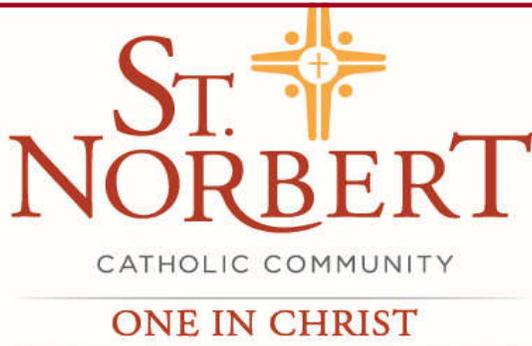


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### **MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**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

### **CLERGY**

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**REV. CARL W. BRASCHOSS, O.PRAEM., SPANISH MASS**

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## **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Imagine waking up one day to find a sore or scab and knowing that your life could be forever changed! From the time of Moses, those who were found with persistent skin diseases (known at the time as leprosy) were separated from the community, isolated from family and friends, judged by others and kept apart. What faith the man in today's Gospel must have had to approach Jesus! He not only put his physical life in Jesus' hands, he trusted that the Lord would look at him with mercy rather than judgment, that Jesus would see him rather than his disease. Jesus looks on us with mercy as well, and waits for us to cry out, "If you wish, you can make me clean." The man is a model of faith, and of the witness of one who cannot help but declare the power of God. He acted as Saint Paul urged the community in Corinth to do, giving glory to God through his actions.

### **OUT AND IN**

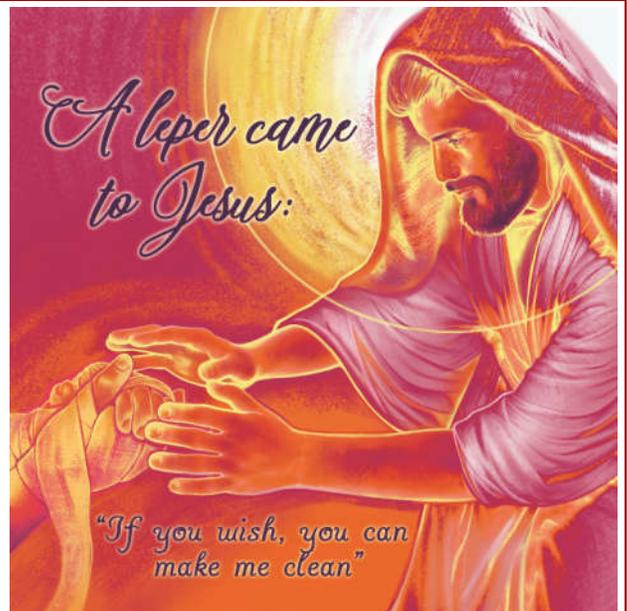
The leper who had been cast out was healed. He was suddenly free to interact with others, to dwell with family, to rejoice in the company of friends. He encountered the healing, merciful love of Christ and found new life. The one who healed him, Jesus, was made to stay outside of the towns and villages to which he went, surrounded by people who needed his healing touch. Jesus' love is greater than whatever might trouble us. He looks with compassion on those who are broken, breaking himself open for the sake of others. Jesus puts himself in the place of those who are in need. Those who are on the margins of life or of the faith community are held closely in the loving gaze of the Lord. Those who are ill are assured of God's care and compassion. Those who are weak find strength in Christ, who is ever ready to attend to the needs of the hurting, lost, and broken.

### **ACT IN FAITH, ACT ON FAITH**

In what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life? The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. — 1 Corinthians 10:31

**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

**Monday, February 12**

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

**Tuesday, February 13**

6:30 Our First Responders  
8:00 †Dorothy McNeila

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**

6:30 †Mary Soloway  
8:00 †Alfred & Josephine Masapollo  
9:15 Mary Mother of God  
7 PM †Ernest & Pierina Martino

**Thursday, February 15**

6:30 †David Hill  
8:00 †Mary Catherine Young

**Friday, February 16**

6:30 Archbishop Chaput  
8:00 †Janet Hogan

**Saturday, February 17**

8:00 †Ann DellaFave

**Sunday, February 18**

Vigil †Charles Young  
7:30 Parishioners  
9:00 †Brian Zwaan  
11:30 †James T. Sullivan  
1:30 PM Por Las Almas Dei Purgatorio  
6 PM †Lee Thomas Senior

SAVE THE DATE

**ASH WEDNESDAY****FEBRUARY 14****ASHES AT ALL MASSES****6:30, 8 & 9:15 AM (SCHOOL); 7 PM****NEED HEALING?****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****Einstein Says**

Often one of our human weaknesses has to do with us believing or thinking we know better than God in relation to what we do and what we do in relation to others. Of course, part of that has to do with our failure to pray and consult the Lord, or even more to make no effort to understand what God may be telling us.

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, we hear about Jesus curing a leper. In His instructions to the cured man, He says, "See that you tell no one anything." Of course, the man pays no attention to this instruction from the Lord. Instead, "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter."

Surely the man meant well; in fact, he probably thought he was helping Jesus, but the reality as stated in the Gospel is that his disobedience hindered the ministry of Jesus, "so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." We need to obey the

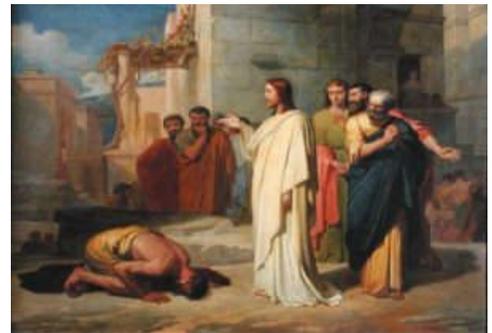
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**PRAYERS & READINGS**

**PRAY FOR HEALING:** Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fulam, 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, Lonzo 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:** Ric hard Mott**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



Lord, and we should never think we have a better plan than He does.

