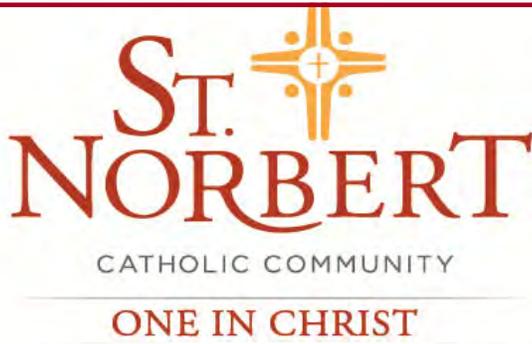


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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** 4-5 PM; **Thursday** 7-8 PM
or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Thursday**
8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

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

REV. CARL W. BRASCHOS, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR

DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb" — to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

HOW IS THE FISHING?

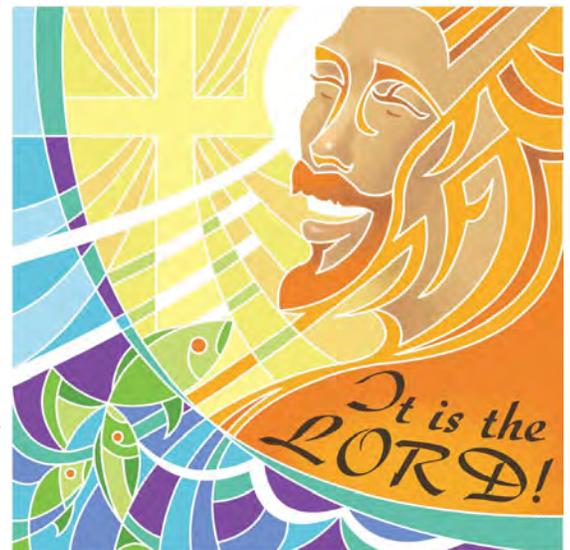
Because we've seen brutal tortures inflicted on persecuted Christians worldwide, how impressive are Peter and the other disciples in today's Acts of the Apostles. Ordered to stop teaching, Peter, speaking for all, refuses. Yet such courage was not their initial response. As today's Gospel opens, these same disciples seem to resume their former vocation, fishing. But their choice proves fruitless until Jesus, unrecognized, gets them to admit that their "old job," though safe and secure, has failed. Only when they obey Jesus do they succeed — fish — and recognize their Helper: "It is the Lord." What happens next teaches us, too. Jesus tells the disciples to bring him the fruit of their work done at his command, "some of the fish you just caught." But breakfast is already waiting, "a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread." Jesus wants our best efforts, but he can always prepare and provide what we need: a comforting thought when our best efforts seem to fail.

WHO'S COMING FOR BREAKFAST?

After providing a catch none of us could accomplish, Jesus offers an intimacy any of us can provide: "Come, have breakfast." Revelation's heavenly liturgy envisions a community "countless in number." So the "one hundred fifty-three fish," Saint Jerome suggests, equals the Mediterranean's full number of species—the Gospel's way of asserting that the Church must have room for everyone. Peter drags that full net to Jesus, keeping it safe and not torn. Pope Francis calls this unity our "reconciled diversity." How appropriate to live Saint Augustine's timeless ideal, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, diversity; in all things, charity." After their breakfast, Jesus does not ask Peter to profess his faith again, to confess his sin again, or even to apologize again for his denial. Jesus asks Peter to declare his love. So may our work in union with the risen Jesus be fruitful, our community inclusive, our love selfless, our mercy boundless, and our witness faithful — even unto death.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Vigil †Lucille Sharkey
7:30 Members of the parish
9:00 †Kristin Haile Johnson
11:30 †Felice DiFrancesco
1:30 PM †Olguita Pasco De Isla
6 PM †William and †Barbara Gosnear

