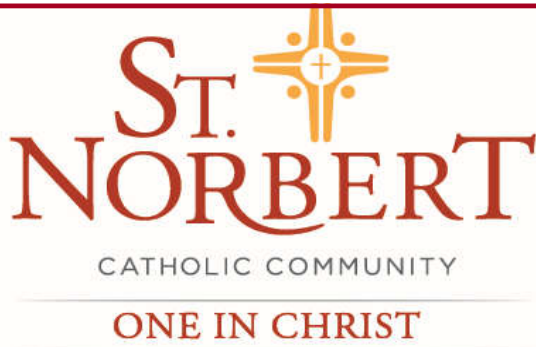


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### **MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**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** 3:30-5 PM OR  
by Appointment

**ADORATION:** Thursdays 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

### **CLERGY**

**REV. MICHAEL J. LEE, O.PRAEM., PASTOR**

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

**DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO**

**DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. This week is about beloved sons, Isaac and Jesus. In the first reading from Genesis, Abraham is told to sacrifice his only son. He prepares to do just that. The reading from Romans reminds us that God's only Son was sacrificed for us. In the passage from Mark's Gospel, the disciples are shown that Jesus is God's beloved Son. In each of these readings a beloved son is brought to the brink of death. Abraham's obedience and trust in God is tested. Jesus is not tested but revealed to his disciples, who do not understand what they are seeing. Abraham and the disciples are told to listen. By listening they are brought beyond death into life. Our Lenten preparation is about listening for the word of God even when, like Abraham and the disciples, we are asked to do what we think we cannot do.

### **TESTING...TESTING...TESTING**

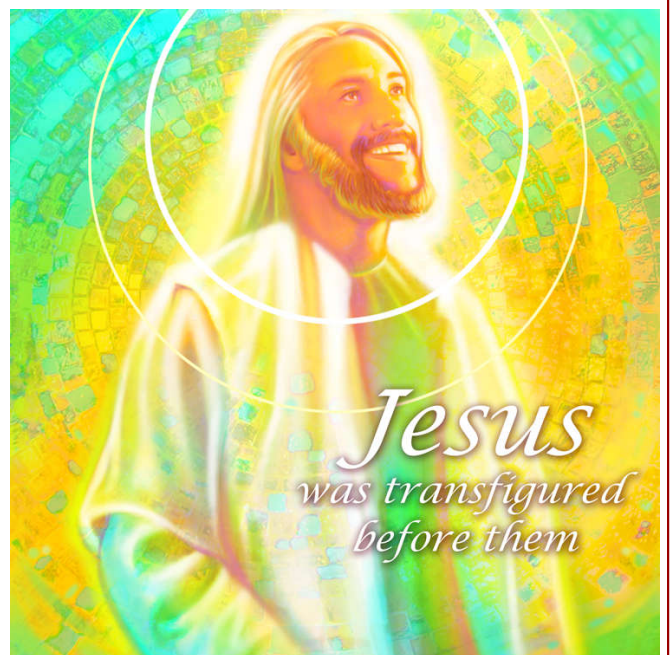
Often it can seem as if our faith is being tested. We can be asked, like Abraham, how much we are willing to sacrifice in obedience to God's call. Abraham appeared willing to sacrifice his most precious gift, his son, Isaac. Abraham went so far as to take the knife with which he could have ended his son's life. But God did not ask that of him. God asked only that he be willing and that he continue to listen. In Mark, it is the disciples who are tested to understand the vision that they are given of Jesus, visibly transformed from an ordinary man like themselves to beloved Son of God. Peter, impulsive Peter, speaks and plans an action. He is rebuked and told to listen. The test is not about action. The test is to listen.

### **LISTEN**

Both Abraham and the disciples are called to listen. Abraham's action is stopped by a message from God. Isaac is spared because Abraham listened for the ongoing word of God in the midst of the most awful moment of his life. Peter's action is halted by the voice of God telling him to listen. The disciples listen but do not understand what Jesus tells them about his resurrection. But they do listen. How difficult is it for us to listen for the word of God amid the noise of daily life, the necessary and unnecessary chatter of work and home and all the places in between. How can we hear the word of God within the cacophony of our lives? We must listen. We listen by our intentional effort to create a place of peace and quiet within our lives that we maintain despite the noise that surrounds us. We build an ark to ride out the flood. We maintain a spring to survive in the desert. We hold dear our most sacred possession, the self that Jesus died to save, while still being willing to sacrifice it for God's call.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

