

January 28, 2018

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM;
SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;
Youth Mass 6PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30, 8AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM
RECONCILIATION: Thursdays 7-8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5PM or by
Appointment
ADORATION: Thursdays 8:30 AM—8 PM; Saturdays 4-5 PM

CLERGY

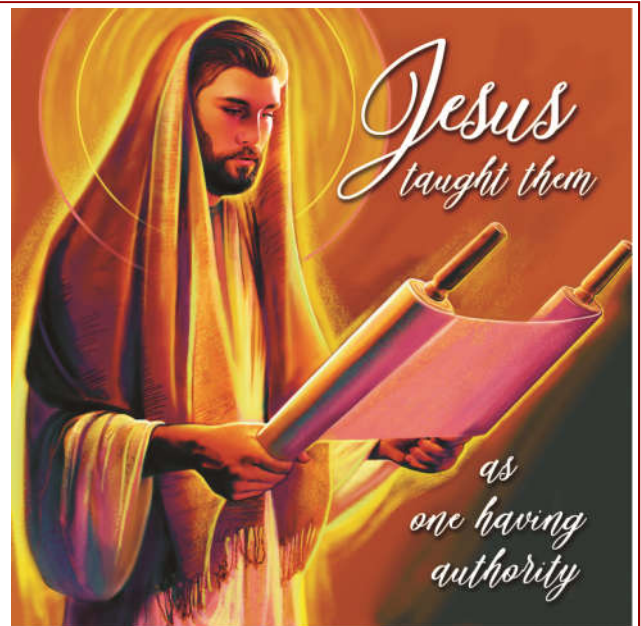
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Authority is seen negatively by many, perhaps most, in today's culture. This perception is the result of humans misusing authority, lording it over people, having an undesirable impact on their personal, professional, and civic lives. So when we read in today's Gospel that Jesus "taught them as one having authority," we might initially bristle. Of course, the authority that is attributed to Jesus is different. This is divine authority. God, the author of all, acts out of love for all. God respected the people's request for a prophet in the time of Moses. They promised to listen to him and to adhere to God's laws, knowing that the law was created for their good. This is the sort of adherence of which Saint Paul speaks as well when he tells the Christian community in Corinth to adhere to the Lord without distraction. As people who commit to living and growing in faith, we give God authority over our lives, knowing that God will guide us to truth, life, and love.



GOD IS GOD

God does not lord divine authority over us, even though God is Lord of heaven and earth. God wants what is best for all of humanity and for all of creation. God desires that we live for God and for others. Jesus teaches as "one having authority and not as the scribes," because Jesus is the source of whatever authority the scribes had, whether they carried out their authority well or not. Those who heard Jesus speak were in the presence of the very truth of God's love. There is no greater authority than this. There is more, however. We are given free will, and may choose to live as God desires, or to walk away from the path of holiness. The Israelites to whom Moses spoke had failed to live God's law of love in the past, and recognized their need for someone to speak the words of the Lord to them. In the simplest of terms, they understood that God is God, and that they were not God.

WE ARE NOT GOD

We are not God. In our hearts, we know this. And yet, how often do we act as though we think we are? We might go to God in moments of weakness, difficulty, or trial and ask God for help, yet much of the time we go our own way. We hold onto a false sense of control, rather than finding freedom in reliance on God. Salvation history, as recorded in sacred scripture, shows us that there has been this tendency in humanity throughout the ages to try to be God, rather than to be like God. Such thinking does not work out well in the end. We are not God! Jesus came to express the depths of God's love. The authority with which he spoke and taught, healed and expressed forgiveness, is the authority of one who understands that love is the answer. Christ shows us the real transformation that is possible when we give God the authority. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

TODAY'S READINGS: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who
made us. — Psalm 95:6

Sunday, January 28

Vigil †Joseph Stellabotte
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Brian Zwaan
11:30 †Michael D. Kinsella
1:30 PM Spanish Community
6 PM †Helen Holmes

Monday, January 29

6:30 †Erik Petersen
8:00 †Jonathan Lucks

Tuesday, January 30

6:30 Norbertine Community
8:00 †Michael Young

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 †Jeanne DiFrancesco
8:00 †Dolores Niccoli

Thursday, February 1

6:30 †Cynthia DiLorenzo
8:00 Mary Lyons and the
Lord's Blessing on
Corrine Kerrigan

Friday, February 2

6:30 †Amanda Hill
8:00 †Francis J. Reed

Saturday, February 3

8:00 †Fred Buttaccio
11:00 †Joseph Abraham
Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 4 Super Bowl

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

PLAN NOW
SATURDAY
MARCH 17

LENTEN DAY OF SERVICE

On-site efforts for military, nursing
homes, and others

Off-site projects in Philly and Paoli area
Stay tuned for more info



Stewardship

Can You Submit?