Monday, April 11

6:30 †Irene Flis
8:00 Lord’s Blessing on Cardella

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 †John Tamaro
8:00 †Bunky Mullray

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 †Irene Flis
8:00 The Hickey Family

Thursday, April 14

6:30 †Daniel Pomante
8:00 †James Valyo

Friday, April 15

6:30 †Anne Grant
8:00 †Joseph Luketich

Saturday, April 16

8:00 †Catherine Brown

Sunday, April 17

Vigil †Jennie and †Chester Lee
7:30 Members of the parish
9:00 †Ralph and †Mary Elsie DiFronzo
11:30 †Eric Randall Miller
1:30 PM Spanish Mass
6 PM †Debra Tiagivad

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

FOLLOW ME

There is much to digest (literally) in today’s Gospel Reading from St.

John. It reports the third time that Jesus appeared to His Apostles. The Lord appears on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias, which is another name by which the Sea of Galilee is known. It is early in the morning, and Peter and the others

had been fishing unsuccessfully, and obviously were near to the shore, but at Jesus’ urging they cast their nets again and caught many fish, which they then brought to shore.

According to the Gospel Jesus had breakfast with them, and then He poses the question to Peter specifically, “Do you love me?” The exchange between the Lord and Peter is carefully narrated, as are Jesus’ responses. However, at the end of the Gospel Reading for today, Jesus says two simple words to Peter, “Follow Me.” Of course, these are the



PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING:

Corinne Kerrigan, William A. Ross, Anne Sullivan, Steve Siple, Kathleen Paleudis, Patty Kundert, Joe Monte, Brad Moser, Vera Valyo, Carole Mahon, Carol Vanchina, Matthew Rice, Debra Ulicny, Joe Mensick, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Pasquale Marino, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D’Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Arlene Martino, Kitty McQuaid, Aaron Gelstine, Timothy Shannon, William Liney, Courtney Patterson, Mary Corcoran, Gwen Murphy, David Wilbur, William Wilbur

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. Matthew Cress, USA
Pvt. Michael Flowers, USA
Capt. Dan Kohli, USMC
1st.Lt. Spencer Lahiff, USMC
Sgt. Justin Lansford, USA
Pvt. Bryan McCormick, USA
Maj. James Merenda, USAF
Spc. R. J. Paski, USA
A1c. Matthew Paski, USAF
CPT Brian Wallin, DO, USA



same two words with which we are familiar that Jesus used to call Peter and the others in the beginning.

We need to understand that these instructions from Jesus are not just for the Apostles but for us as well. How have we responded to that call?

Our reaction does not have to be as dramatic as Peter’s and the others, who abandoned their lives and their livelihood and became total followers of Christ. However, we, too, need to find the strength and the commitment to follow the Lord. How we carry that out is our stewardship, how we live our lives.

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As Augustine said, it’s no use complaining about the times, because we are the times. How we live shapes them. And when we finally learn to fill our hearts with something more than the noise and narcotics of the wounded societies we helped create; when we finally let our hearts rest in God as Augustine did; then – and only then – the world will begin to change, because God will use the witness of our lives to change it.

— ARCHBISHOP CHARLES CHAPUT
ADDRESS AT BRIGHAM YOUNG
3/22/16

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Pastor's Pulpit

DURING THIS YEAR OF MERCY . . .

LISTEN TO THE CALL

Several times in my homilies I have referred to the word MANTRA and suggested that we as a parish incorporate a certain MANTRA in our mission and vision. First of all, one needs to understand the meaning of the word. I checked it out on GOOGLE and the definition that I received was twofold:

- ◆ Sound, word, or phrase that is repeated by someone who is **praying or meditating**
- ◆ Word or phrase that is repeated often or that **expresses someone's basic beliefs**

The MANTRA: "Jesus is Lord" would be both a meditative prayer and the basis of belief. In many areas of life there are certain short phrases or words that would summarize a person's prayer or belief. In the business world the MANTRA might be: "bigger is better."