*If God is for us, who can be against us?* — Romans 8:31b

**Sunday, February 25**

Vigil †Paul Young  
7:30 Our Parishioners  
9:00 †Felice DiFrancesco  
11:30 †Brian Zwaan  
1:30 PM †Mario Betancourt  
6 PM †Helen Holmes

**Monday, February 26**

6:30 †Maryann Whalen  
8:00 †Mario Melchiorre & Iolanda Melchiorre

**Tuesday, February 27**

6:30 †Eileen Casey  
8:00 †Jonathan Lucks

**Wednesday, February 28**

6:30 †Carl DiValerio  
8:00 †Loretta Cimeo

**Thursday, March 1**

6:30 †Mr. & Mrs. Robert Powelson  
8:00 †Mary Catherine Young

**Friday, March 2**

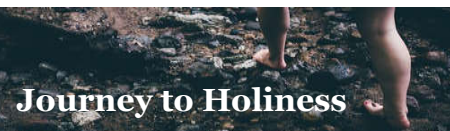
6:30 †Gene Ciminelli  
8:00 †J. Lynne Cliggett Wilkins  
9:00 †Betty Aquilante

**Saturday, March 3**

8:00 †Mary Lyons and the Lord's Blessing on Corrine Kerrigan

**Sunday, March 4**

Vigil †Caroline Cerabona  
7:30 †Florence DiMonte  
9:00 †Brian Zwaan  
11:30 †Edward J. Carney, Jr.  
1:30 PM Por Las Almas Del Purgatorio  
6 PM Our Parishioners

**Journey to Holiness****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****“Not Guilty!”**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts notes regarding all the Books of the Bible. In its introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans (our Second Reading), the USCCB says, “Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook.”

Paul's Letter to the Romans is in fact the longest of his letters in the New Testament (Romans is more than 7,000 words; that is much shorter, of course, than the shortest Gospel, Mark, which is still more than 11,000 words.) However, as stated by the Bishops, the Letter to the Romans explained in a more detailed way Paul's theology and spirit-

**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 Rossmeis, 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:** Harold Miller

**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

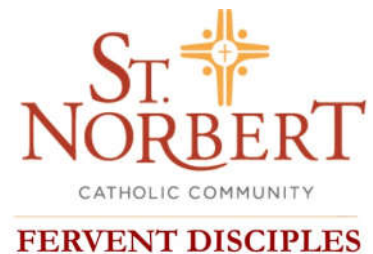
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uality than any other letter.

Regardless the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us are familiar, but which has great meaning: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us.

We understand that we will be judged. Paul's point is if we are judged “not guilty” by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25;

**Alternate readings (Year A):**

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

# Pastor's Pulpit

**BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON . . .**

## DEACON'S JOURNEY

Last month we shared the history of the Permanent Deacon. This month: How does one become a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia? According to Archdiocesan guidelines:

To be considered for admission, a man must reside within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and be between the ages of 29–55 years old. The applicant should have received all the Sacraments of initiation, be of sound moral character, mature faith, possess a sense of vocation to service, and have a history of steady employment and financial security. A married man should be married at least five years, have the consent and full support of his wife, and whose children are of such an age so as not to be unduly affected by their father's pursuit of a life with special apostolic commitments. If single, the applicant has a stable life with a history of healthy relationships and is willing to order his life toward a commitment of celibacy. If ordained, the deacon serves the Archbishop of Philadelphia 10-12 hours each week in an assignment given to him.

The process itself takes seven years from discernment to ordination. The first year is called **"Inquiry"** and this year is time spent discerning, learning about the diaconate, and evaluation. If called to proceed, the second year is called **"Aspirancy"** which is a year of intense discernment for you and your spouse (if married). This includes weekly evening classes at the Seminary, Spirituality Conferences, and Days of Recollection/Workshops. After Aspirancy, applicants become **"Candidates"** and continue study and discernment. Study includes five years of formal education through St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (Years 1-5) which are held on a weekly, semester basis (10 total classes). During this five-year period there are also monthly workshops, summer service opportunities and annual retreats.



