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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

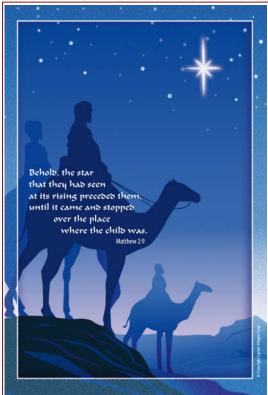
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles coheirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

Tradition, poetry, and literature have long reflected upon the story of the magi. The journey of the magi indeed resonates with journeys in our own lives. The journey is a search for a "king," for what or who is of primary importance in life. The seekers lose direction and encounter obstacles and dangers. Searching for a king, the magi first come upon a false king, Herod. The reappearance of the star shows them the true path and leads to the true king.

For Matthew, the journey culminates in the magi's worship of Jesus. They discover a king not clothed in grandeur, but wrapped in humility and simplicity. They begin to re-imagine what true royal power really is. Trans-

formed by the journey, they embrace the humble king, Jesus.

Insiders and Outsiders

An epiphany is a manifestation, a revelation of what was hidden, and often a challenge to change. For Matthew's community, the story of the magi challenged these new Christians, from both Jewish and Gentile origin. The insiders, those rooted in the Jewish scriptures and traditions, might be uncomfortable with the magi, and with God working within Gentile culture to draw them toward God. The outsiders, the Gentiles, would rejoice that God calls them from within their own roots. But they knew that they too were called to their own journey of transformation.

Who are insiders and outsiders today? Some might see strangers as threats to accustomed ways of honoring and serving God. Others might believe that they themselves are too distant, concluding that they cannot be accepted in Christian community, and perhaps tune out God's activity in their lives. Still others might think that belief in Christ serves as another dividing line between people, preventing them from seeing all persons as God's children. The story of the Epiphany reminds us that classifying insiders and outsiders is an illusion, a falsehood arising from a separation from God. When we are united with God, we can only see others as sisters and brothers.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." - Isaiah 60:1

Sunday, January 6

Legion of Mary Request 5:30 For New Members **Parishioners** 7:30 †Anne Clarke 9:00

†Albert & Kenneth Fuchs 11:30

†Carlos Aldana 1:30 PM 6 PM †Joseph Dougherty, Jr.

Monday, January 7

6:30 AM †Deceased Members of

The Yelovich Family

†Joan Schauble 8:00

Tuesday, January 8

6:30 †Katherine Ryan †Robert & Vera Valyo 8:00

Wednesday, January 9

Pastor's Intention 6:30 8:00 †Catherine Lee Murphy

Thursday, January 10

†Graham Andrews 6:30 8:00 †Don Braun Sr & Dolores

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Friday, January 11

†Suzanne deMarco 6:30 †Sheila J. Galligan 8:00

Saturday, January 12

†Brian Lancaster 8:00

Sunday, January 13

†John G. Bravacos, Jr. 5:30 †Michele Lilly 7:30 †Frank Castaldi 9:00 **Parishioners** 11:30

†Olga Castellano De 1:30 PM

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†Richard Poletunow 6 PM

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:

Send resume to Dan D'Auria. Business Manager at ddauria@parish.stnorbert.org Please: No phone calls

Gratitude.

Making Priorities

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives.

From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today's Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

We also see throughout the scriptures that God uses what is familiar to us to draw us to Himself. In the case of the magi - astrologers - He uses a star. Our Lord continues to speak to each one of us today. But we must be alert to "hear" and "see" Him in our daily lives.

How can we become better attuned to the ways God is speaking to us? We must strengthen our spiritual

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 Rossmeisl, Diana Reves, Frank Henriquez, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Baraias, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, , Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravecz, Midge Mallov, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Eduardo "Lalo" Quintana, Joseph Morelli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker, Layne McHugh, Deborah Nagle, J.D. Sobota, Joseph Cardile

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. Matthew Cress, 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,



"senses" by spending time with the Lord in prayer every single day. In the same way that we set professional goals or exercise goals, we

can set spiritual goals to ensure that we are taking the time to listen intentionally to God daily.

When we establish a regular, intentional time for prayer, we will find that the Lord continues to speak to us throughout the day. We will more easily recognize the "stars" He places before us to draw us into closer relationship with Him. We will begin to see that He is indeed present in our lives at every moment.

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'Be kind. Everyone you meet is fighting a terrible battle." -Philo of Alexandria

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19

-20; Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-

6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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From Fr. Steve

How's Your New Year Going?

SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS

Hopefully, by now you have started to settle into your New Year's spiritual resolutions for 2019.

Even though it is just six days into the year, I've been able to keep my major resolution going: reading "Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ," by Dr Edward Sri.

I know, I know, this book is our Christmas gift to you our parishioners and while I skimmed it way back in September, I'm now reading it intentionally in anticipation of

our Lenten Faithful Connections sessions.

