

# ST. NORBERT

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February 10, 2019

### MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:30PM

**SUNDAY MASSES:** 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;  
**Youth Mass** 6PM

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:30 & 8 AM; **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

REV. STEVEN J. ALBERO, O. PRAEM., PASTOR

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DEACON STEVE MARTINO

DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

### WHEN GOD APPEARS . . .

Scripture recounts several instances of God calling persons to be leaders, prophets, apostles, or for other tasks. In most of them, a divine messenger appears to someone and directs them to do X. However, in today's readings, there is no explicit directive for Isaiah to deliver God's message, or for the fishermen to follow Jesus. Instead, the accounts focus on the way that God appears. The respective calls result from the recognition of God's presence in the experience. That recognition creates an openness to whatever God might want.

### . . . OUR RESPONSE IS WHAT MATTERS

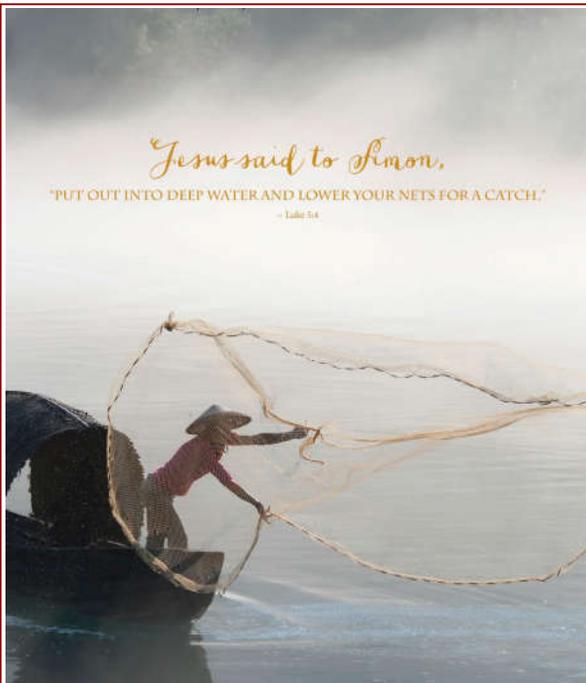
Isaiah's immediate reaction to the marvelous events he has seen was an acute awareness of his own sinfulness: "Woe is me . . . For I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5). In the ancient world, contact between holy objects or environments and profane things or persons was a contamination — human beings were thought to "contaminate" any place where God's presence was known to dwell, and hence were unclean. Only after he volunteers ("Here I am. . . send me!") [Isaiah 6:8]) does Isaiah learn what he is being asked to do.

The catch of fish in Luke lacks the color of Isaiah's theophany, but it evoked a response from Simon similar to that of Isaiah: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). He was not alone; "all those with him" were "seized" with astonishment (5:9). The overwhelming catch of fish was just as much an overwhelming experience of God for Simon as were the seraphim for the prophet Isaiah.

This is very good news for the rest of us, since our own theophanies are almost never as colorful as Isaiah's, or as dramatic as an unusually large catch of fish. But they are there, moments in our lives when we become acutely aware of God's presence and understand more clearly our own humanity and our need for God's mercy. That understanding, in turn, can make us open to how God is calling us and to what we are being called to do.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am, 'I said, 'send me!'"*  
— Isaiah 6:8

**Sunday, February 10**

5:30 PM Living & deceased members of the Young & O'Donnell families  
7:30 †Rudy Spina  
9:00 †Parishioners  
11:30 †Mario & Iolanda Melchiorre  
1:30 PM Por el alma de Ligia Maria Buitrago  
6 PM †Ruth Williamson

**Monday, February 11**

6:30 AM †Julia & Michael Valyo  
8:00 †Mary Lyons & Lord's Blessing on Corinne Kerrigan