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, it is reported that Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach, but His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Often those who taught in Jesus' time (the scribes) simply quoted a variety of other Rabbis.

However, Jesus taught with authority because He had authority. Jesus' divine message was not quoting other humans, but quoting God. Jesus was One with God so He knew what He was talking about. Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching. He was familiar with the information which allowed Him to teach boldly. People listening could perceive that this was someone "who knew."

Up until this time we have seen the Lord as the Son of Man who submitted to His Father. He submitted to God in His Baptism, and to the Holy Spirit in the wilderness. To have au-



PRAYERS & READINGS

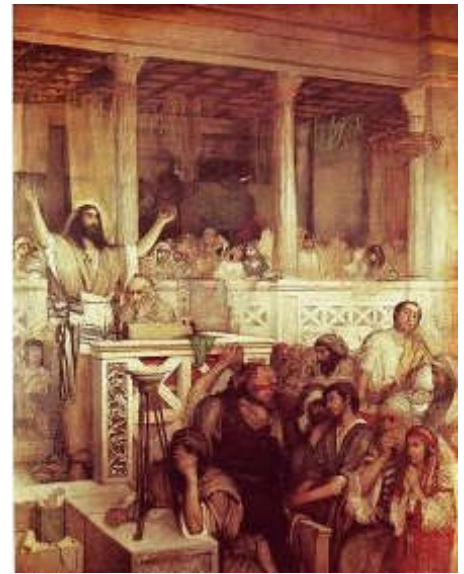
PRAY FOR HEALING:

Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Aaron Gelstine, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, Sr. Helena Mayer, John Valenti, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez

REST IN PEACE: Margaret Maguire, Carlo DeValerio

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

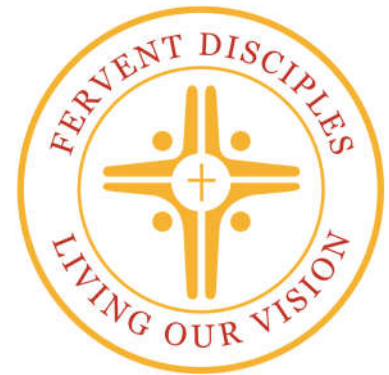


thority also requires submission.

We, too, are called to submit to God, but for us that is sometimes challenging because it requires humility, something that is not easy for many of us.

Later in the Gospel of John there is another account of the Lord teaching at the Temple. He is challenged, and His response is quite simply, "My teaching is not from myself; it comes from the one who sent me." We are not divine, but we, too, are sent.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Pastor's Pulpit

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE WHY DEACONS?

NOTE: This issue of the Bulletin was sent to the printer prior to our Norbertine Fathers and Brothers electing a new Abbot on Tuesday, Jan 23. Hopefully, you will already know the outcome of that election when you are reading this. Fr. Mike's Pastor's Pulpit will return next week, but in the meantime, he wanted to publish the following about the Diaconate.



Left to Right: Fr. Steve Albero, Tom Strohmets, Fr. Carl, Steve Martino, Hank Fila, Deacon John Lozano, Fr. Mike, Deacon Bill Masapollo

The Permanent Diaconate is an ancient office in the Catholic Church. In the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-4), the needs of the Church grew rapidly. The Apostles ordained seven men to help them with charitable service while the Apostles continued to preach the Word. St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of these seven men. Up until the fifth century, the diaconate flourished in the western Church (Rome), but then it experienced a slow decline, surviving only as an intermediate stage for candidates preparing for priestly ordination.

During the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II 1962-

65), there was an initiative to reinvigorate the Permanent Diaconate. Vatican II defined the Permanent Diaconate as "a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy." The reasons behind this initiative were to enrich the Church with the functions of the diaconate, strengthen grace in those who already exercised many of the functions of the diaconate, and to address a shortage of clergy. Pope Paul VI implemented the diaconate recommendations of Vatican II in his June 1967 Apostolic Letter, *Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem*.

Today, the Permanent Deacon is an ordained member of the Church, a cleric, who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, like a priest and Bishop. Deacons can be married.


If you are interested in learning more about the

Permanent Diaconate, our deacons and diaconate candidates would welcome the opportunity to speak to you:

- ◆ Deacon John Lozano
- ◆ Deacon Bill Masapollo (retired)
- ◆ Steve Martino (Year 5 to be ordained this coming June)
- ◆ Hank Fila (Year 3)
- ◆ Paul Stoyell-Mulholland (Year 3)
- ◆ Tom Strohmets (Year 1)

Look for next month's article, "What is the role of a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church?"

