

## Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

### 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** 3:30-5 PM; **Thursday** 7-8 PM  
or by **Appointment**

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

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## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

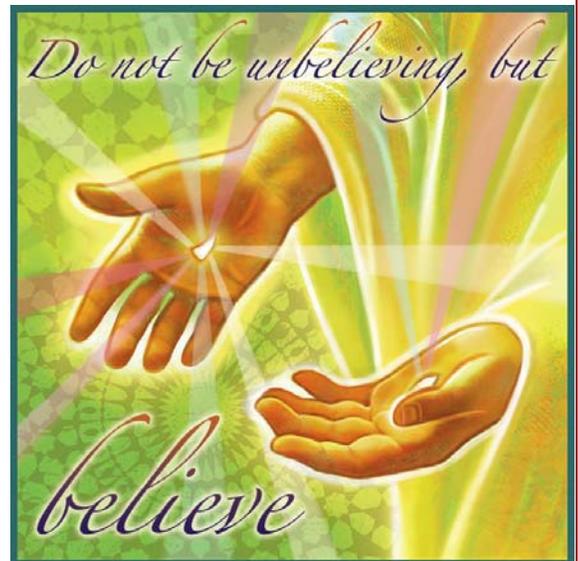
In today's passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

### OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can't directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus' wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — John 20:29b*

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Vigil Suzanne DeMarco  
 7:30 Members of the Parish  
 9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte  
 11:30 Charles Kern  
*No Spanish Mass*  
 3 PM *Divine Mercy Mass*  
*(bi-lingual)*  
 6 PM †Mary Lyons and The  
 Lord's Blessing on  
 Corinne Kerrigan

**Monday, April 24**

6:30 The Lord's Blessing on  
 Donna Raziano and  
 Family  
 8:00 †Kevin Carbone

**Tuesday, April 25**

6:30 †Ruth Molyet  
 8:00 The Lord's Blessing on  
 Patricia Boyce

**Wednesday, April 26**

6:30 †Adam Ciesinski  
 8:00 Hickey Family

**Thursday, April 27**

6:30 †Therese Cavanaugh  
 Willcox  
 8:00 †Helen Grevy

**Friday, April 28**

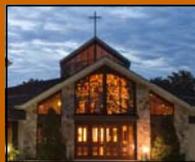
6:30 †Ronald Dean  
 8:00 †Gwen Murphy

**Saturday, April 29**

8:00 †Michael and †Mary  
 Petock

**Sunday, April 30**

Vigil †Paul Young  
 7:30 Members of the parish  
 9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte  
 11:30 †Felice DiFrancesco  
 1:30 PM †Isabel and †Ana Grippa  
 6 PM †EdwardMcCarthy

**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

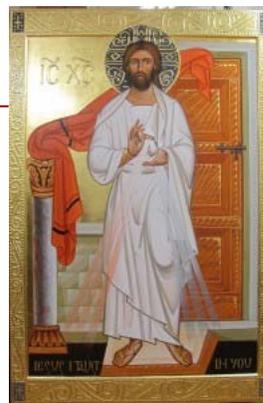
## ASPIRATIONS

Our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with a glimpse of the early Church, the early Christian community. This passage is often misunderstood in some ways. When it speaks of "communal life," that term is based upon a brief translation of a Greek word which means much more than what it might seem.

The Greek word is *Koinonia* (κοινωνία), which is a broad term meaning association, communion, fellowship, and joint participation. It means to share in something.

This is an excellent example of stewardship which has meaning for us today. Our parish is a community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. *Koinonia* identifies an almost ideal state of fellowship and unity which should exist in the Church, the Body of Christ. It should be more than just attending Mass.

When we speak of stewardship, we understand that it means much more than placing something in the collection basket. It means that we share



all of our gifts, our time and talent also, with the community and others in need. It will be difficult for us to ever match the sense of association and the joy of that early Church, but it is a model for us to which we as a faith community

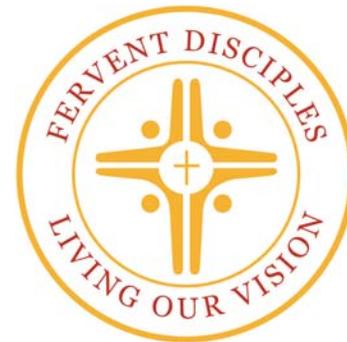
should aspire.