Pope Francis to Deacons: *One who serves cannot hoard his free time, he has to give up the idea of being master of his day. ...Dear Deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.*

After Year 2, candidates may be seen at Mass wearing an alb (white garment) when lecturing as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or as an acolyte. During the final year, candidates complete comprehensive examinations and participate in a week-long retreat to ensure they are ready to serve the Archbishop and Archdiocese and be ordained as a **"Permanent Deacon."**

**INTERESTED:** If you are interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, the Archdiocese will hold an information night during the month of April. Also, our deacons and diaconate candidates would welcome the opportunity to speak to you:

**Deacon John Lozano**  
**Deacon Bill Masapollo** (retired)  
**Steve Martino** (Year 5)  
**Hank Fila** (Year 3)  
**Paul Stoyell-Mulholland** (Year 3)  
**Tom Strohmets** (Year 1)

**Next month:** *"How does a Permanent Deacon serve in the Catholic Church?"*

**Note:** Fr. Mike is away returning March 3.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

## ON TOP OF MT. TABOR



The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about 1,500 feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924. The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. Pilgrims arrive at the summit by bus or can take the 4,300 steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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# News & Events

## POPE FRANCIS' CALL MARCH 9-10 . . .

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

*"I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. 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."* said Pope Francis recently.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. Inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness," our 24 Hours for the Lord will take place from **Friday, March 9** following the Stations of the Cross at **6 PM** through Saturday afternoon ending before the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass. Signups will be held the weekend of March 3-4.

## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES . . .

### DEEPEN YOUR JOURNEY

**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 Strohmets. 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 February 16 to March 23**.



### FISH FRY

**FISH FRY:** New this year is a parish-wide Fish Fry **Friday March 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. "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."

**Cost:** \$10 per meal. No children's portions, but one serving easily serves two children. All tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance. Bring your family or takeout. No tickets sold at the door. **BUY TICKETS NOW AT:** <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=46335a>

**YOUTH GROUP LIVING STATIONS:** Immediately following the **Mar 16** Fish Fry, in the St. Norbert Church at **8 PM**. The Living Stations will also be held following the Youth Mass on **Sunday, March 18** at **7:30 PM**.

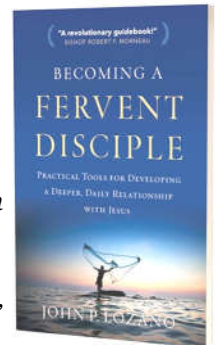


## BOOK NOW AVAILABLE. . .

### FOLLOWING JESUS

*"Theory is one thing, practice another. While sketching out Pope Francis' hope and dream that we all become missionary disciples, Deacon John Lozano describes the ways and means of doing this in a practical, pastoral, and challenging fashion. A revolutionary guidebook!"*

— Bishop Robert F. Morneau, Green Bay, WI



Deacon John Lozano's new book is available through Twenty-Third Publications, Amazon.com or at the Parish Office. Let's support John and bring home the important message he gives us in this new book.

### THE MEANING OF LENT

Fr. Joseph Serano of Daylesford Abbey will lead three more evening Lenten presentations starting on Mondays:

- ♦ **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. **RSVP:** 610.647.2530 ext 133 or [registrations@daylesford.org](mailto:registrations@daylesford.org)



## 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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# PARISH MORNING OF LENTEN SERVICE

☘ Saturday, March 17 ☘

Mass 8 AM

Coffee & Light Breakfast 8:30 - 9 AM

Service Projects 9—11 AM

Join us for a fun St. Patrick's Day morning and serve those in need.

Projects on-site and in surrounding area.

**SIGNUP:** Narthex tables after all weekend Masses March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>



## ON-SITE PROJECTS IN SCHOOL DINING HALL

### Care Packages for the Troops

**CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill [marianneo219@gmail.com](mailto:marianneo219@gmail.com)

### Card Making for the Military & Senior Citizens

**CONTACT:** Cecily Getz [Cgetz@comcast.net](mailto:Cgetz@comcast.net)

### Individual Meal Prep for Aid For Friends

**CONTACT:** Nina Gallacher [ngallacher9@aol.com](mailto:ngallacher9@aol.com)

### Maintenance of St. Norbert's Campus

**CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill [marianneo219@gmail.com](mailto:marianneo219@gmail.com)

### Fidget Square Making for Alzheimer's Patients

**CONTACT:** Laura Nicholas [nichlaslaura1@gmail.com](mailto:nichlaslaura1@gmail.com)

## OFF-SITE PROJECTS

### Bethesda Shelters Maintenance & Renovation

**CONTACT:** Manny & Marsha Menendez [marsha@menendezfamily.com](mailto:marsha@menendezfamily.com)

### Visits to Highgate & Daylesford Crossing

**CONTACT:** Kay Wasson: [wassonmk@yahoo.com](mailto:wassonmk@yahoo.com)

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Please drop off in the Narthex after weekend Masses **March 10-11**