One thing that struck me right out of the box about this book can be found on Page 4 under "Being a Disciple." Dr. Sri writes:

"In the first century world of Jesus, being a disciple was all about one key word: imitation. When a disciple followed a rabbi, he lived with the rabbi, shared meals with the rabbi, prayed with the rabbi, and studied with the rabbi. The goal of the disciple wasn't merely to master his rabbi's teachings, but to imitate the way he lived – the way he prayed, worked, trusted in God's providence, helped the poor, lived friendship, and served the people.

"So if we are going to be disciples of Jesus today, we must aim for a lot more than believing a set of doctrines and following the rules of our faith. We must go deeper and consider what's happening interiorly in our spiritual lives: Are we moving closer to Christ, encountering him anew each day and becoming more like him? Do we intentionally strive to live like him, think like him, and love like him? Being a disciple of Jesus is not about merely

going through the motions with our faith — attending Mass, saying some prayers, and avoiding bad things. Following Jesus as a disciple is a whole way of life — his way of life transforming us, his agape love radiating through our lesser philia love." 1

Discipleship is not a one and done action, but a lifelong adventure, a way of

life. Do you want to go deeper in your spiritual life? Are you feeling pulled along the way? Are you unsure of the next steps to take on your journey to meet Jesus in heaven?

If you answered yes, then let's take this journey together. Dr. Sri's book can help us, but this is not a solo trip. Read the book with me and then join us this Lent as we delve deeper into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

NEXT WEEK: Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

- Fr. Steve

¹ NOTE: While we moderns have one word for "love," the ancient Greeks had levels of love with *agape* love the level where one is willing to die for the other as opposed to *philia* love which is more akin to human friendship.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION WHAT DAY IS IT?

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in

schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The

new months varied in number of days according to a

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complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in

The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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 Flickr photo by Mary Harrsch of bas relief of the Camillo Rusconi (1658-1728 AD) monument to Pope Gregory XIII in St.

Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

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News & Events

From Your Parish Pastoral Council

RESPONSE TO CRISIS

NOTE: The content of this article is posted on our website.



In response to this Fall's revelations of clerical sexual abuse, your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been diligently working to respond to these disheartening events.

So far, the PPC has responded in the following ways:

LETTERS: The PPC has expressed our concerns in letters and emails to:

- Pope Francis letter link: http://parish.stnorbert.org/ pdf/Parish%2oCouncil/Final%2oPope%2oLetter.pdf
- Cardinal Daniel DiNardo President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) email link: http://parish.stnorbert.org/pdf/Parish%2oCouncil/ Letter%20to%2oCardinal%2oDiNardo.pdf
- Archbishop Charles Chaput email link: http://parish.stnorbert.org/pdf/Parish%20Council/Letter%20to%20Archbishop%20Chaput.pdf Archbishop Chaput response link: http://parish.stnorbert.org/pdf/Parish%20Council/Letter%20and%20response%20to%20Archbishop%20Chaput.pdf

PETITION: The PPC has created a special online petition for parishioners and other concerned Catholics to sign that recommends a specific way for our Bishops to provide ongoing public assurance that all instances of potential sexual abuse are being referred to law enforcement authorities and that all credibly accused abusers are being removed from ministry. **Link to Petition:** https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/request-for-us-catholic-bishops-to-certify-sex-abuse-reporting.html

MONTHLY HEALING NIGHTS: The last Thursday of every month, Fr. Arul has been leading a Guided Meditation Holy Hour organized by the Parish Council. These evenings are designed to provide a time for all to pray for those abused, our Church and parish. The evenings are from 7-8 pm in the St. Norbert Church with prayer, Confession, Adoration, and Benediction. The next evening will be **Thursday**, **Jan 31** at **7 pm**.

NEXT STEPS

RESPOND: The Parish Council encourages you to review these letters and, perhaps, send your own letter to Pope Francis and our Bishops or forward them these letters.

PARTICIPATE: We encourage you to sign the online Petition and send the link to family members, friends and other concerned Catholics in your network for review and signature. The more signatures we can collect on the Petition, the more force the proposal will have when brought to the attention of the Bishops and those in a position to influence them.

CONTACT: The PPC is continuing to discern, discuss, evaluate and develop additional initiatives on this subject. We also want to hear from you about your concerns,

issues, thoughts, response to these initiatives and future efforts. Please contact or talk to:

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RESTARTING IN JANUARY ...

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Please join us for **Walking with Purpose** (WWP) starting **Tuesday**, **Jan 8** at **9 AM** in the St. Norbert School cafeteria. We will be continuing two courses:



- Opening Your Heart, the Starting Point
- 2) Keeping in Balance,

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

CONTACT: Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO...