To be community and to be in communion with one another and with God requires active participation, not passivity. Father Thomas Merton OCSO once wrote: "The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion...beyond speech...beyond concept."

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*If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.*

— Mother Teresa's Prayer



## 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, Courtney Patterson, Mary Corcoran, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Nancy Lowe, Steph Walsh-Beilman, Peter Lim, Peg & Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez

**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

# Pastor's Pulpit

## BECOMING FERVENT DISCIPLES . . .

### NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

Lent may have ended but the Easter Season continues for 50 more days until Pentecost Sunday.

Why is the Easter Season so important? Just as Jesus took us on a journey of repentance and preparation for his ultimate sacrifice for us through his Passion and Resurrection, now he teaches us how to live as disciples.

Through the Mass readings for the next seven Sundays, we will learn what it takes to become a Fervent Disciple through the Acts of the Apostles, the Psalms, the Epistles and Gospels.

With that in mind, we are following up our "9 Hours That Will Change Your Life," with our new theme,

#### **"Becoming Fervent Disciples: New Life With Christ."**

Why are we doing this? Because of the response we had to the 9 Hours from the over 200 parishioners that participated in our Small Groups and at home. Some comments :

*I've done a lot of Sunday Gospel reflections, but this was the first time that having a video helped me to focus in on how I fit into the Gospels.*

*What a wonderful experience. I really got to know others while drawing closer to Jesus.*

*Loved it, but want to know more about being a Fervent Disciple.*

So what does this all mean to you? It means that we are going to continue our Small Groups started in Lent with this new theme of **"Becoming Fervent Disciples: New Life With Christ."** We will continue the postings on our website of each Sunday's homily and a short reflection with several key questions to help focus discussion among Small Groups or individuals who may follow along at home.

Thus, for the next 7 weeks, we will explore discipleship through:

- ♦ **Personal Relationship (This 2nd Sunday of Easter April 22-23):** Deepen our relationship with Christ both as individuals and a Church Community as in Acts 2:42-47; this life comes with a cost as in 1 Peter 1:3-9; doubts like those of Thomas can be overcome by Christ's touch in John 20:19-31.
- ♦ **Participating at Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter, April 29-30):** With this new life in Jesus, we need to actively participate together as the Body of Christ

as in Acts 2:14, 22-33; because Christ ransomed us as in 1 Peter 1:17-23; and because he showed us the value of the Word and Eucharist in the Mass when he taught the disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35.

- ♦ **Constant Conversion (4th Sunday of Easter May 6-7):** Life with Christ continues when we learn to follow the Good Shepherd as in Psalm 118 and Acts 2:14, 36-41; sacrifice as in 1 Peter 2:20-25; and live out our New Life even when the thief in the night comes to steal, slaughter and destroy as in John 4:5-42.
- ♦ **Serving (5th Sunday of Easter May 13-14):** New Life with Jesus is meant to be shared through service as with the appointment of Deacons in Acts

6:1-7; by being living stones as in 1 Peter 2:4-9; and following the example Jesus sets for us as the way, the truth and the light in John 14:1-12.

- ♦ **Witnessing (6th Sunday of Easter May 20-21):** Give witness of our faith when we encounter the opportunity as Philip did to the Samaritans in Acts 8:5-8,14-17; "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks..." as in 1 Peter 3:15-18; and follow the example Jesus has set for us with the advocate, the Holy Spirit as in John 14:14-21.

♦ **Sharing (7th Sunday of Easter May 27-28):** Share your faith with others knowing that the Holy Spirit is with you as in Acts 1:1-11; use the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom and knowledge as in Ephesians 1:17-23; and share in Jesus' commission for us to go and make other disciples as in Matthew 28:16-20.

- ♦ **Grace (Pentecost Sunday, June 4):** Proclaim New Life in Christ through the Holy Spirit as the Apostles did at Pentecost in Acts 2:1-11; become one Church and one Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit as in 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 ; and go on our mission not alone, but with the Holy Spirit to make disciples of the world as in John 20:19-23.

