

February 4, 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** 4-5PM OR
 by **Appointment**
ADORATION: **Thursdays** 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do you ever feel that life is drudgery? Have you ever been ill and wondered about your place on the earth or in the lives of the people you love? Do you sometimes feel rejected or misunderstood? On this Sunday in the early moments of a new year, we reflect on the clarity, consolation, and healing we find in faith. Job muses about the meaning of life; Saint Paul relies on faith as he responds to critics; the sick rush to Jesus, and he shows us God's tender care for those who are ailing and outcast. Not only does he respond to those who come to him; he goes where they are. God seeks us out in our moments of weakness. God will always be with us in such real experiences of human life.

REAL LIFE

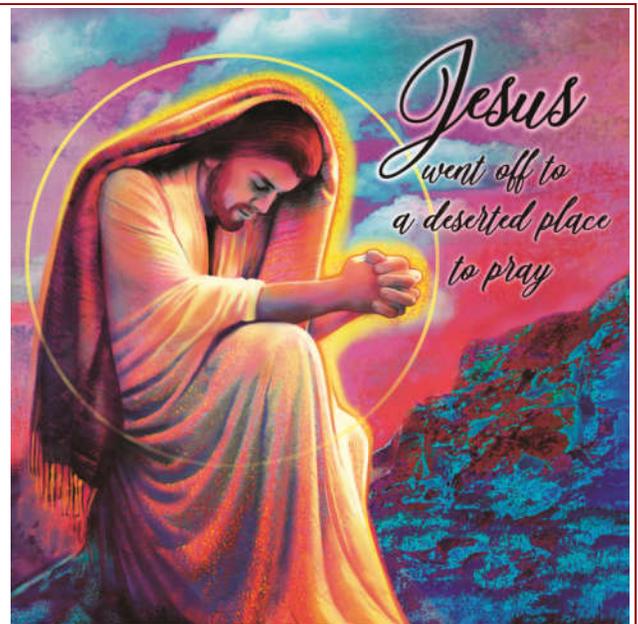
The stories we hear in today's readings are stories of real life. The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul. They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

REAL FAITH

The stories we hear today are also stories of real faith. While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

Sunday, February 4 Super Bowl

Vigil †Paula Ciesinski
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †Martha Strohman
1:30 PM Spanish Community
4 PM †Jane Kovanic

Monday, February 5

6:30 Our School Children
8:00 †Gerald McManus

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 All Parents
8:00 †Mary Catherine Young

Wednesday, February 7

6:30 Single People
8:00 †Marie Gavula

Thursday, February 8

6:30 Our Soldiers
8:00 †Paul Young

Friday, February 9

6:30 Seminarians
8:00 †Philip Reitnour

Saturday, February 10

8:00 †Stephen Scalco

Sunday, February 11

Vigil †Parents of Lillian Young
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †John E. Feiler
1:30 PM Spanish Community
6 PM †Brian Zwaan



SAVE THE DATE

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

ASHES AT ALL MASSES

6:30, 8 & 9:15 AM (SCHOOL); 7 PM

NEED HEALING?

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE:

Thursday, Feb 8, 7:30 PM

St. Norbert Church

GETHESEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY

Night: Sunday, Feb 11, 7:30 PM,

St. Norbert Oratory

GETHESEMANI ADDICTIONS PRAYER

NIGHT: Thursday, Feb 15, 7 PM,

ORATORY

**Stewardship****Responding?**

The fact that today's Gospel from Mark makes reference to Jesus curing Peter's mother-in-law would seem to point to the fact that Peter was married. However, the majority of scholars are of the opinion that the wife may have died before Peter was called by Jesus as an Apostle.

In fact, there are many misconceptions about St. Peter. For one, although often portrayed as much older, he was probably younger than Jesus. In fact all 12 Apostles were most likely younger than Jesus.

Also, Peter is often presented in paintings and movies and books as being a very old man, but historians have also concluded that Peter was martyred in Rome when he was about 66 years old. He was never the old, old man in his 80's we see quite often. All of that is secondary to a simple statement in today's Gospel about the mother-in-law. Specifically, St. Mark writes, "He (Jesus) ap-

**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, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez 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 Francis 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

REST IN PEACE: Maryann Whalen, Marie Schrier, Elizabeth Gallagher

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



proached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."