**Tuesday, February 12**

6:30 †Harriette Blake  
8:00 †Joan Schauble

**Wednesday, February 13**

6:30 †Robert Cielinski  
8:00 †Dorothy Lee McNeila

**Thursday, February 14**

6:30 †Peter's Family in Thanksgiving  
8:00 †Edward McCarthy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**Friday, February 15**

6:30 †Elizabeth Hargadon  
8:00 †Bernadette Lalena

**Saturday, February 16**

8:00 †Anthony (Sonny) D'Agostino (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, February 17**

5:30 PM †Barbara Giannaccari  
7:30 †Parishioners  
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte  
11:30 †James McNally  
1:30 PM Por Las Almas Olvidadas  
6 PM †Margaret James

**HELP WANTED**

Fulltime experienced custodian needed at St. Norbert Parish. Experience with a wide range of trades along with routine cleaning and maintenance tasks. Ability to organize, administer and personally perform all work necessary to provide a safe, clean and well maintained environment for our parish campus, buildings, grounds and equipment.

CONTACT: Dan D'Auria,  
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Please: No phone calls

# Gratitude

## "Send Me!"

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the most high God.

The First Reading, from Isaiah, describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to



## PRAYERS & READINGS



**PRAY FOR HEALING:** Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Julian D'Orazio, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi,

Guillermo Maldonado, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravec, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Joseph Morelli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker, Layne McHugh, Deborah Nagle, J.D. Sobota, McKenzie Mahers, Ana Maria Bertsch, Guillermo Lopez, Jimmie Costello

**REST IN PEACE:** Angelo Siciliano

**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

Pvt. **Matthew Cross**, USA; Pvt. Jessica **Flowers** USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Lt. Col. **James Merenda**, USAF; Lt. **Nicholas Prestipino**, USA; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; Maj. **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA, Lt. Col. **Keith Benedict**, USA



deepen our stewardship way of life.

As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!" [catholicsteward.com](http://catholicsteward.com)

**MANUP PHILLY**  
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**Saturday, Mar 9**  
**Neumann Univ,**  
**Aston, PA**  
**Matthew Kelly**  
**Ron Jaworski**  
**Deacon Harold**  
**Burke-Sivers**  
**Mark Forrest**  
**ManUpPhilly.com**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

## From Fr. Steve

### ON YOUR JOURNEY. . .

## MEETING GOD

Have you ever heard the term “Meeting people where they are?”

What exactly does that mean? It operates on several levels. It can be as simple as meeting or getting to know someone better by being in their environment, workplace, or community. Emotionally, it can mean finding out more about them by listening, watching, asking questions seeking to know them better. It can also be about meeting them where they are in their journey of life, experiences, or spirituality.

How about “Meeting God?”

In this week’s chapter of Dr. Edward Sri’s book, *“Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ”* (pages 61-69, we explore **“Meeting God in the Valley.”** Dr. Sri writes:

*“...the process of being conformed to Christ is not an easy one. And it doesn’t happen overnight. Through the course of life, we slowly learn what it means to live like Jesus, how to follow him, and how to be more virtuous and grow in holiness. And all along the way, we learn a most important lesson: the whole process of being changed into Christ’s likeness is ultimately God’s work.*

*“We may know this in our head, ‘Yes, I am a sinner filled with many weaknesses. I need God’s*



*help. I can’t do this on my own.’ But do we know this deep in our hearts? Do we live from this conviction day by day, moment by moment, in all we do? Being formed as Christian disciples involves learning how to live from this fundamental truth about how we are completely dependent on God and learning how to rely on God’s grace for all we do, not just in ‘in times of need.’ After all, Jesus didn’t say, ‘Apart from me you can do only fifty percent.’ He said, ‘Apart from me you can do **nothing**’ (John 15:5, emphasis added by author). Only someone who is utterly convinced of this*

*truth and who lives from this truth – not just in his head but at the core of his being – can fully progress as a disciple of the Lord.”*

This chapter of *Into His Likeness*, reminded me of Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. ...He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod

and your staff comfort me.”