As in Lent, the homilies and short videos will be posted at [StNorbert.org](http://StNorbert.org) under the **Resource Center** listing: **New Life With Jesus.**

**Sign Ups:** If you aren't currently participating in a Small Group, you can sign up by using the **Parish Connect Contact Kiosks** in the Narthex. A representative will be happy to assist you in getting into a group or answer any questions you might have.

I look forward to continuing our journey through the Easter Season and accompanying you on **"Becoming Fervent Disciples: New Life With Christ."**

– Fr. Mike



Installing our new **"Becoming Fervent Disciples: New Life With Christ"** banner Easter weekend were Bob Brink, John Patterson and master carpenter Ed Grady (left to right).

## News & Events



### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

## DYNAMIC CANNONESSES

Just 20 years ago in 1997, the Canonesses of Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph were founded by the Norbertine Canons of St. Michael's Abbey in Orange, California. The Canonesses are the first community of Norbertine women in the United States and growing rapidly in their Monastery in the Tehachapi Mountains outside the city of Tehachapi, in the Diocese of Fresno, CA. Like the Norbertine canons (men), the Canonesses are consecrated for the service of divine worship, but they live within the monastic rhythms of liturgical prayer, silence, study, and penance in a cloistered contemplative life with a truly Apostolic spirit. Join us to pray for their community on the 20th anniversary of their founding and for all Norbertine communities. — Fr. Mike



### CONFIRMATION PROJECT . . .

## EASTER MADE BLESSED

As part of their Confirmation service projects, the 6th grade CaFFE (Catholic Family Formation & Evangelization) class made Easter Baskets for the men and women of Bethesda Project. Christa Amos, their teacher, and Michele Howard delivered the baskets to the Bethesda office on Good Friday. More than 150 men and women were treated to a delicious Easter Dinner and baskets thanks to the wonderful St. Norbert volunteers.



### LOOK NO FURTHER . . .

## NEED A NIGHT OUT?

Looking for a night out without chicken fingers and sippy cups? Maybe an evening in, with takeout and that movie you've been wanting to see? St. Norbert Youth Group will be hosting an evening of fun for school children of all ages so their parents can have a date night without the hassle of looking for a sitter. Reliable high school volunteers and adults will lead activities, do crafts and play outside with the children until pick up time: **Friday, Apr 28, DROP OFF: 6:30 PM; PICK UP: 10 PM; COST: \$25/1 child; \$35/2 children, \$45/3 children.** Proceeds from this event will go directly to the Mission Trip scholarships of the high school volunteers. **QUESTIONS:** Call Clare Kane, Youth Group Minister, at 610.644.1670 ext. 127 or [ckane@stnorbert.org](mailto:ckane@stnorbert.org)

### SAVE THE DATE . . .

## LAUGH OUT LOUD

Join **Chris Coccia** and two other comedians for the St. Norbert Knights of Columbus Comedy Night, **Apr 29 at 7 PM.** Admission is \$30 which includes food and beverages. You may bring your own (BYOB wine). **RESERVATIONS:** go to [kofcpaoli.org](http://kofcpaoli.org) and click on Comedy Night. Chris Coccia is the perfect combination of hilarious material and the ability to present "in the moment." Flowing seamlessly between his material and improvisation, Chris engages and opens up the audience as we all share our humanness. **PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, PO Box 1133, Paoli, PA 19301



### PJ Buddy Program!

## WE NEED JAMMIES

Now in our 9<sup>th</sup> year, once again, we need Pajamas for homeless children entering emergency shelters in Chester County. For the next 3 Sundays, after all Masses (April 22-23, April 29-30 and May 6-7), large plastic bins will be located in Church Narthex to receive donations for the Pajama Buddy Program. **Pajamas -- We can only accept new spring/summer pajamas** in sizes infants to adult for teen boys and girls. **Children's Books** – We can only accept new books and reading levels may vary so purchase picture books to young adult chapter books and journals. **Toothbrushes/Toothpaste** – Must be in individually wrapped unopened packaging in pediatric and adult sizes for teenagers. 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. Please sepa-



rate your PJs, books and dental care items into the 3 different bins. Contact: For any questions related to the Pajama Buddy Program, please reach out to Jennifer Franklin at [jcfranklin@comcast.net](mailto:jcfranklin@comcast.net) or Jennifer Baggini at [chrisjenb@comcast.net](mailto:chrisjenb@comcast.net)

**NEW SHARED BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY...  
EXPERIENCING LOSS?**



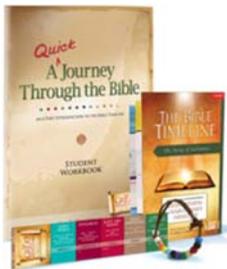
Each member of our community has, at one time in their lives, lost a loved one and grieved. Yet, you are not alone...there are others who struggle through the pain of this loss.

