

April 15, 2018

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM
SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;
Youth Mass 6PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30, 8AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM
RECONCILIATION: **Thursdays** 7-8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5 PM OR
by Appointment
ADORATION: **Thursdays** 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

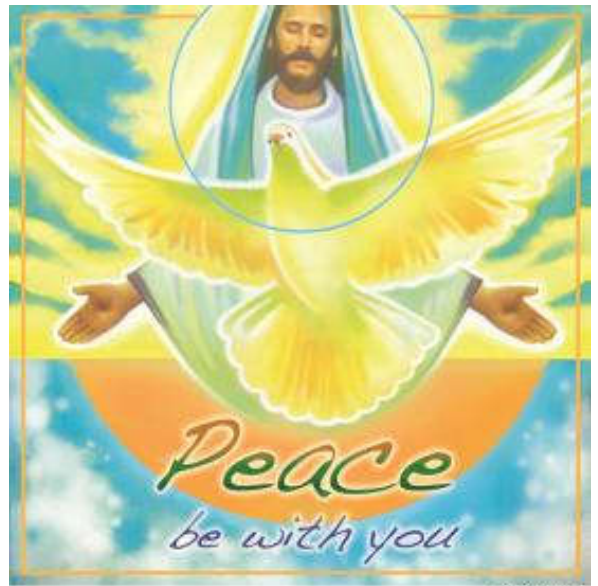
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3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER

The grand and dramatic story of God comes into focus in today's readings. The passages from Acts and from the Gospel of Luke describe how Jesus' disciples began to understand how Jesus fits into the larger narrative of God, Israel, humanity, and all of creation. In the Gospel, Jesus interprets the scriptures for his followers. He shows how his seemingly shameful death was actually the fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus shows how his life, death, and Resurrection are the surprising turning point of the scripture story. We, the Church today, find ourselves in the middle of this story. We first look back, to recall God's overflowing and steadfast love, beginning from Creation, through Christ, until today. We then look forward to the fulfillment, already launched by Jesus, of the Reign of God. With this perspective, we play our part in the drama, joining God to bring God's work to completion.



THE SURPRISE MESSIAH

After the Crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the Crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all. The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return to dwell again with Israel. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes.

This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were actually fulfilled, precisely through this death. Through the cross, God had indeed liberated the people from sin and death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and then later in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken. The Resurrection was the first display of the new kingdom of God, in Jesus.

NOT FOR HEAVEN ONLY

In the Gospel passage, Jesus specifically emphasizes his bodily presence. He invites the disciples to touch him, and he eats some fish in front of them. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost and did not shed his physicality or his humanity when he was raised. The disciples began to understand Jesus in a new way. Christians later articulated this as Jesus' bodily Resurrection. The resurrected Jesus, both human and divine, reigns both in heaven and on earth. So when Jesus sent his disciples, and today sends all of us, to proclaim God's kingdom, he never means "for heaven only." God aims to renew, not reject, human bodies, human culture, and the created universe. God's project for us is here and now, within all the limitations and messiness of daily life. We are called to care for each other, for the earth, and for all God's beloved creation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER

"You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling." — Psalm 4:9

Sunday, April 15

Vigil The Young Family
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Anne Grant
11:30 †Edward J. Carney III
1:30 PM For the health of Ana Miravete
6:00 PM Felice DiFrancesco

Monday, April 16

6:30 AM †Denny Nicholas
8:00 AM †The Hickey Family

Tuesday, April 17

6:30 †Ian Burke
8:00 †James J. Cleary, Jr.

Wednesday, April 18

6:30 †Richard P. Cancelmo
8:00 †Charles Kern

Thursday, April 19

6:30 †Clinton Cunningham
8:00 †Joseph & Katherine Kelly

Friday, April 20

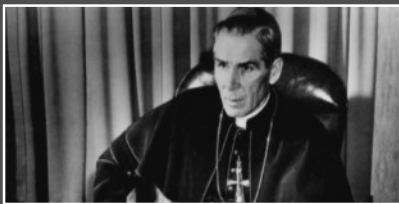
6:30 †Karl Dodge, Jr., & Marlene Dohon Dodge
8:00 †Soul of Harry Wolfington

Saturday, April 21

8:30 †Bill DiAntonio, Jr.

