30 PM**. CONTACT: Mary Galloway Mornings 610.356.8916 or maryggalloway@aol.com or Peggy Kravitz Evenings at 610.644.6538 or p.kravitz@comcast.net

Sept 21 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Room. CONTACT: Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmktg.com

Sept 28 Alpha for Marrieds, 6:30-8:45 PM, School Dining Hall, register online at StNorbert.org CONTACT Mark Griswold, caffedirector@stnorbert.org

Sept 30-Oct 1 Outreach Food & Clothing Collection, 7 AM-noon, Narthex (food) & Parish Activity Center (clothing/house items)
Oct 2 Come & See About Catholicism — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) **7 PM**. CONTACT: Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net

HEY MOMS AND DADS . . .

KINGDOM JUNCTION

Join our exciting new **Kingdom Junction** for 1-5 year-olds during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. "This new ministry for our youngest parishioners includes drawing, coloring, playing, storytelling and cute Bible stories," said Kim Savage who is heading up this effort. All volunteers working with **Kingdom Junction** are cleared through the Archdiocesan safe environment process.

Contact: Mark Griswold caffedirector@stnorbert.org or Kim Savage at k7savage@gmail.com for more info or if you would like to volunteer.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, **Sept 24 6 PM** after Youth Mass
 Tuesday, **Sept 26, 6:30 PM**

CONTACT: Paul Lavalley at palavalle@msn.com
 Training held in the Church

ST. GABRIEL BENEFIT:

WINE NOT?

Saturday, November 11, 6:30 PM
 Immediately Following 5:30 PM Mass
 St. Norbert School Dining Hall



- ◆ **Expand** your wine Knowledge
- ◆ **Taste** 10-20 different wines
- ◆ Wines with a **rating of 92** points or above
- ◆ **Tapas and hors d'oeuvres** served

COST: \$60 per person

CONTACT: Marianne O'Neill at 215.817.4900 or Marianne.oneill@foxroach.com



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