A Mantra is usually associated with Eastern religions, but in fact when one examines the word it is active in many traditions.

This last Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) in the Gospel of John, the response of Saint Thomas to the Resurrected Christ might well be seen as a mantra: "**My Lord and My God.**" This is certainly a prayer and one that could be repeated over and over again and in the process of raising our consciousness to the level of the Divine. I believe many prayerfully say these words at the consecration when the priest holds up the Body of Christ.

The MANTRA that I suggested for the parish may not

at first seem like it could be religiously based. The MANTRA that I suggested was simply: "**Welcome in – Mission out.**" If we were to look at the profound meaning of these words we would see that they are the basis of all that we are about at Saint Norbert Parish and the basis of our faith as well.

We are called to welcome in all "the poor, the alienated and the spiritually hungry" as we pray in our vision prayer. This prayer is in itself a wonderful grace filled moment. We welcome those who are in search of a God who loves them. Maybe they have, for personal reasons, come to question that welcome.

We are also called to be disciples in mission and open wide our doors and go out to those who are in need. As a parish community we do this so wonderfully well. However, as Jesus taught the disciples, this mission work takes a lot of effort. First of all, it begins with a personal encounter with Jesus. This personal encounter then challenges one to invite others to come to know Jesus. What a

Welcome in – Mission out

wonderful invitation can be given during this Jubilee Year of Mercy to those who

may be in need of healing and hearing that Jesus loves them.

In his book entitled "365 Daily Meditations" Pope Francis asks us to reach out. Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent.

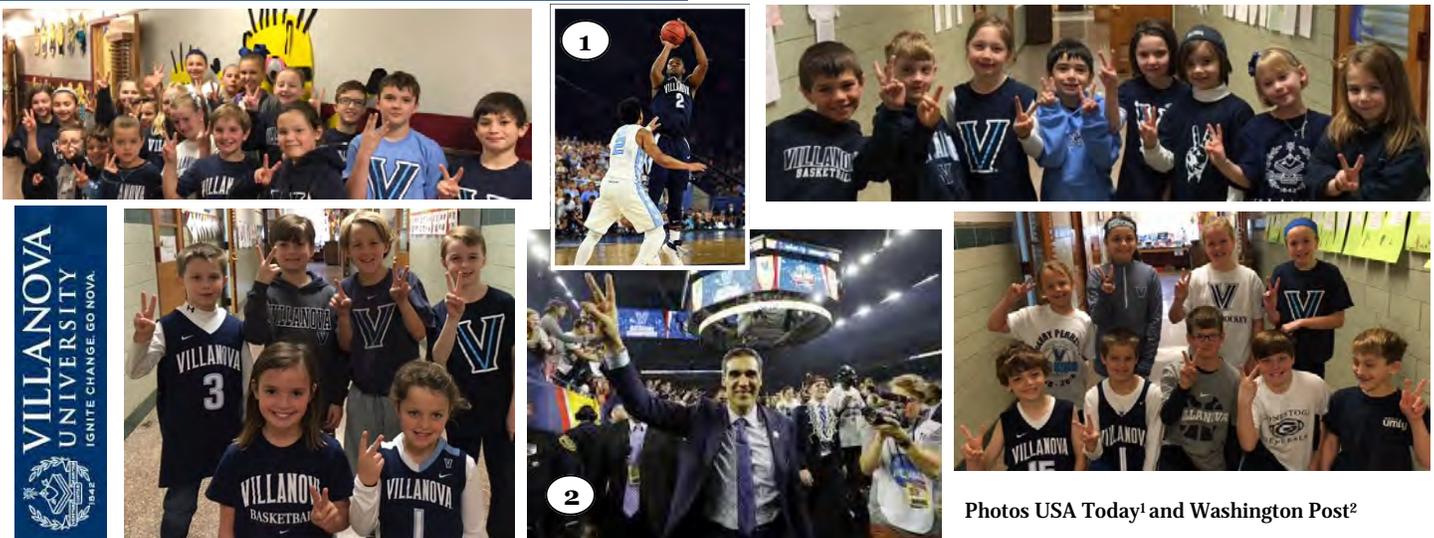
None of the above can be done on our own. It is by the Power of the Holy Spirit that such miracles occur. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we:

"Welcome in – Mission out."