In our hustle and bustle world, taking quiet time to determine where you are in your walk through the valley with God can be intimidating yet rewarding. Take the time.

– Fr. Steve

**Question for the week:** What keeps you from facing the honest truth about yourself and allowing God to meet you as you are, with all your sins, wounds, and poverty?

**NEXT WEEK:** “Drunk With Love” pages 71-93 in Dr. Sri’s book *“Into His Likeness.”*



## RESPECT LIFE NOW!

Dear Parishioners:

On Jan 22, the day of the March for Life in Washington, DC, and the anniversary of the US Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, a Catholic, signed into law the Reproductive Health Act, which he fully supported. This new law with few restrictions now permits abortions during any week of pregnancy.

I sincerely apologize to you that during last weekend’s Masses, there was no mention of this disturbing news nor any special prayers for the faithful offered for this tragic legislation and its implications.

Several parishioners approached me regarding this issue and one summed up what we should all be feeling during this disheartening time:

“I am saddened and broken hearted that no priest spoke this weekend or at the very least, prayers of the faithful, on the tragic and horrific law passed in NY and the same law being considered by many other states on infanticide, the killing of infants all the way up to birth.

“It is up to us as Catholics, and Christians, to condemn this legislation and to uphold the dignity of human life. This is **NOT** a political issue. This is a moral issue and the responsibility of every one of us, including the clergy, to stand up on that mountain and declare the



truths of what Jesus Christ asks us to uphold. The Apostles were martyred for defending and preaching in the name of Jesus.

“My daughter gave birth on Saturday evening to a precious little baby girl. As I held that beautiful baby in my arms, I can’t imagine who would not want to defend her life! Every person both born and in the womb is made in the image and likeness of God.

“No follower of Jesus Christ should stand quietly while abortion takes hold and where murder is acceptable. We need to bombard Heaven as well with prayers. We have a huge crisis here.

“Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Chairman of the US Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued a statement<sup>1</sup> on Friday of which he said:

**“This legislation is evil, pure and simple. ... Now is the time for all Catholics-bishops, priests, and laity-to fight for the unborn (born) with renewed vigor. We must educate family, friends, legislators, and fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn (born), children...”**

“The silence in our church this weekend on probably the most horrific crisis in humanity was deafening!”

Let us pray and work to end this evil. — Fr. Steve

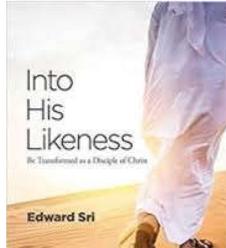
<sup>1</sup> <http://www.usccb.org/news/2019/19-026.cfm>

# News & Events

## LENTEN SMALL GROUPS . . .

### FAITHFUL CONNECTIONS

Start making your plans for our **Faithful Connections** Lenten small groups. Signups will be held the weekends of **Feb 16 & 17** and **23 & 24** in the Narthex. This year, the small groups will reflect on the Sunday Gospels as they relate to Dr. Edward Sri's book *Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ*. Faithful Connections groups will start the weekend of Mar 2 & 3. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at [egrady@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:egrady@parish.stnorbert.org) or 610.644.1655 ext 131



## CAFFE FAMILY LIFE PRESENTS

### PARENTING JOY

Join Lisa Corcoran for the **5 Steps to Bring the Joy Back to Parenting** Monday, Feb 25 from 6:30 – 8 pm in the St. Norbert Dining Hall with optional evenings on Monday nights Mar 4 – Apr 1.

Parents will learn to:

- ♦ **Understand** the motive behind your child's behavior
- ♦ **Motivate** through encouragement
- ♦ **Develop** active listening skills
- ♦ **Disciple** without yelling
- ♦ **Solve** problems effectively

Husbands and wives are encouraged to attend together.