TODAY
Stop in after 11:30 Mass



Catholic Schools Week

Open House & Science Fair

Sunday, Jan 28, 12:30-2 PM




TOP 5 REASONS TO ATTEND




ST. NORBERT SCHOOL

- 5. Over \$350,000** in academic scholarships to the area's most prestigious Catholic high schools
- 4. Nine Neumann Scholars** in 17 years winning **full tuition scholarships** (representing the top 1% of archdiocesan 8th graders)
- 3. Terra Nova standardized test scores exceed** the county, archdiocese and national averages
- 2. Strong academics** including 1:1 iPad learning for all students — within a faith-based community reinforcing values taught at home
- 1. 2015 U.S. Dept. of Education Blue Ribbon School — one of only 50** parochial and private grade schools in the USA that year!

Registration Available For All Grades

CONTACT: Mary Kay Hennessy, Principal, at 610.644.1670 for information or a tour

News & Events



HAITI MISSION TRIP NEXT WEEK

POISED FOR SUCCESS

We want to thank our St. Norbert's community for your generous support our Medical Mission to Haiti. We received \$5,950 in the second collection on Haiti Medical Mission Sunday in December. In addition, we received other donations and gifts of supplies from individuals. The funds will be used to purchase medicine and materials for this mission and, thanks to your generosity, we are in great shape. We were even able to purchase more supplies this year than in past years. On behalf of the poor and our Haiti Medical Mission team, we sincerely thank you. Please pray for us and our Haitian patients as we will be gone from Sunday, Feb 3-10. We will update you on our mission once we return. — Deacon John

BABY SHOWER AND . . .

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

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



Our **4th Annual Baby Shower** for Birthright of Coatesville babies will be held the weekend of **Mar 17-18** in the Narthex (see ad nearby for more information).

CONTACT: Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com

CHANGE YOUR LENT

Spend 9 hours this Lent to change your life. Small Faith Sharing Groups — based on the Sunday Gospels — will be starting soon.

Signups are at all Masses the weekends of Jan 27/28 and Feb 3/4.

CONTACT: Ed Grady at at 610.644.1655, ext 131 or egrady@parish.stnorbert.org



COMING THIS LENT FROM CAFFE. . .

DEEPENING MARRIAGE

"How Can You Enrich Your Marriage in a Deeper Way?" is a special evening during Lent for married couples to unwrap the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Join us **Thursday, Feb 22**, from 7-9 PM, in the St. Norbert school dining hall. The evening begins with wine and cheese, followed by an inspirational talk, some quiet time with your spouse and finally with some takeaway "Lenten resolutions" to help strengthen your marriage while encountering Christ together as a couple. This evening is hosted by our CaFFE Family Life Ministry and baby sitting will be provided. **REGISTER:**

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

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

CAFFE FAMILY LIFE PRESENTS . . .

POSITIVE PARENTING

Positive Parenting Playbook is a 5-week course on **Sundays, Feb 4 to March 11**, from 10:15-11:15 AM, between our two morning Masses. 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. Topics include:



- ♦ "Why they do that?" Understanding your child's behavior (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, baby

clothes up to 3 T, winter clothes, infant toys, mobiles, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, books, night lights, etc.

SPONSORS: 50+ GROUP • RESPECT LIFE

Drop off gifts in the Narthex • No need to wrap

CONTACT: Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com



Around Our Parish

Estimates vary, but over 100,000 people attended this year's **March for Life** in Washington, DC. The theme for the March was "**Love Saves Lives.**" The traditional St. Norbert bus included all ages (1,2). "It seemed more crowded than previous years," said parishioner **Paul Lavallee** who attending with his family and friends (3). Big contingents came from local high schools with some St. Norbert youth joining the Bishop Shanahan bus. The President made history as the first sitting President to ever address the rally via a live satellite feed from the White House Rose Garden and there were other celebrity and congressional speakers. **Catholic Schools Week** (4) starts today with special events (see page 3) and tours available by contacting our **Principal Mary Kay Hennessy** at 610.644.1670. By all accounts, the **14th Annual Xanten Youth Group** retreat held last weekend was a faith-filled encounter with Jesus leading teens into a deeper place of faith and more committed following of Jesus (5). Just after the New Year, the **Marguerite D'Youville Awards** (6, 7) were presented to St. Norbert School children that have exhibited charity and good citizenship in their class.

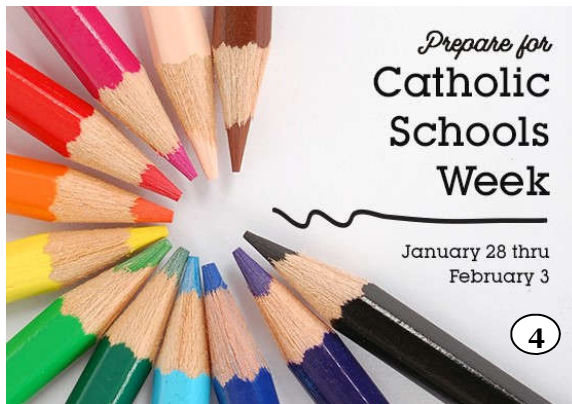
St. Marguerite was the founder of the Grey Nuns who taught at our school for many years. **Fly Eagles Fly** was the theme last week for a pep rally (8) at school on "**Show Your Eagles Colors Day.**" Obviously, it worked as the Birds are "GOING TO THE SUPER BOWL." Wear your green and note our priests will be wearing green the next two Sundays as well!