Sunday, April 22

Vigil †Joseph Bartalotta
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †Mr. & Mrs. William Adams
1:30 PM †For the Souls of Ricardina, Jose Maria, Maria, Isabel & Cesar
6:00 PM †Helen Wilcox



"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and Chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the Broadminded."
— Fulton J. Sheen

Gratitude

Wipe Sins Away?

The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, "Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away." This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this sacrament.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) states, "It is called the sacrament of confession, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful men



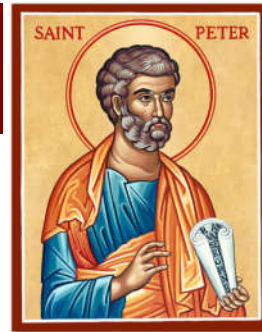
PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, Sr. Helena Mayer, John Valenti, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez, Maura Tehrani Henderson, Allison Pollack, Kate Fullam, Abigail Scogna, Marion Fries

REST IN PEACE: Robert C. Kane, Fr. Ed Hamilton

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

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



and women."

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term "wiped away," that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In

ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be "wiped away" with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally "wipes away" our sins.

God's forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (reconciliation) means that from God's perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, "I will never again remember their sins" — after repentance, that is. © catholicsteward.com

"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. ...Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy."

— Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad

ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES

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 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Pastor's Pulpit

THIS SUNDAY . . .

“LOVING MERCY”

Once again, I share with you the VERY prayerful reflections of Father Alejandro on DIVINE MERCY written in beautiful poetic form.

Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv, left his job as a graphic designer to join the Conventual Franciscans. He was born in Cuba and grew up in St. Louis and Sarasota.

“The Franciscans are lovers of nature. St. Francis saw the imprint of God in everything. He was the one who started the Stations of the Cross because he wanted people to be present in the last moments of Christ in the Passion,” Fr. Alejandro explained in an online post.

Fr. Alejandro is now a parish priest in Australia. For more on Fr. Alejandro go to <https://catholicoutlook.org/fr-alejandro-answers-gods-call-i-want-all-of-you/>

Pay attention especially to the **highlighted** words.

What was to be sent.....sorry.

Few get mercy.

Uncertain what to do with it.

Worse, when it comes **from God!**

You see, we don't want to owe

Anything to anyone!

Worse (again) if we owe **God!**

Mercy makes us **debtors!**

Unable to repay!

So we **deny** sin!

Insist we're **no sinners.**

And **furiously** scrub away

whatever wrong we find
through Reconciliation!

Obsessively trying to remain **pristine.**

Trying to **prove** our worth!

Strong arm our way into Heaven.

On **our own** merits.

With **no one's** help!

Which is **impossible!**

Jesus speaks of “many”

trying to enter through **that** “narrow door”
“**unable!**” (Luke 13:23)

But there is **another** way,

isn't there?

One that leads to **greater communion!**

With **one another** and...**with God!**

A way where we **admit** our **sinfulness.**

How we **need** help.

Need **God!**

God who came to us

in the person **of Christ.**

And **so united** the Divine Self to us...**in mercy...**

as to be called

“**the friend of sinners.**” (Matthew 11:19)



Opponents imagined him
as **the worst of sinners!**

And so killed him
in a way reserved
for the **worst:**

On a cross!

When we deny our need for mercy
(which I think is where **many** of us are **today**)
we deny **our humanity!**

And **that**, in **itself**,
is **a sin!**

For we **cut ourselves off**
from **the Body of Christ**, the Church!

A Body that **is** sinful...
yet **mercifully loved** and **redeemed** by its
Head.

Our job as Christians
isn't to be “perfect
as our Heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

It's to **love** perfectly
as our **Heavenly Father loves** perfectly!

And Perfect Love involves **forgiveness.**
And **mercy.**

And an **honest admitting**
how we are **all** sinners!
Needing a Savior!

My friends,
if we **really** want folks to come to faith...
To know that “he **is** risen,”
and is “**Lord**” and “**God**,”
then we'll have to be able to **show** them.

Show them with **our lives!**
Lives transformed...**different!**
Lived in **loving mercy!**

In forgiving!
Others!
But also **ourselves!**
For our **humanity...**
and so **our propensity** to fall!