Imitating the example of Jesus who cared for Martha and Mary at the loss of their brother, our St. Patrick and St. Norbert communities seek to share in this ministry of love.



If you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss, join us on Monday, May 15, at 7 pm for short prayer service and social gathering at St. Patrick's in Malvern. The Prayer Service will be followed with a social. We will be alternating this monthly Prayer Service between our parishes. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information.

**DISCOVER JESUS' STORY  
BIBLE QUICK JOURNEY**



Have you ever tried to read the Bible cover-to-cover, but got lost in Leviticus? Want to understand salvation history while learning more about your Catholic faith? Join us this Easter Season for the 8-week **Quick Journey Through The Bible** starting April 24—June 26. These fun sessions make the complexity of the Bible simple

through an easy-to-understand narrative approach with an ingenious color-coded Bible timeline. With the **Quick Journey**, you will discover the “big picture” of Jesus’ story, his story, history of the major people, places, events and themes of Scripture. It makes reading the Bible not only easy, but exciting and fun. This is a great way to “get your feet wet” reading the Bible. **Cost:** \$20 for materials (workbook, Timeline and memory guides). **Contact:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or [mchristmyer@stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@stnorbert.org)

**50+ GROUP SPONSORS SPRING...  
NYC TRIP**

Join us Wednesday, **Apr 26**, for a “**Day On Your Own in NYC.**” Leave St. Norbert’s at 8 AM, arrive NYC at 11 in Times Square. See a Broadway show or visit the Tenement Museum (contact Moira Murphy at 610.644.1969 or [tigers.bisons@verizon.net](mailto:tigers.bisons@verizon.net)). Depart NYC at 5 PM and arrive home at 8 PM. **COST:** \$50 per person. **RESERVA-**



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St. Norbert Golf Outing  Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017

*St. Norbert*  
**GOLF**  
*Outing & Gala*

**WHITE MANOR COUNTRY CLUB  
WEDNESDAY - MAY 3, 2017  
GOLF & TENNIS, SILENT & LIVE AUCTION, DINNER**

Early bird ticket price before 4/13; Final ticket sales 4/26.

*Event Contact*  
Brooke Keith at [Butt3024@aol.com](mailto:Butt3024@aol.com)  
To donate an item to the silent or live auction,  
please contact Shannon Duzy at [sduzy@verizon.net](mailto:sduzy@verizon.net)

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**SUNDAYS**

**Apr 30—June 12** 7:15 to 8:45 PM

**TOPICS COVERED**

Anger, Depression, Loneliness, Forgiveness, Finances, Children and more . . .

**CONTACT:** Cathy Peacock at [Stepsforhealing@gmail.com](mailto:Stepsforhealing@gmail.com)

**DAYLESFORD ABBEY**

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# Around Our Parish

The turnout of all ages for our Lenten Day of Service sponsored by the 50+ Group was phenomenal. This week begins the first of a series of photos due to the extensive and expansive breadth of this growing effort. Pictured are the group that prepared cards and care packages for our troops overseas (1). The Confirmation students prepared Easter Baskets for the Bethesda Project residents that were delivered downtown to both men's and women's residences (2-3). The Birthright Baby Shower gifts were also delivered on the Service Saturday to a very appreciative group of moms (4). Blessings to all.



*Turn it Up!*

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**BEST DANCE SONGS EVER MIXER!**  
*music from yesterday and today*

Just a fun community event

**Saturday, May 6** 6:30 - 10pm

Food provided - BYOB  
\$20 per person  
\$120 per table of 8 (only 10 available)

*A great way to get your friends together!*

\$25 per person at the door  
St. Norbert Parish Activity Center

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