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- ◆ “Motivating through encouragement”
- ◆ “Listen up mom and dad” Learning how to hear your child
- ◆ “I own that” “I” messages and problem solving
- ◆ “Is there another way to discipline?”

Lisa is a long-time St. Norbert parishioner with 9 children, 6 siblings and 97 cousins, which may have led her to study parenting. “God desires for us to have homes of happiness and harmony and this workshop will help you make that a reality,” she added. Husbands and wives are encouraged to attend together. **COST:** \$75 per couple and \$65 for one parent or \$20 per drop-in session if you are unable to make the entire course. Workbook \$20. Space limited.

REGISTER:

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

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JUST FOR MEN

STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE

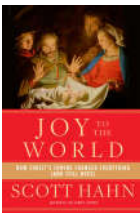
That Man Is You (TMIY) meets on **Thursdays, Jan 18 to Apr 19** from **6-7:30 AM** in the school cafeteria. This session is timed to coincide with Lent and you don’t have to have attended the Fall session to start this one. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmkt.com for more information



HOW’S YOUR READING COMING?

WHY NAZARETH?

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” asks Nathanael in John 1:46. What was Jesus’ home town like? Check out Jesus’ “roots” on page 51 in *Joy to The World: How Christ’s Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)*.



LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED . . .

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



The Knights of Columbus (K of C) are well known world-wide for their charitable and disaster relief work. Pictured left is our local K of C Council’s Christmas donation to St. Joseph’s House run by John and

Donna Kurtz who lovingly embrace children of drug addicted parents, older boys who have been in foster placement for years, children with histories of abuse and those suffering from attachment disorders. Several of their children have become priests and nuns. Looking to get involved? Think about the St. Norbert Council of the Knights of Columbus. **CONTACT:** Wayne Lilly at w.lilly@verizon.net or 610.296.8685



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY:

Sundays: **EDGE**, 10:05-11:15 AM Youth Group Room; **Youth Group** following 6 PM Mass; **Dads Basketball**, 7-9 PM, Gym
Tuesdays: Dawn Seekers Bible Study, 8:30 –10 AM, Parish Office Dining Room; **Walking With Purpose** 9-11 AM, School Cafeteria. **CONTACT:** Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com; **Young Adults Faith Sharing**, 7:30-9 PM, Parish Office Lower Level, **CONTACT:** Hank Fila at hankfila@gmail.com or 610.513.9768
Wednesdays: **Outreach Food Procurement Distribution**, 10AM-1:30 PM, Narthex; **Christian Practice of Yoga** 10:30-11:30AM, 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 or by appointment

UPCOMING:

Feb 1 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Room. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmkt.com
Feb 2 Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Oratory
Feb 3-4 Outreach Food & Clothing Collection, 7 AM-noon, Narthex (food) & Parish Activity Center (clothing/house items)
Feb 8 Prayer & Healing Night, 7:30 PM, Church
Feb 11 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday: 6:30, 8, 9:15 AM & 7 PM Masses

50+ GROUP LUNCH AND THEATER

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Please join the 50+ Group for lunch and a performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank* on **Sunday, Feb 25**. An optional lunch before the show will be at Toninos, 235 Lancaster Ave, Frazer (Lincoln Court Shopping Center) at **12 PM** (no advance payment required — a la carte menu with separate checks for each table). The play will be at People’s Light at **2 PM** at \$26 a ticket. **RSVP** by **Tuesday, Feb 6** to reserve your place! **Please Note:** Tickets are first come first served and **must** be ordered by the deadline to hold these seats! Drop off or mail the registration form (below) and payment for theater tickets to the Parish Office. **CONTACT:** Michele Stevenson at 610.220.2867 or Michele_Stevenson@msn.com or Rob Healy at 610.608.5059 or rhealyconsulting@gmail.com



DIARY OF ANNE FRANK/LUNCH AT TONINOS
Sunday, Feb 25

Name(s): _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Number for Lunch: _____ Number for Theater @ \$26 each: _____
 Total Enclosed: _____ (cash or check payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group)

Return or mail completed form with payment to the St. Norbert Parish Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301 **by Tuesday, Feb 6**. If Office is closed, please use mail slot next to front door. Thank You.