St. Matthew reveals this same fact in his Gospel (Matthew 8:15), and he writes, "He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him."

The message for us is very basic. Peter's mother-in-law responded to Jesus the same way we should when Jesus blesses us. She responded to the Lord and immediately served Him out of gratitude. That should be our motivation, and action, as well.

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HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

— John Henry Newman

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Pastor's Pulpit

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR . . .

FINDERS ...KEEPERS

When I was a kid and you found something on the street or playgrounds, you shouted "Finders keepers, losers weepers."

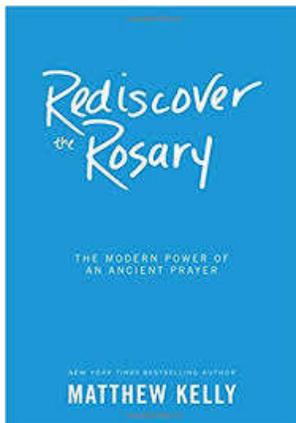
Recently, on the table outside the Oratory, I "found" the Matthew Kelly book "Rediscover the Rosary...the modern power of an ancient prayer." The author writes about his powerful experiences of praying the Rosary.

One of the chapters that caught my attention is entitled, "Every Family needs a Prayerful Giant." I would venture to guess that in families there is an individual who one would call the prayer champion or **prayerful giant**.

This is the individual who can look above the troubles of the day, the troubles of the family, the troubles of the Church, the troubles of our country and is able to turn it all over to God. Often, these are individuals who themselves have suffered a great deal in life and have been able to find peace in quiet moments of prayer. These are individuals who believe in the POWER OF PRAYER.

One of the prayerful giants in my life was Bridget Loftus Cantwell, my grandmother. I am sure that she and her "beads" and her daily Masses and prayers had something to do with where I am today.

Who are/were the prayerful giants in your life? And are you one yourself praying for friends who are in need? These lines from the book caught my attention:



"...Every family needs a cornerstone of prayer to pray for the family, now and in the future."

"...Your family needs a prayerful giant. Decide right now to accept God's invitation and challenge to become your family's prayerful giant. Start praying for everyone in your extended family. But don't stop there. Research your family tree, and start praying for generations past, as far back as you can trace. And start praying for future generations – pray for the next ten generations and beyond."

"...The Holy Spirit teaches us that the geography of our prayer should reach out to every corner of the earth and beyond."

"...Have you ever known a really prayerful person? What did you notice about that person? Your family, your parish, the Church, and the world needs you to become a prayerful giant."

I am going to suggest that we, as a parish, become prayerful giants and offer up our prayers for those in our families who for whatever reason have separated themselves from God and from the Church. I can name many in my own family who I will offer up to God in prayer. No judgment here! I simply wish to pray for individuals who have distanced themselves from the Church. Will I see results from these prayers? Maybe not in this lifetime. Maybe others will see the results. I know that I am where I am due to the prayerful giants in my life. Let's help others with our prayers.

Regarding the book I found, the parishioner who placed it on the table outside the Oratory asked me to pass it on when I am finished. So, be on the lookout and you can yell, "Finder's...Keepers!" — Father Mike



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

NEW MOVIE ABOUT ST. PAUL

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? What was St. Paul like?

There is a new movie debuting during Holy Week on Mar 28 starring James Caviezel (left in photo at right) who played Jesus in *The Passion of the Christ* and James Faulkner (right) who plays St. Paul in *Paul, Apostle of Christ*.

What about Corinth? It is set on a beautiful isthmus, about 50 miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today.

In St. Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When St. Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. St. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking St. Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).



Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites (photo left). The glory of the city St. Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries. Stay tuned for more information about the



new movie and view the preview at <http://www.paulmovie.com/site/>

News & Events

THIS LENT

GO DEEPER . . .