Like the **Risen Christ**,
our **very breath**
must be “**Peace!**”

A reconciling Peace!
Offered **to all!**
Freely given...as air, **itself!**

In His Divine Mercy,
Father Mike

News & Events

JOURNEY TO HOLINESS... POPE CALLS US

This past Monday, Pope Francis issued his third exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad") calling on all Christians "to holiness in today's world."

One would think that Pope Francis has been watching us here at St.



Norbert Parish on our Lent and Easter "Journey To Holiness."



Pope Francis writes, "We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer, [but] that is not the case. ...We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves."

The Pope says that the path to holiness is made up of small steps in prayer, sacrifice and service to others adding, "The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. ...The apostles of Christ were not like that. ...Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humor. ...[Holiness] is not about swooning in mystic rapture."

So, it seems we here at St. Norbert parish are in synchronicity with Pope Francis on our Journey To Holiness. We look forward to unpacking Pope Francis' "call to holi-

HASTA LA PROXIMA VEZ...

ADIOS PADRE CARLOS

For the past seven plus years, Father Carl Braschoss has been a blessing to our parish. Recently, new Daylesford Abbey Abbot Domenic Rossi appointed Fr. Carl the new Pastor of Saint Gabriel Parish in the Grays Ferry area of South Philadelphia.

I especially wish Fr. Carl well since I have a long history of association with St. Gabe's, having served as pastor for over 20 years. The people of Grays Ferry will love Fr. Carl and he will love them and the children in the St. Gabriel parish missionary school.

Fr. Carl has been involved in many and varied ministries here at St. Norbert's. As parochial vicar, Father was a great support to me as pastor, as well as all those whom he worked with in ministry. His ability to reach out to the youth groups (both high and middle school), CaFFE children, school parents and kids, and young adults of the parish was tremendous. His background in liturgy was a great help to all those who had the responsibility for the liturgical prayer life of our parish.

The Hispanic Community here at St. Norbert's will indeed miss Fr. Carl. It was through his direction that the Spanish Language Sunday Mass grew from once-a-month to weekly on Sunday at 1:30 PM. He was very instrumental in outreach to the Hispanic Community, reconnecting some to their Catholic roots and resulting in a significant increase in the number of people coming on Sunday, causing the Mass to be moved from Our Lady of Guadalupe Oratory to the main Church.

We will miss Fr. Carl, and wish him all the blessings of the Lord in his new assignment as the fifth Norbertine pastor at Saint Gabriel Parish since 1982.

— Gracias Padre y adios, Fr. Mike and the Parishioners of Saint Norbert

ness in today's world." And I'm sure you will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. — Fr. Mike

BEREAVEMENT GROUP...

EXPERIENCING LOSS?

When someone deeply loved passes out of our lives, the pain can be difficult to bear alone. We share a bereavement ministry called St. Patrick and St. Norbert Compassionate Circle of Support: Grieve not alone —to help with grieving and healing. The



Spring Bereavement Ministry will meet at St. Norbert's Parish for six weeks on **Tuesday evenings, 7-8 PM, April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22.** Space is limited. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for reservations.

THIS COMING SATURDAY...

SAVING BABIES

Tour the Legacy for Life Foundation with the Respect Life Ministry on **Saturday, April 21 from 9-10 am.** Meet the staff that has supported over 1,500 mothers who have chosen life for their infants. **Departure:** From St. Norbert's at 9 AM for Legacy of Life, 712 Veteran Highway, Bristol, PA 19007.

Directions: Take Rt. 276 to Bristol Pike then Rt. 413 South to Community Women's Center on the right.

Transportation: On your own, but we will arrange a ride for those in need. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at: jacksonhonora@gmail.com



BREAKING THE STIGMA . . .

DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE

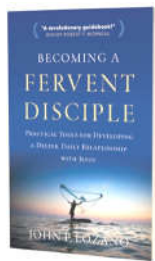
Hitting a wall? Someone you know in the chaos of addiction? Tired of being sick and tired?

Experience spiritual triage at our Gethsemani Way field hospital. From Defiance to Reliance: Navigating Your Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions is a 24-hour spiritual retreat June 22-23 for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or a friend. Sponsored by Gethsemani Way, Malvern Retreat House and St. Norbert Parish.



CONTACT: Mark Christmyer 610.644.1655 ext. 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org

REGISTER: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/addictions-retreat-2/> Visit GethsemaniWay.com



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Amazon.com or at the Parish Office.

