

April 22, 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

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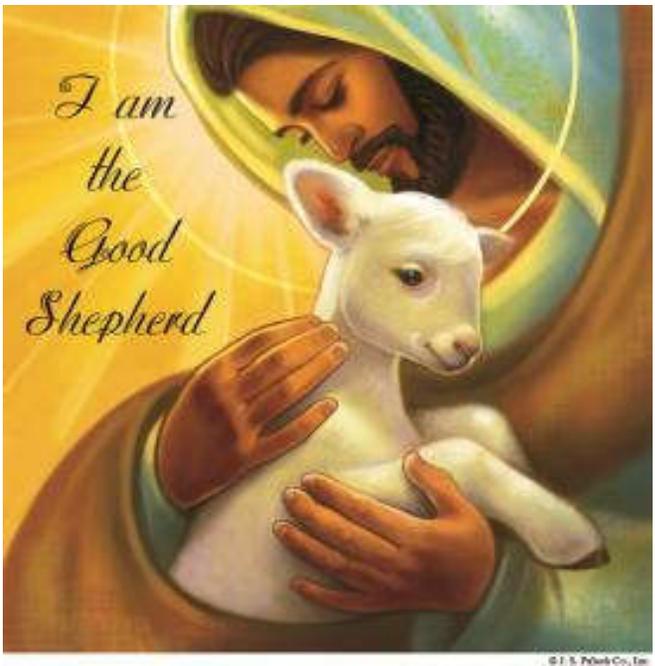
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4TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

On this fourth Sunday of the Easter season, the focus shifts from recalling the appearances of the resurrected Jesus toward considering Jesus in light of primary images in scripture. In the Gospel, Jesus describes the intimate bond between the Good Shepherd and the flock and how they know and recognize each other. The Letter of John describes the intimacy of God as Father and humanity as God’s children, who recognize and love each other. In our reading from Acts, Peter tells of the religious leaders who didn’t know or recognize their God when they encountered Jesus, and so crucified him. Our readings invite us to listen for our God, active in our daily lives, and to open ourselves to the intimacy that our Good Shepherd seeks with us. God also empowers us to then extend this intimacy out into the world, through our care for others.



LAY DOWN MY LIFE

In the Old Testament, God is described many times as the shepherd of the people of Israel. So when Jesus claims this image of God to describe himself, it is startling even to his disciples. In today’s Gospel, he takes the image one step beyond the Old Testament: as the Good Shepherd, he is to “lay down his life.” This phrase is stated, with slight variation, five times in today’s short passage. Jesus is describing the meaning of his life and of his death.

With firm roots in the story of Israel and their God, Jesus is now starting a new chapter. He is helping his disciples make sense of his death on the cross, and to describe how to follow this particular shepherd. When Jesus lays down his life, he is revealing the infinite love that he and the Father have for the flock. To follow Jesus, to be a part of Jesus’ flock, means participating in that same sacrificial love.

ONE FLOCK

Jesus adds another feature to the shepherd imagery, which was also disturbing to his disciples. He refers to “other sheep which do not belong to this fold,” who will become part of the same flock. This likely refers to the Gentiles, to all peoples beyond Israel. The Shepherd extends his flock, but emphasizes that there is still only one flock. Jesus spoke forcefully and frequently, especially in the Gospel of John, of the importance of unity among those who follow him. We who follow Jesus are expected to embrace the “other sheep,” to respect and celebrate differences among Christians. We are expected to learn from one another. All those things that seem to divide Jesus’ followers in culture, ethnicity, or history of conflict fade in comparison with the deeper unity of the one flock under one Shepherd. Living in unity is essential for us to be faithful and credible witnesses of Christ to the world.

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

4TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." — 1 John 3:1

Sunday, April 22

Vigil †Joseph Bartalotta
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †Mr. & Mrs. William Adams
1:30 PM †Por El Alma De Ricadina, Jose Maria, Maria Isabel, Y Cesar
6:00 PM †Helen Wilcox

Monday, April 23

6:30 AM †Suzanne DeMarco
8:00 AM †MaryAnn Whalen

Tuesday, April 24

6:30 †Barbara Masse
8:00 †Marie Gavula

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 †Anita Shaw
8:00 †MaryAnn Whalen

Thursday, April 26

6:30 †Adam Ciesinski
8:00 †Mary Lyons and the Lord's Blessings on Corrine Kerigan

Friday, April 27

6:30 For Addiction Recovery
8:00 †Aaron Gelstine

Saturday, April 28

8:00 Persecuted Christians

Sunday, April 29

Vigil †Gina DiTommaso
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †Ruth Brickley
1:30 PM †Rafael Rincones
6:00 PM †Katherine Ekalo Szaroleta

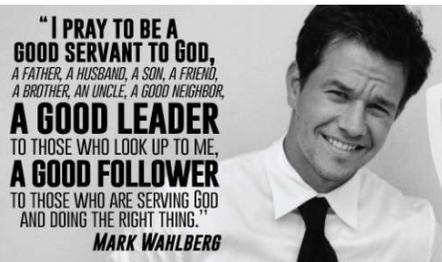


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"The difference between the love of a man and the love of a woman is that a man will always give reasons for loving, but a woman gives no reasons for loving."
— Fulton J. Sheen

Gratitude

The Hiding Place

"He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone." This is St. Peter preaching again in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. However, in this instance he is speaking at his own trial. He and St. John had been imprisoned.