Blessings of Easter,
Father Mike

Congrats Nova Champs

In anticipation of the national title basketball game, our school children got their Villanova gear on. And what a show that turned out to be. Congratulations **Coach Jay Wright** and the Villanova team for their spectacular win!



Photos USA Today! and Washington Post!

News & Events

SCHOOL GOLF & GALA . . .

PUTT FOR A CAUSE

Our St. Norbert School is one of the premier parochial elementary schools on the Western Main Line thanks to your support. Monday, April 18th is the last day to purchase your tickets to this year's Golf Outing and Gala: "Playing and Praying for a Learning Support Center" at White Manor Country Club **April 25th**.

In just one year, thanks to funds raised by last year's event, our Upper School science classes now have a fully functional science lab.

Other school improvements through grants and donations include a 3-D printer, tower gardens to grow vegetables, a new 6' fence bordering the school for recess and playing, resurfaced floor and wall mats for the gym, freshly painted hall ways and classrooms and more.



Then there is our academic successes highlighted with the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School award (one of only two



grade schools in Chester County and 50 nationwide), 8th grade student Ryan Hoffman named a Neumann Scholar (the 9th in our history) and Mrs. Rose Greskoff recognized as Teacher of the Year for Chester County by the Foundation for Catholic Education.



This year's Golf & Gala is targeting funds for a **Learning Support Center** allowing us to be able to offer all our children the best possible education and support for students who experience academic difficulties and are in need of additional learning strategies and accommodations.

Make your plans now and buy your tickets online or become a sponsor or donor at school.stnorbert.org

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP TRIPS . . .

THIRST & MISSION

STEUBENVILLE: "I thirst...for souls!" is the theme adapted from Romans 5:8 for this year's high school Steubenville conference **July 15-17**. We will be joining 2,000 youth from all over the USA at the campus of Franciscan University. Space is limited so register now online at:



<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=877714>



MISSION TRIP: Calling all teens to join our Youth Group for this year's Mission Trip **June 21-26**. We will be in Chattanooga, TN, for part work camp, part conference and 100% Catholic, with service, team building, games, small faith groups and fun. Registration deadline April 30. **COST:** Deposit \$150, total cost \$450. **CONTACT:** Clare Kane at 610.644.1670 or ckane@stnorbert.org

STILL TIME TO HELP WITH . . .

PAJAMA BUDDIES

This is the 9th year of our Mother's Day "Pajama Buddy" collection this weekend **April 9** in the Narthex. We don't need toddler or baby this year, but are always in need of sizes 8 and up to teen size large for boys and girls. Pajamas are distributed to Chester County shelters on Mothers' Day. **CONTACT:** Arleen Romano at BuddiesPJ4@gmail.com or 610.889. 7474





Early bird ticket price before 3/14.
Final ticket sales 4/18.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

For more information, to purchase tickets, become a sponsor or make a donation, visit school.stnorbert.org.

Event Contact
Juliewright3@verizon.net

To donate an auction item,
contact Shannon Duzy at sjduz@verizon.net

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CHECK OUT THE NARTHEX MONITORS



THIS COMING THURSDAY . . .

IN NEED OF PRAYER?