REVEALED

1 John 4:9

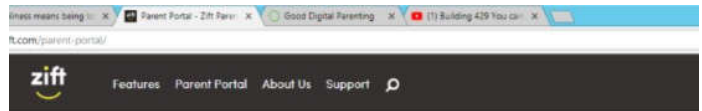
St Norbert Youth Ministry is headed to the
Steubenville Youth Conference
July 20-22

Check out this video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB6BKDafVyo>

Register now!

High school students from all parishes are welcome.
Forward this announcement to all your friends and
remind them to sign up

Register here:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ae73ba>



Today in Parenting
9 Dangerous Messaging Apps Parents Have Never Heard Of

INTERNET SAFETY

Guide for Parents and You

In view of the recent news articles about online security and safety, we’re supplying this helpful guide with free resources that include videos on “Digital Parenting,” an App Advisor search engine to learn about apps and how to protect your child’s privacy.

VIDEOS & GUIDES

- ◆ www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting Family Online Safety Institute: Information and tips for parents about specific websites and apps
- ◆ <https://wezift.com/parent-portal/> Free, non-commercial site with Digital Parenting insights, App Advisor search engine to learn about apps and Resource Library with videos & parenting guides
- ◆ www.howcast.com/categories/2-tech Videos on “How to Twitter,” “How to Use Facebook,” and “How to Use an iPhone”

HELP & PRIVACY SUPPORT

- ◆ www.facebook.com/help Learn how to manage your child’s account and report problems
- ◆ support.twitter.com How to use Twitter and protect your child’s privacy
- ◆ help.instagram.com Learn basics of Instagram and tips for parents
- ◆ <https://support.snapchat.com> Understand how to use this app and what to do if you child is using it inappropriately
- ◆ <https://kikinteractive.zendesk.com> About this app and how to report problems
- ◆ <https://support.skype.com> Articles about securing your child’s account and managing privacy settings
- ◆ www.tumblr.com/help Info on this blogging platform and managing you account
- ◆ <https://help.pinterest.com> How to use Pinterest and secure your child’s account
- ◆ help.meetme.com Answers to questions, who sees your child’s profile and reporting problems
- ◆ help.disney.com/clubpenguin Read about this popular game’s rules and safety features

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE . . .

REVOLUTIONARY

Save the date for a 50+ Group tour of the Museum of the American Revolution, **Saturday, April 21, 10 AM. COST: \$22. TRANSPORTATION:** On your own. Take SEPTA and walk 8 blocks from the station or drive and park near the Museum.



LUNCH: Not included in the admission. Cross Keys Café at the Museum or restaurants nearby. **CONTACT:** Joan Reed joanhreed@yahoo.com or 610.358.4449 or Carol Shannahan at coy498@aol.com or 610.715.4622. **REGISTRATION** form at StNorbert.org 50+ Group event: <http://parish.stnorbert.org/news-events/st--norbert-parish-events/4-21-2018-museum-of-the-american-revolution-tour> **PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group and send to St. Norbert Parish, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301.

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: Dawn Seekers Bible Study, 8:30-10 AM, Parish Office Dining Room; **Walking With Purpose** 9-11 AM, School Cafeteria.

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

Wednesdays: **Outreach Food Procurement Distribution**, 10 AM-1:30 PM, Narthex; **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: **Adoration** 4-5 PM; **Reconciliation** 4-5 PM, Oratory or by appointment

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Apr 17 Bereavement Group, 8:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room. **CONTACT:** Pat 610.647.8280 or Sharon 301.775.5709

Apr 19 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org

Apr 20 Altar Guild, Cleaning the Church, 8:45-11 AM

Apr 20 Spanish-speaking Community Family Rosary, 7-9 PM. **CONTACT:** Cecilia Silva or Silvacd77@gmail.com

Apr 21 Respect Life Ministry, Tour of Legacy of Life, 9 AM, **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com

Apr 24 Bereavement Group, 8:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room. **CONTACT:** Pat 610.647.8280 or Sharon 301.775.5709

Apr 26 School Spring Concert, 7-8:30 PM, School Dining Hall

Apr 27 Altar Guild, Cleaning the Church, 8:45-11 AM

May 4 Festival of Praise, 7:30-8:30 PM, Church.

May 5 & 6 Food & Clothing Collection, Narthex and School Gym entrance

May 10 Prayer & Healing, 7:30 PM, Church

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