What a different man Peter is compared to the man who denied Jesus in fear! Peter is no longer intimidated by the authorities; keep in mind that this is in effect the same court which condemned Christ to crucifixion. Earlier in Acts we witness Peter and the other disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not a one-time event, but something ongoing throughout their lives.

A woman named Corrie ten Boom was a resistance leader and practitioner in the Netherlands in World War II. She and her sister provided a



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 Rossmeisl, 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, Isabelle Oravec

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

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



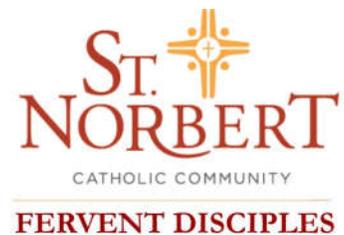
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hiding place for Jews and others being sought by the Nazis. She later wrote a book titled *The Hiding Place* about those experiences. The ten Booms were betrayed in 1944, arrested, and brought to trial. What she stated at that trial very much parallels what we hear from St. Peter today. She cited the power of the Holy Spirit.

She said, "Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." Like St. Peter and Corrie ten Boom, we are all filled with the Holy Spirit. Do we let it flow out of us?

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PS: Corrie's sister died in a Nazi political prisoners camp. Through a clerical mistake, Corrie was released with a group of women. A week later, all the women except Corrie were rounded up and died in a gas chamber. Corrie moved to California in the late 1970s and died at the age of 91.

**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

ONCE UPON A TIME . . .

DREAMWEAVER . . .

Have you ever woken up from a dream and wondered what it was all about? Someone once told me that trying to remember a dream is like trying to grab hold of a fish...it simply slips out of your hands.

The Scriptures are filled with dreams and how the individual interpreted the dream in connection with the Lord and the direction of their lives. David, Isaiah, Joshua, Moses, and many of the prophets in the Old Testament along with Joseph in the New Testament had providential dreams.

Recently, I had a dream that might have had something to do with what I had for dinner that night, or maybe not.

I was on the boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey looking to go to Confession when I happen upon the movie house, The Strand. There at the ticket booth were two priests selling tickets to what I thought was a movie, but it turned out to be tickets for Confession. Go figure!

So, I told them I was a priest and they asked where I was from. When I told them Saint Norbert Parish in Paoli, they were so excited. They told me it was a great parish and said they had read all about the AbbeyFest



event and how wonderful it was.

I thanked them, then said how confused I was with the movie house and my looking for a Confessional. They said I was at the right place and that Confession was available if I wished. My face must have showed how strange it all was.

I asked how it worked and they said there was a movie shown and then there was Confession. I asked what the movie was about, and they said: "This is your life."

Really! Now I was really confused. "You mean to say that my life is on the screen for all to see in the movie house?" They told me to relax and not to be so nervous. Well then, "Who is there to see 'This is my life'?" They answered, "Just two people: You and Jesus."

"Why then do I need a ticket? I thought the movie house would be filled." They answered, "The ticket is a giveaway just in case you decide not to go in and speak with Jesus. You can use it anytime you like."

Well, then I woke up. Wow! You can imagine where my mind was at as I sat on the edge of my bed thinking of watching a movie of my life... with Jesus. That was a real eye-opener.

As I sat there, I was immediately reminded of Psalm 103, verse 8, "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

I would like to conclude with a question:

What would you do if you had a similar dream? "Ticket please?"

— Father Mike

MY LIFE AS A DEACON . . .

WITNESS & COMPANION

Over the past few months, we have featured articles on the Permanent Diaconate of the Catholic Church, the history of the Diaconate, why Deacons, what are the functions of a Deacon and this month we conclude with what a Deacon's life is actually like.

I have discovered, and continue to discover, many dimensions of the life and ministry of a Deacon, but two come to mind as the most prominent: being a Witness and Companion.

WITNESS: Like all disciples of Jesus

we are called to give witness to Him, and we all do this in various ways with our different vocations, gifts and charisms. The unique gift of ordination as a Deacon is the symbolic witness it gives to the church and the world regarding the nature of who God is in Jesus and who we are as his disciples. It is a witness of Jesus as a servant and of us as servants to one another.



Left to Right: Fr. Steve, Tom Strohmetz, Fr. Carl, Steve Martino, Hank Fila, Deacon John Lozano, Fr. Mike, Deacon Bill Masapollo and Paul Stoyell-Mulholland (inset).



