

April 29, 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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5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

In today's Gospel passage, at the Last Supper Jesus hints at the future of the community of his disciples. He is preparing them for life without his visible presence. What will hold the community together and sustain it to fulfill God's purpose? Jesus presents himself as the vine and his followers as the branches. Their common purpose is to bear fruit. When Jesus repeats "remain in me" and "bear fruit" many times in this passage, he reminds his followers that we must stay connected with him to fulfill our purpose. As the Letter of John describes, a living faith in Christ and a life filled with love are bound together in a single commandment. All our energy to do good and our hope that our good work will endure come through our unity with Jesus. Prayer and action must be woven together into the fabric of each Christian person and community.

FAST AND SLOW

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

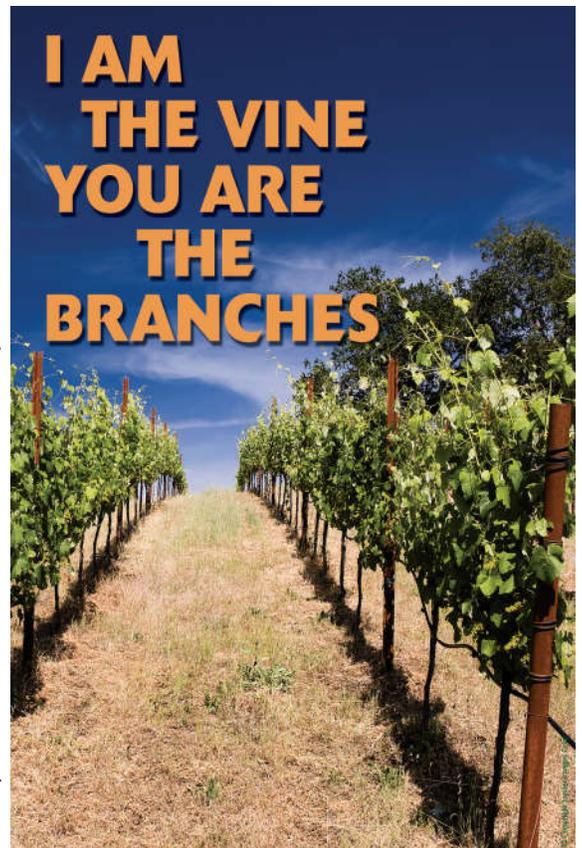
In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

DISCERNMENT AND LOVE

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see.

This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

*"Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth."* – 1 John 3:18

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

Monday, April 30

6:30 AM †Ted McGurk
8:00 AM †Anthony Ginnona

Tuesday, May 1

6:30 †William Denney
8:00 †Edward McCarthy

Wednesday, May 2

6:30 †Edward Chermol
8:00 †Maryann Whalen

Thursday, May 3

6:30 First Responders
8:00 †Richard Crockett 8th
Anniversary

Friday, May 4

6:30 Our Country
8:00 †Aaron Gelstine

Saturday, May 5

8:00 †Roberta Bauer

Sunday, May 6

Vigil †Tomasso & Domenica
Gagleardi
7:30 †Assunta Ginnona
9:00 †Susan Fisher
11:30 †Paul Nguyen with
Family
1:30 PM Por Las Almas Del
Purgatorio
6:00 PM Parishioners

*"I came to cast fire upon the
earth; and would that it were
already kindled!"*

– Jesus, *Luke 12:49*

**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.

Gratitude

Just Do It!

St. John captures the essence of what kind of love is expected from us toward our neighbor and those in need as he opens our Second Reading with "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Jesus made that point several times in His own teachings. It follows the old adage that "Actions speak louder than words."

We have pointed out numerous times that being a good steward requires action. It may be easy for us to come to an understanding of what it means to love one another; and additionally, we may speak of doing it; but the true measure is what we do, how we live our lives.

The best examples of stewardship of that we may be aware in our parishes and community involve what we see and experience in others. That is the most effective way to be



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 Rossmel, 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, Mary Collins

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



Henrik Ibsen

taught and it is the best way to teach others. Do it and live it.

That is John's point is it not? He continues his instructions in the Second Reading by saying, "We should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us." The Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen, who had a great appreciation for the written word, once stated, "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed."

The point of Jesus' Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21) in which one son says he will do his father's will but does not while the other says he will not obey, but repents and does what his father asked, is quite clear that deeds mean more than intentions.

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CANCELLED
There will be no
Festival of Praise
this Friday, May 4
Next FOP is Friday, June 1

ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Pastor's Pulpit

JOURNEY TO HOLINESS . . .

WHERE'S YOUR JOY?

Pope Francis' new book explores the journey to holiness which is, coincidentally or providentially, our theme for Lent and Easter time. You can download the entire book for free at Vatican.va and search in English for *Apostolic Exhortations*. Below are some of the most pertinent to excerpts for our parish. Enjoy, Fr. Mike

7. "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the **patience** of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile."

9. "Holiness is the most **attractive** face of the Church."

11. "The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. *1 Cor 12:7*), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them."

12. "... in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and important reforms in the Church."

14. "...We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. 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. ...**Be holy by living out your commitment with joy.** Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain."

32. "Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy."

63. "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (cf. *Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23*)."



81. "Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly."

82. "...We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion."

93. "...**The saints are not odd and aloof**, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that."

116. "... The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters, and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others."