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUPS: Spend 9 hours this Lent changing your life by joining one of our groups who gather to read the upcoming Gospel during the week and then go deeper in exploring what God is telling us and how we can apply that to daily living. To learn



more, talk to others who have changed their lives. Sign up at all Masses this weekend at the table in the Narthex **Feb 3 & 4**. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at 610.644.1655, ext 115 or egrady@parish.stnorbert.org

LENTEN DAY OF SERVICE: Do something different this Lent by participating in our annual Lenten Day of Service on **Saturday, Mar 17**. Join numerous other parishioners



on-site at the parish campus preparing care packages for our armed services members stationed overseas, making meals for Aid for Friends, sewing projects for Alzheimer's patients and more. **Off-site** projects include activities for Birthright moms in Coatesville, maintenance and renovation at Bethesda Shelters in Philly, visits to Nursing and Extended Living people in the Paoli area and more. More information to come including contact people, projects, donations needed and more.

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL: Daylesford Abbey will hold an **Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection** on **Feb 14** that will look at the dynamics of our inner journey through crisis in life. The day begins with Morning Prayer at **8:30 AM** and includes presentation by former Abbot Ronald Rossi with Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass ending at 1:30 pm.



COST: \$30 offering per person including a light Lenten lunch. **DEADLINE:** Register by **Feb 7**. **RSVP:** 610.647.2530 ext 133 or registrations@daylesford.org

THE MEANING OF LENT: Fr. Joseph Serano of Daylesford Abbey will lead four evening Lenten presentations starting on Mondays with:

- ◆ **Feb 19: Lent: Preparing To Renew The Promises Of Our Baptism**
- ◆ **Feb 26: Lent: A Season Of Prayer, Fasting And Almsgiving**
- ◆ **Mar 5: Lent: Remembering Our Fundamental**

Call To Join The Communion Of Saints

- ◆ **Mar 12: A Closer Look At Mary: The First Christian, The First Saint**

These Daylesford Abbey evenings start with optional dinner at **5:40 PM** and presentation at **6:30 PM**. **OFFERING:** \$25 each dinner; \$15 presentation only **OR** four sessions \$90 dinner or \$50 presentations only. **RSVP:** 610.647.2530 ext 133 or registrations@daylesford.org

NEW THIS LENT . . .

CHANGES ON FRIDAYS

Fridays take on a renewed importance in Lent. This year, some elements will be different and we've added a new effort.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This year, our Diaconate candidates will be leading Friday Stations of the Cross at **6 PM**. This traditional journey with Jesus to Calvary will be led by our four men currently at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Diaconate program: Steve Martino, Hank Fila, Paul Stoyell-Horner and Tom Strohmetz. Make your plans now as an individual or a family to spend time with Jesus on the Way of the Cross for a half hour Friday nights **starting Feb 16 to Mar 23**.



FISH FRY: New this year is a parish-wide Fish Fry **Friday Mar 16 at 6 PM**. "While Poor Man's Supper has been a parish mainstay for 15 years, it seems to have lost its enthusiasm," said Fr. Mike. "Other parishes have very successful Lenten Fish Frys and we decided to focus on one evening to bring all our ministries, families, school, CaFFE religious ed and individuals together for one big evening followed by our extremely popular Youth Group Living (Continued on page 6)"



BABY SHOWER

For Birthright New Mothers

March 17 & 18



Help support mothers who decide to keep their babies. Birthright of Coatesville serves mothers 16 to 44.



You can help with: Similac Advance Formula, maternity clothes, Spring/Summer **baby clothes up to 3 T**, crib sheets, infant toys, mobiles, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, books, night lights, etc.

SPONSORS: 50+ GROUP • RESPECT LIFE

Drop off gifts in the Narthex • No need to wrap

CONTACT: Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com

Around Our Parish

The **14th Annual Xanten** retreat was special like never before. Held at Camp Sankanac in Spring City, 40 high schoolers encountered Jesus at their weekend retreat (1). Called **FOLLOW** and based on John 10:27, this retreat was all about how humanity is like sheep and are in need of a shepherd to lead, guide and take care of us (2). Teens shared the weekend together, staying in cabins, exploring the camp site and spending time in small groups, Adoration and prayer. The adult team (Andy, Madison, Clay, Erin, Mary, and Stephanie) shared their faith journeys (3) and senior members of the youth group gave witness. It was a unique and impactful weekend for all involved!