SERVE THE POOR

Our next mission to serve lunch at the St. Francis Inn in the Kensington area of Philadelphia will be on **Friday**, **Jan**



18. The Inn serves the daily needs of the poor and homeless with food, clothing, and hospitality. Our St. Norbert's ministry has served every month for many years. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Help break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. **CONTACT**: Cal Fastuca at cal.fastuca@me.com



MARCH FOR LIFE... ON THE BUS

Our Respect Life Ministry will sponsor the annual **March for Life** bus trip on Friday, **Jan 18** to Washington, DC, in support of "all lives matter." **CONTACT:** Joe Maxwell of the Respect for Life Ministry at 610.955. 5701 or <u>jf.maxwell@verizon.net</u> **COST:** Seat reservation \$15 person for parishioners. **RSVP:** Send checks to Joe at 2310 Pine View Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. **TRANSPORTATION:** Bus leaves St. Norbert at 8:45 AM and returns at 7:15 PM. **REGISTER:** Narthex Jan 6-7 and 13-14 or https://www.kofcpaoli.org/respect-for-life/

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LIVING OUR FAITH IN TODAY'S WORLD

CALLED TO MISSION

Make your plans now for a **50+Group** Spiritual Retreat at the Family Life Center at Malvern Retreat House on **Thursday**, **Jan 24**, from **9 AM-2:30 PM**. **Fr. James McGuinn** will direct our 2nd annual spiritual retreat focused on understanding what



Catholic evangelization is, and how we can help our parish and ourselves grow as evangelists. Fr. Jim will inspire you to become a fully devoted disciple of Christ. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, personal reflection time, and fellowship over breakfast and lunch. **Cost**: \$36 per person.

RSVP early to reserve your place! **DEADLINE:** Friday **Jan 18.** Drop off or mail the registration form below along with payment to the Parish Office. **CONTACT:** Barbara DiGuglielmo at bbarbdi@aol.com or 610.283.5548

REGISTRATION

50+ Day of Recollection at Malvern Retreat House Thursday, Jan 24, 9 AM-2:30 PM Name(s): Telephone: E-Mail:

Total Enclosed: _____ (\$36/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 Friday, January 18, 2019. If the Office is closed, just use the mail slot next to the front door.



THE CHURCH & SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

FROM ANGER TO RENEWAL

Kim Daniels, Associate Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, will present the 2019 Cardinal Foley Lecture

on "From Anger to Renewal: Communications and the Crisis in the Church" at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, Jan 28 at 7 pm. Kim was appointed by Pope Francs as a Member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication in 2016 and has been a lead advisor to the US bishops and Catholic organizations on issues where Church



teachings intersect with public life, including immigration, human life and dignity, religious liberty, and care for creation. She also was a leader for the *Overcoming Polarization in a Divided Nation Through Catholic Social Thought* conference at Georgetown in June 2018. She is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Chicago Law School. **RSVP:** Kim Daniels' lecture is free, but please register at https://goo.gl/forms/b9TSkf6sopuyxKgk1</sup> St. Charles Seminary is at 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Around Our Parish

Best ever **Nativity** performance by our School children with the most elaborate costuming yet. If you missed it, view it on the **Saint Norbert School YouTube** channel.



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HEY TEENS... HIGH SCHOOLERS ONLY

Join us for the 15th annual Xanten retreat for high school students.

Jan 11-13

at St. Mary of Providence retreat center in Elverson. **REGISTER:**

https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=88b9ef

CONTACT: Clare Field at cfield@parish.stnorbert.org



Do You Have...

THE RIGHT STUFF?

St. Norbert Parish is developing a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and we need you! We are looking for individuals with experience in security, re-

tired or active law enforcement or military to help serve on our planning committee. **CONTACT:** Barrie Fila at filab@becket-lee.com Please include information regarding your experience and availability.

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS . . . Growing in Faith Give a special spiritual gift to a loved one.

Our parish Book Store has many great

books and timeless classics including our own Deacon John Lozano's new book "Becoming

a Fervent Disciple," C.S. Lewis'
"Mere Christianity," Fr. Richard Rohr's "Breathing Underwater," and more. Check out the Narthex books for yourself or someone vou love.



Altar Server Training

Parents: Start your children early serving God, helping your church grow and providing a special encounter with Jesus at every Mass for your children. Jesus came to serve. Let's teach all our children how to serve. Grade school boys and girls 4th Grade



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DISCIPLE

and above from CaFFE, home school, St. Norbert School and children from private Catholic schools are needed as Altar Servers. Training 3 consecutive Tuesdays Jan 8, 15 & 22 at 6:30 PM. CONTACT: Laura Peterson at 610.644.1655 ext 121 or lpeterson@parish.stnorbert.org



ABBEY FEST TICKETS

Saturday, Sept 21, 1 - 9:30 pm FR. ROB GALEA † JOE MELENDREZ HEADLINERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON VISIT: THEABBEYFEST.COM







New Session Starts January . . . THE WILL TO LOVE

Men: Want to go deeper in your spiritual life? Learn techniques master by the saints? Rediscover the true desires of your heart? If so, That Man Is You is for You. Join other men **Thursdays**, starting **Jan 10**, at **6-7:30**AM in the St. Norbert School Dining Hall. Learn a structured approach to spirituality, make true progress in a spiritual life, encounter Jesus and transform your life and those around you. Featuring a **hot breakfast**. **Contact:** Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmarketing.com

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