“The first Thursday we held our Prayer & Healing night, a man was on his way to see his mother in Paoli Hospital and he hadn’t been in a Catholic Church in 25 years. He saw the sign and turned in. His first words were, ‘I need to see a priest for confession,’” said Ed Grady, Volunteer Coordinator. According to Ed, there have been numerous encounters like this with people coming from miles around to have our Prayer teams pray over them about their challenges of daily life, be it being able to conceive children, lost employment, child rearing, drugs, alcohol,

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mental illness, cancer, illness and other problems. Join us this Thursday, **April 14** at 7:30 PM for our next evening with healing prayer, laying on of hands, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick all in the presence of Blessed Sacrament.

12 STEPS TONIGHT . . .

ADDICTION SUPPORT

Know someone in addiction recovery that wants to explore their Catholic faith? Come and check out our **Gethsemani 12 Step Spirituality Faith Sharing Group** this Sunday, **April 10**, 7:30-8:30 PM, in the St. Norbert Oratory. Open to people in 12-Step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.). Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. CONTACT: Marty at 610.640.0848



Worried about loved ones struggling with addictions? Feeling frustrated? Don’t know what to do? Come to our **Gethsemani Evening of Prayer for Addictions Thursday, April 21**, 7-8 PM, in the St. Norbert Oratory and pray for those struggling with addictions. Held

3rd Thursday of every month with Adoration and Confessions. CONTACT: Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org





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Purchase tickets at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/news-events/st--norbert-parish-news>
 Net proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities



FAST FACTS:**THERESE: THE STORY OF A SOUL:** St. Isaac

Jogues presents a free live drama performance by Audrey Ahern on Tuesday, April 12, 7 PM. Encounter Saint Thérèse, the



Little Flower, one of our most beloved saints of modern times, whose direct and honest spirituality speaks powerfully to our busy culture. The production is suitable for all ages. CONTACT: St. Isaac's at 610.687.3366 or StIsaac.org and view the trailer at ThereseDrama.com

CHECK OUT: Books, pamphlets and CDs are continuously updated in our Narthex Stewardship and Parish displays. Also, view our Homilies, Witness Sunday testaments



and other videos on our website STNORBERT.ORG at Resource Center.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEO CONFERENCE:

All 6th-8th grade boys are invited to a day of exploration and fun including cage match dodgeball at St. Charles Borromeo on Saturday, June 4th from 9 am to 2:30 pm. COST: \$25 per person. CONTACT: 610.667.5778 Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood HeedTheCall.org

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS:**

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL:

Second Honors: Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Harrison Coron, Patrick Dacey, Thea DeJong, Stephanie Minnis

UPCOMING EVENTS**WEEKLY:**

Sundays: Becoming Catholic **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. CONTACT: Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com or Joseph Abraham at 610.420.3251 or abrajios@hotmail.com; **Youth Group** following 6 PM Mass

Tuesdays: **Dawn Seekers Acts Bible Study** 8:30 AM Parish Office; **Young Adults Faith Sharing**, Parish Office Lower Level. 7:30-9 PM, CONTACT: Joseph Abraham at 610.420.3251 or abrajios@hotmail.com

Wednesdays **Christian Practice of Yoga**, 11 AM—noon Youth Group Room; **JCREW Youth Group**, 7-9 PM, Youth Group Room

Thursdays: **Adoration** 8:30 AM—8 PM, Oratory with **Reconciliation** from 7-8 PM

Fridays: **Legion of Mary**, 9-10:30 AM, Parish Office Dining Room

Saturdays: **Reconciliation** 4-5 PM or by appointment; **Adoration** 4-5 PM

UPCOMING:

April 10 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30 PM, Open to those in AA, Al-Anon, etc. CONTACT: Marty at 610.640.0848

April 12 Walking with Purpose, 9-11 AM, CONTACT: Cynthia Castaldi at clcastaldi@yahoo.com 610.731.9402

Apr 13 Knights of Columbus 7:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room

Apr 16 Respect Life Committee, 8:45-10:45 AM, Parish Office Dining Room

Apr 17 CYO Dads Basketball, 7-9 PM, Gym

Apr 19 HASA (Home And School Association), 7-9 PM, School Dining Hall

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