**COST:** Opening night ONLY \$25 per person/\$35 per couple; **5 Week Seminar:** \$125 a person/\$235 per couple; **Drop-ins** welcome: \$30 per class. Scholarship opportunities: contact Mark Griswold at [mgriswold.parish.stnorbert.org](http://mgriswold.parish.stnorbert.org)

**REGISTER:**

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

**CONTACTS:** Lisa Corcoran at [mom9x@verizon.net](mailto:mom9x@verizon.net)

Also view [parentingplaybook.net](http://parentingplaybook.net)

Mark Griswold at 610.644.1655 ext 114 or [mgriswold@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mgriswold@parish.stnorbert.org)

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT . . .

### FOR EVERYONE

Everyone can benefit from knowing the warning signs, changes in behavior, and how to protect our children from any kind of abuse. Our Safe Environment class is a must for parents, grandparents, and anyone working with children. Sign up now for the **Feb 20, 7-9:30 PM** St. Norbert Safe Environment class in the School cafeteria. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at [egrady@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:egrady@parish.stnorbert.org) or 610.644.1655 ext 131

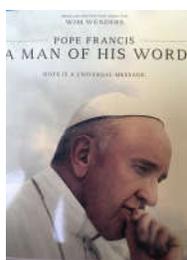


**REGISTER:** [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

## CLOSED . . .

### WEEKEND OFF

Our Kingdom Junction tot's ministry will be closed President's weekend, **Sunday, Feb 17**, during the **9 AM** Mass. We will be open all other Sundays. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking 2-4 additional volunteers to help in this important effort for our children. **CONTACT:** Kim Savage at 610.513.9094 or Joanne Williamson at [auntjoey33@aol.com](mailto:auntjoey33@aol.com)



## 50+ GROUP EVENT:

### MOVIE NIGHT

Join the 50+ Group to view the acclaimed movie, **Pope Francis: A Man of His Word** on Friday, Feb 22. **6 PM** Narthex – pizza & refreshments; **6:45 PM** Oratory – movie; Rated PG for thematic material including images of suffering. Some material may not be suitable for children. **COST:** \$10/person. **CONTACT:** Linda Schiavone [linda@schiaivone.com](mailto:linda@schiaivone.com) and Vince Schiavone [vincent@schiaivone.com](mailto:vincent@schiaivone.com)

**REGISTRATION**

Pope Francis: A Man of His Word

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/person, cash or check payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group)

## 50+ GROUP TOUR

### VISIT THE BARNES

Join the **50+Group** for a Barnes Foundation tour **Saturday, Apr 27, 10 AM – 2 PM**. Self-guided tour at your own pace. **COST:** \$33 per person. **LUNCH:** On your own. **TRAVEL:** Car or train. **DEADLINE:** Thursday, Apr 11. **CONTACTS:** Jane Donegan 610.687.5174 or Carol Coyne Shannahan 610.715.4622



**REGISTRATION**

Barnes Tour, Thursday, April 27 10 AM-2 PM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$33/person, cash or check payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group)

**DROP OFF OR MAIL** completed form with payment to the Parish Office (50 Leopard Road, Paoli PA 19301) no later than **Thursday, Apr 11**. If the Office is closed, just use the mail slot next to the front door.

# Around Our Parish

**Catholic Schools Week** was chock full of the breadth and depth of Faith, Academic Excellence and Service at our St. Norbert School. Among many events (Book Fair, Pizza Bingo, ice cream social and more) was a **Nickels for JD** fundraiser that

collected over \$5,000 for one of our 3rd Graders undergoing a special procedure recently at Stanford Medical School (1-3). A **Religion Bee** was held with Parish Office Staff and Grand VIPs joining 4th & 5th Graders (4-6). **Chinese Acrobats** wowed the crowd with feats of amazing juggling, balancing and contortions (7-9). St. Norbert high school girls varsity CYO team celebrated **Senior Night** recently (10). Seniors (with flowers) have been friends since Kindergarten (not pictured Coach Ed Morris). Last Sunday was the **CaFFE Monthly Religious Education** Family Program where over 50 families and 150 total parents and kids gathered (11-13). **Marsha & Manny Menendez** shared their experiences and work at Bethesda Project where they have done just about everything from home improvement projects, serving, fundraising, delivering food and more. Following the talk, the entire group made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Valentines Day cards for the residents. Great work CaFFE families!