Even the eminent scientist, Albert Einstein, recognized how important Jesus' teachings are. Einstein said, "As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene — no one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life." © catholicsteward.com

**A BOOK TO READ**

*There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.*

— G. K. Chesterton

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

# Pope Francis Speaks

2018 LENTEN MESSAGE . . .

## JOURNEY TO HOLINESS

Citing “end times” language from the Bible, false prophets peddling mesmerizing monetary pleasures, spiritual sloth and more, Pope Francis called on all of us to return to deeper prayer, almsgiving and fasting this Lent. The following excerpts are from Pope Francis’ 2018 Lenten Message and can be read in its entirety at <http://saltandlighttv.org/blogfeed/getpost.php?id=79507>

**“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold.”** —Mt 24:12

“...These words (Mt 24:12) appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.”



### FALSE PROPHETS

“...They can appear as ‘snake charmers,’ who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves and end up entrapped by loneliness!

“False prophets can also be ‘charlatans,’ who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly ‘virtual’ existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us.

### A COLD HEART

“...In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that

indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

“More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, ‘the root of all evil’ (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own ‘certainties’: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations. ... The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.”

### WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

“...Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often-bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

“By devoting more time to **prayer**, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and He wants us to live life well.

“**Almsgiving** sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for



each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! ...

“**Fasting** weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.”

### THE FIRE OF EASTER

“... [T]ake up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm... If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.”

— FRANCIS

# News & Events

## 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-Mulholland 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

**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 Fries 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 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**

## 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.



**CONTACT:** Ed Grady at 610.644.1655, ext 115 or [egrady@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto: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 a 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. **RSVP:** 610.647.2530 ext 133 or [registrations@daylesford.org](mailto: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** (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.



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# Around Our Parish

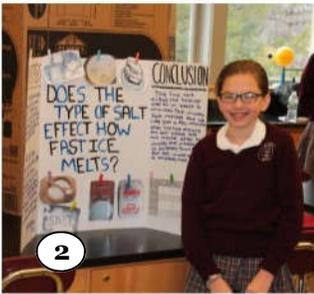
It was a busy Catholic Schools Week starting with the Sunday **Science Fair** (1-4) with our budding scientists and inventors. **Crazy 8s** dress up day saw the teachers wearing even crazier outfits than the students (5-7). The annual **Nickels to Knock Out Cancer** raised over \$1,600 (8-10).



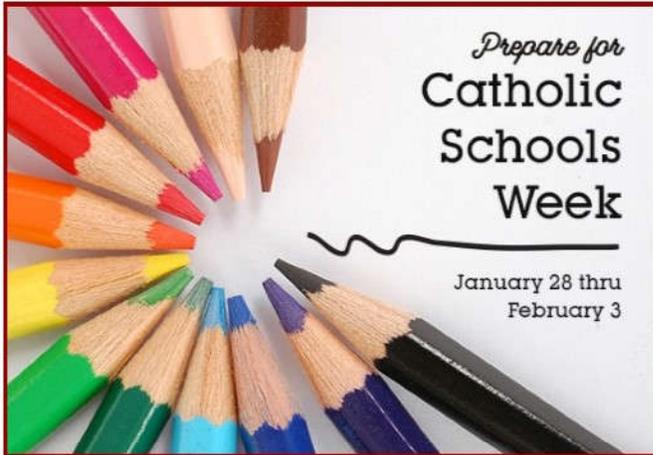
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- ♦ **Feb 26: Lent: A Season Of Prayer, Fasting And Almsgiving**
- ♦ **Mar 5: Lent: Remembering Our Fundamental Call To Join The Communion Of Saints**
- ♦ **Mar 12: A Closer Look At Mary: The First Christian, The First Saint**

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



## ALL LIVES MATTER . . .

# 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](mailto: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>

# 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](mailto:mcgowanlh@gmail.com); **Young Adults Faith Sharing**, 7:30-9 PM, Parish Office Lower Level, **CONTACT:** Hank Fila at [hankfila@gmail.com](mailto:hankfila@gmail.com) or 610.513.9768  
**Wednesdays:** **Outreach Food Procurement Distribution**, 10AM-1:30PM, Narthex; **Christian Practice of Yoga** 10:30-11:30AM, 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 14 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Ashes at ALL Masses**  
**6:30, 8 & 9:15 AM SCHOOL; 7 PM**

**Feb 14 Knights of Columbus** 7:30-9 PM, School Dining Room.  
**Feb 15 That Man Is You!** 6-7:30 AM, School Library.  
**CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at [tcancelmo@btcmktg.com](mailto:tcancelmo@btcmktg.com)  
**Feb 15 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night**, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or [mchristmyer@stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@stnorbert.org)  
**Feb 17 Respect Life Ministry** 8:45-10 AM, Parish Office Dining Room.  
**Feb 22 Enrich Your Marriage This Lent**, 7-9 PM. School Dining Hall

## DROP IN THIS SUNDAY . . .

# POSITIVE PARENTING

Four weeks left in the *Positive Parenting Playbook* course on **Sundays, till 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.



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

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE . . .

# REVOLUTIONARY

Save the date for a guided tour of the Museum of the American Revolution, **Saturday, April 21, 10 AM**. **COST:** \$22. **CONTACT:** Joan Reed [joanhreed@yahoo.com](mailto:joanhreed@yahoo.com) or 610.358.4449 or Carol Shanahan at [coy498@aol.com](mailto:coy498@aol.com) or 610.715.4622. Registration form at **StNorbert.org** 50+ Group event.