122. "Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the **saints are joyful** and full of good humor. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian

life is "joy in the Holy Spirit" (*Rom 14:17*), for "the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved... the effect of charity is joy."

126. "Christian joy is usually accompanied by a **sense of humor.**"

141. "Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others."

158. The Christian life is a constant battle. We need **strength and courage** to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives."

161. "...we should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea. This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable. ...The devil does not need to possess us. He **poisons us** with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities. "Like a roaring lion, he prowls around, looking for someone to devour" (*1 Pet 5:8*)."

174. "**Discernment** is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism."

177. "...Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us."

— Father Mike

News & Events

YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR . . .

PAJAMA BUDDIES

Children arriving at area homeless shelters are in need of pajamas. Many children wear their street clothes all day, the sleep in them at night and may even wear the same clothes the next day. To aid local homeless children, the Pajama Buddy Program is currently seeking **NEW** spring/summer pajamas to distribute to children in emergency shelters in Chester, Montgomery and Delaware Counties. The following items are needed:



PJs: NEW Spring/Summer Pajamas for infants through adult male and female Lg/XL (larger sizes are needed for the teenagers we serve). We can only accept new items.

Dental Care: Individually packaged dental care items (we cannot use toothbrushes that come in a 10 pack if they don't each have their own packaging) — toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss (toddler to adult).

Books: Quality books for infants to teens (NOTE: teenage books are particularly hard for us to get, journals are also a great option for this). We won't give a child a book that is damaged in any way — quality equals dignity.

DROPOFF: Please leave your pajamas, dental items and books in the large plastic bin in the Narthex, Thank you in advance for your consideration and willingness to help children in need. What a wonderful way to share the light of St. Norbert Parish with our community at large.

DATES: This weekend and next 4/28 and 5/5

CONTACT: Jennifer Franklin at jcfranklin@comcast.net

or Jennifer Baggini at chrisjenb@comcast.net.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP . . .

EXPERIENCING LOSS?

When someone deeply loved passes out of our lives, the pain can be difficult to bear alone. Our next Bereavement Ministry (shared with St. Patrick's) will meet at St. Norbert's Parish on **Tuesday evenings, 7-8 PM, May 1, 8, 15 & 22.** Space is limited. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for reservations.



PLAN NOW FOR . . .

MEXICO PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Mike for a Catholic Pilgrimage to Mexico visiting religious and historical sites including Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine, Tepeyac Hill, Zocolo Plaza, Guernavaca, Taxco, Tlaxcala, Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Tulpetlac, Teotihuacan & More. From **Aug 31-Sept 6**, Philadelphia to Mexico City. **Cost:** \$1,795 **Contact:** Ron Pollack at rap76@comcast.net



HAPPY HOUR MAY 2

50+ Group
4:30-6:30 PM with discounted food & drinks
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9 Old Lancaster Road, Malvern
610.296.3637
Spring House Terrace (under cover)
CONTACT: Joan Reed 610.358.4449

Around Our Parish

Gathered around the altar this past weekend was one of five **First Holy Communion** groups (1). Over 70 school and CaFFE (Catholic Family Formation and Evangelization) children received their First Communion these past two weeks. Prior to their communions, a **Retreat Day** with their parents helped set the stage for their new Sacramental life (2). Our **Respect Life Team** visited the Legacy of Life home in Bristol, PA, presenting a donation of \$1,600 to support the groups work saving mothers and babies (3). Following **Abbot Domenic Rossi's** installation, close to 400 parishioners and guests celebrated (4 & 5) with our new Abbot. Over 40 children participated in our **Children's Liturgy of the Word** offered weekly at the 9 & 11:30 AM Masses (6).



BREAKING THE STIGMA . . .

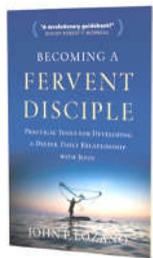
DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE

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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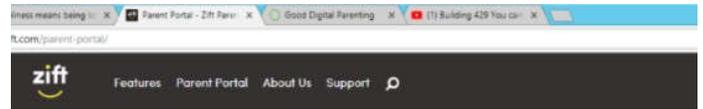
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“God’s love is deeper and His plan greater than anything the world can offer.” 1 John 4:9
Will you allow him to reveal it to you?



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 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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DIAMOND DERBY

Saturday May 5th

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THE BARN AT LISETER
6 – 10:30 pm



Early bird ticket pricing ends 4/9 (\$125)
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FAST FACTS:

ST. MICHAEL'S TOUR: Join the 50+ Group **June 5** at 8 AM returning at 5 PM for a special tour of St. Michaels on the Maryland Eastern Shore. The town is a collage of handsome churches, manicured colonial, federal and Victorian homes with a historic maritime heritage including the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, diverse artist shops and pleasant southern culture. **COST:** \$55. **RSVP** by May 5. **MORE INFO:** stmichaelsmd.org **CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill Marianneo219@gmail.com



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



JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Our Outreach partner, the Paoli ACME is hiring full and part-time people. **CONTACT:** ACME at 610.240.0101. Ask for Customer Service.



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:

May 1 Bereavement Group, 8:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room. **CONTACT:** Pat 610.647.8280 or Sharon 301.775.5709
NOTE: No May 4 Festival of Praise. Next FOP is Friday, June 1st
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 May Procession & School Mass, 9:30 AM, Church
May 10 Prayer & Healing Night, 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

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