**Non-perishable foods:** Beef jerky, peanut butter in plastic jars,

Tasty Cakes, individual sized bags salty snacks, power bars, chewing gum

**Comfort and fun:** Playing cards, magazines, pre-paid phone cards, athletic socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Q-Tips, hand and foot warmers

**Monetary donations** also welcome to cover shipping

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**MOTHER & DAUGHTER . . .**

**FASHION SHOW**

Join other Moms and Daughters **Sunday, March 18**, at Overbrook Golf Club from **10:30 AM to 3 PM** for a shopping extravaganza with area top vendors. Spring fashions by Polka Dots and Francesca's modeled by St. Norbert moms, daughters and teachers. 20% of all sales will be donated to the School Annual Fund. **CONTACT:** Jackie O'Connor at 484.995.8442 or [jackieoconnor9104@gmail.com](mailto:jackieoconnor9104@gmail.com) **RESERVE SEATS** at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-st-norbert-school-mother-daughter-spring-fashion-show-luncheon-and-shopping-event-tickets-42356097227>



**MAKE PLANS NOW . . .**

**SAVING BABIES**

Tour the Legacy for Life Foundation in Media with the Respect Life Ministry on **Saturday, April 21**. Meet the staff that has supported over 1,500 mothers who have chosen life for their infants. See firsthand how women are helped throughout their pregnancies and for at least three years after their babies are born. You will be inspired with what you see and learn. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at [honorajackson@gmail.com](mailto:honorajackson@gmail.com) **SIGNUPS:** Narthex weekends of April 7-8 and 14-15.



**REGISTER NOW . . .**

**MAN UP PHILLY**

The 10th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference will be held **Saturday, Mar 3, 7:30 AM** at the Neumann University, Aston, PA. Featured speakers this year include:



♦ **Seth Joyner**, former Eagles player



♦ **Jim Towey**, President of Ave Maria University and former personal attorney for Mother Teresa



♦ **Brian Gail**, co-founder of three Catholic classical academies and a media entrepreneur



♦ **Don Saleski**, Flyer's great



♦ **Mark Forrest**, acclaimed Irish Tenor



♦ **Marty Rotella**, Grammy-nominated musician  
For more information on the speakers or to register go to: [manupphilly.com/registration/](http://manupphilly.com/registration/)

**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. Signups March 3 & 4 and 11 & 12 in the Narthex. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at [jacksonhonora@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonhonora@gmail.com)



**JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULTS FOR:**

**FAITH & COFFEE**

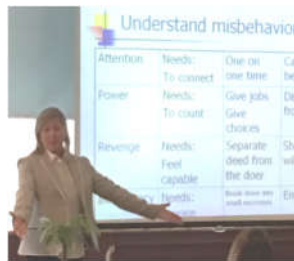


Meet St. Norbert Young Adults at our very first Coffee House on **Thursday, March 8** at **7:30 PM** at the **Burlap and Bean** in Newtown Square (not Media). New Abbot Domenic Rossi from Daylesford Abbey will lead an open Question & Answer discussion. Abbot Domenic founded Bethesda Project outreach to the homeless in Philly, served as pastor of St. Norbert's and St. Gabe's in South Philly and has a leading role in the monthly Festival of Praise at St. Norbert's (Friday, March 2, 7:30 PM). Burlap and Bean is at 204 South Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. See you there.

**DROP IN THIS SUNDAY . . .**

**POSITIVE PARENTING**

Our CaFFE Family Life Ministry has been hosting a Sunday morning **Positive Parenting Workshop** led by long time St. Norbert Parishioner, **Lisa Corcoran**. The parents attending have been growing in the skills of positive behavior correction and how to develop a stronger relationship with your child. Parents have enjoyed sharing their parenting experiences and learning from each other. Our parish Family Life Ministry seeks to support families in growing as fervent disciples and to help them live the vocation of family life with God's grace. **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 Shannahan at [cov498@aol.com](mailto:cov498@aol.com) or 610.715.4622. Registration form at [StNorbert.org](http://StNorbert.org) 50+Group event.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS:**

**Villa Maria Academy High School**

**Distinguished Honors:** Gabriela McLachlan, Caroline Morris  
**1st Honors:** Christian Gabriele, Kate Fitzgerald, Caroline McDonald, Alexandra Loyola, Annie McNally  
**2nd Honors:** Michela Giannandrea, Anastasia Ciarrocchi, Kristen Kucia, Hannah Posca, Juliana Baptista, Lydia McLachlan



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday nights 6 PM February 23-March 23, in the Church

Festival of Praise this Friday, March 2, 7:30 PM