At the School, it was back-to-back “Bees” this past week. The **Annual Religion Bee** brought out parishioners and Parish Staff members to help “answer the tough questions” about our faith with the 4th and 5th graders (4).

The **Annual Spelling Bee** was won by Lauren F. with Megan E. second and Anna B. third (5). English Language Arts teachers Mrs. Riisen (left) and Mr. Weinrich (right) were moderators. Katelyn M. was “the bee.”

Over 30 people attended the **50+ Group retreat** on Jan 23. Father John Meyers, chaplain at the Malvern Retreat House, spoke on “The View from the Top of the Hill,” focusing on looking back with gratitude and looking forward with hope (6). The group also had time in Adoration, many received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass was celebrated, and there was much needed quiet time for prayer and reflection along with fellowship at breakfast and lunch (7).



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(Continued from page 4) Stations." All proceeds from the Fish Fry ticket sales will benefit the Bethesda Project which manages and oversees homeless shelters for men and women in Philadelphia. Bethesda Project was started by our former pastor and new Daylesford Abbey Abbot Domenic Rossi. Information on purchasing tickets will be available soon.

YOUTH GROUP LIVING STATIONS:

Immediately following the **Mar 16** Fish Fry, our Youth Group's Living Stations of the Cross will be held in the St. Norbert Church at **8 PM**. The Living Stations will also be held following the Youth Mass on **Sunday Mar 18** at **7:30 PM**.



BABY SHOWER AND . . .

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

The St. Norbert Respect Life Ministry **Vigil Day** at the West Chester Planned Parenthood facility will be **Wednesday, Mar 14**, the week before Palm Sunday. Stay tuned for signups for the vigil march. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com

COMING THIS LENT FROM CAFFE. . .

ENRICH UR MARRIAGE



Sign up now for a special Lenten evening for married couples on "How Can You Enrich Your Marriage in a Deeper Way?" Join us **Thursday, Feb 22**, from **7-9 PM**, in the St. Norbert school dining

hall. The evening begins with wine and cheese, followed by an inspirational talk, some quiet time with your spouse and, finally, with some takeaway Lenten resolutions to help strengthen your marriage while encountering Christ together as a couple. This evening is hosted by our CaFFE Family Life Ministry and baby sitting will be provided. **REGISTER:**

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=e4dd40>

CONTACT: Mark Griswold at 610.644.1655 ext 114 or mgriswold@parish.stnorbert.org

STARTS THIS SUNDAY . . .

POSITIVE PARENTING

Positive Parenting Playbook is a 5-week course on **Sundays, Feb 4 to March 11**, from **10:15-11:15 AM**, between our two morning Masses in the School Cafeteria. This program, led by **Lisa Corcoran**, will empower you to parent your children in ways that build up and help both parent and child grow together. **COST:** \$75 per couple and \$65 for one parent or \$20 per drop-in session if you are unable to make the entire course. Workbook \$20. Space limited.



REGISTER: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=3045a9>

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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**, 10AM-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:

Feb 8 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Room. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmktg.com
Feb 8 Prayer & Healing Night, 7:30 PM, Church
Feb 11 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday: 6:30, 8, 9:15 AM & 7 PM Masses
Feb 15 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org



60 YEARS OF . . .

ENRICHING LIFE

For 60 years, St. Norbert School (SNS) has provided an environment where students flourish academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. With Jesus as our model, self-discipline, personal responsibility, and leadership are valued at SNS as highly as the students' academic endeavors. Our SNS Annual Fund helps us to meet our financial obligations for the school's operating budget as well as to continue to improve upon the quality education we provide. This year's SNS Annual Fund goal is \$110,000. We invite you to help us carry on our mission with your tax-deductible gift that can be made online at school.stnorbert.org "Online Giving" or directly to St. Norbert School, 6 Greenlawn Road, Paoli, PA 19301. Thank you for your support.



– Fr. Mike and Mary Kay Hennessy, Principal