**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY ...**

# EXPERIENCING LOSS?



The Spring sessions will be held on Tuesdays, **April 9** ending **May 14**, from **7-8:30 PM**, at **St. Norbert's**. This ministry is a joint effort with St. Patrick's of Malvern.

**CONTACT:** Sharon at 301.775.5709 or [sholea44@gmail.com](mailto:sholea44@gmail.com) at St. Norbert's

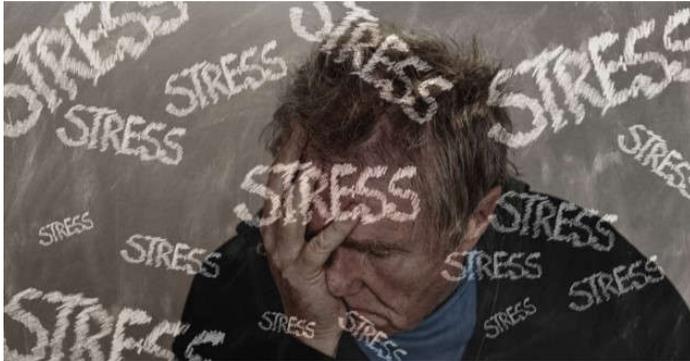
or Pat at 610.647.8280 or [pandwb@verizon.net](mailto:pandwb@verizon.net) at St. Patrick's.



## FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND COFFEE!

Join St. Norbert's Young Adult Ministry and Deacon John Lozano of St. Norbert's Catholic Community to discuss discipleship:  
- Thursday, February 28, 2019  
- Burlap and Bean in Newtown Square  
- Event Begins at 7:00pm

LEARN MORE & RSVP: [WWW.TIN4URL.COM/NORBSFFC2019](http://WWW.TIN4URL.COM/NORBSFFC2019)



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION ...**

# STRESSED?

*Navigating The Stresses In Your Life* will be a special presentation by **Dr. John Novielli**, a Norbertine Associate and Psychologist on **Monday, Mar 11** at **10 AM** in the St. Norbert Parish Office Meeting, 1st floor.

Dr. Novielli, who is in private practice in Devon, will give an introductory presentation looking at how the major factors of stress can lead to uncertainty, tension, confusion and the misinterpretation of facts. Learn how stress can lead to health issues that shorten your life, and make your best intentions towards family members, children and others, often miss their mark. **RSVP Required.**

**CONTACT:** Ann Simpson 610.644.1655 ext 110 or [asimpson@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:asimpson@parish.stnorbert.org)

**BETHESDA DRIVERS NEEDED**

To deliver casseroles in Philly. Approximately 2 hours 1 day a month. **CONTACT:** Carol Woolsey 610.293.0277 or [carolawoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:carolawoolsey@gmail.com)



## Mardi Gras Madness

**SATURDAY, MAR 30**

**6-10:30 PM**

**BARN AT LISETER**

<http://school.stnorbert.org/events/sns-2019-fundraiser-mardi-gras-madness/>



**SAVE THE DATE**

**50+ GROUP**  
**Mardi Gras**  
**Happy Hour**  
**Mar 5, 4-6 PM**  
**Lumbrada Cocina Mexicana**  
**821 W. Lancaster Ave, Devon**  
**CONTACT: Jane Donegan 610.687.5174**

## CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS

**VILLA MARIA ACADEMY**

**Distinguished Honors:** Hannah Posca

**First Honors:** Kate Fitzgerald, Caroline McDonald

**Second Honors:** Alessia Ginnandrea, Kristen Kucia, Annie Mulqueen

**MERION MERCY ACADEMY**

**Distinguished Honors:** Kirsten A. Grey

**Honors:** Mary Schrieber, Sarah Ix, Kelly O'Connor