COMPANION: Deacons act as reminders (not the only ones for sure) of the nature of God in Jesus when He said, "I have not come to be served, but to serve." And when he said after He washed his disciples feet, "If I have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." The public nature of the Deacon allows him to witness to this and to share in this service to others in a privileged way through sharing in the joys and sorrows of others.

As Deacon I am given the rare gift of companionship with others in unique and intimate ways. This is not the Deacon who serves at mass, but the Deacon who serves on the margins. It is when someone comes up

to me in the supermarket or at a diner and shares their life and faith with me. It happens in the joy of baptizing a child or witnessing a marriage and in the deeply challenging role of comforter and preacher at a funeral or a memorial service. These are the gifts that a Deacon is for others and the gifts that others are for the Deacon. Gifts for which I am deeply grateful. — Deacon John Lozano

News & Events

JOURNEY TO HOLINESS:

BUNNY TRAILS . . .

Ever wonder where the “Easter Bunny” came from and a rabbit that lays eggs? Most languages take the name for this 50-day season from the Lord’s Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain, the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a



playful spirit, following the Sun King’s chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit — an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn’t take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas too: Yule. Either way, it is Christ we follow on our Journey to Holiness.

— Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

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 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22.**

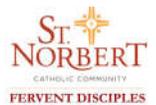


Space is limited. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for reservations.

NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

SERVE OUR PARISH

Are you or someone you know **passionate** about St. Norbert’s, our vision, ministries, and the future of our parish? Think about serving as a member of our Parish Council. What’s it take?

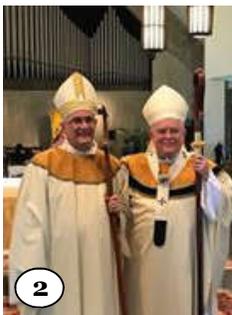


- ♦ **Commitment** to spiritual growth – both for yourself and your fellow parishioners
- ♦ **Flexibility** and openness to diverse people and ideas
- ♦ **Ability** to unify, inspire and enable others
- ♦ **Willingness** to actively engage in 10 monthly Pastoral Council meetings per year over a three-year term

CONTACT: Jim Ryan jdryan17@gmail.com by **April 27** 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.

Around Our Parish

Chris Coccia and friends (4). The living room (5) was filled with joy as volunteers (6) delivered your **Baby Shower** gifts to Birthright Moms.



BREAKING THE STIGMA . . .

DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE

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

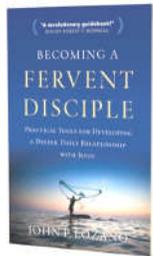
Experience spiritual triage at our Gethsemani Way field hospital. *From Defiance to Reliance: Navigating Your Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions* is a 24-hour spiritual retreat June 22-23 for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or a friend. Sponsored by Gethsemani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



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

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Amazon.com or at the Parish Office.



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

Check out this video:

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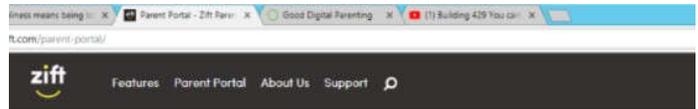
Register now!

High school students from all parishes are welcome.

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Register here:

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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.skye.com> Articles about securing your child’s account and managing privacy settings
- ◆ www.tumblr.com/help Info on this blogging platform and managing your 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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The General Warren Inn, Malvern, Wednesday, May 2, 4:30-6:30 PM. Drinks and food discounted.
CONTACT: Joan Reed joanhreed@yahoo.com or 610.358.4449



PHYLLIS MARTIN LECTURE: "The Challenges of Living in a Sacramental World" by Sister Iliia Delio, OSF, Daylesford Abbey, Sunday, May 6, at 1 PM. **COST:** \$35 with lunch at noon or \$25 lecture only. **RSVP** by Friday, April 27, 610.647.2530 ext. 133 or registrations@daylesford.org

MEXICO PILGRIMAGE under the spiritual direction of Fr. Michael Lee, Aug 31 to Sept 6 including Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tepeyac Hill, Zocalo Plaza, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Tlaxcala, Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Tulpetlac, Teotihuacan and more. **COST:** \$1,795. **CONTACT:** Ron Pollack at rap76@comcast.net



BETHESDA THANKS: Your generous gift from your recent Fish Fry is a real blessing to us. In the past year, we have served more than 2,000 people in our shelters and homes. Happy Easter! Tina Pagotto Chief Exec.

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

UPCOMING:

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 9 & 10 Ascension Thursday, Vigil Mass 7 PM Wed, 5/9; Thurs 6:30, 8 & 10:30 AM, Church

May 10 School Mass & May Procession, 9:30 AM, Church

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

May 13 Mother's Day

May 13 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140

May 15 Bereavement Group, 8:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room. **CONTACT:** Pat 610.647.8280 or Sharon 301.775.5709

May 17 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org