

July 8, 2018

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

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

Youth Mass 6PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30AM; **SATURDAY** 8AM; **DAILY** 8 AM

MASS AT DAYLESFORD ABBEY, 220 S. VALLEY RD, PAOLI

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-5 PM or by Appointment

ADORATION: Saturdays 4-5 PM

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Unlike the people whose great faith inspired us last Sunday, we hear this week that the message of God's love is sometimes met with rejection and disbelief. It is difficult for us to grasp the immensity of God's great goodness. We cannot comprehend the offer of freedom found in God's love. Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and Jesus all experience the rejection of the prophet who witnesses to this great love of God for us. Ezekiel understands that he is compelled to share God's message, whether people listen or not. Saint Paul accepts that he is a weak vessel, and must bear insults and persecution for the sake of Christ. Jesus knows that the people are astonished at his wisdom, yet they cannot allow themselves to hear him. Unwilling to look beyond the child who grew up in their village, they are not willing to put their faith in him.

WEAK OR STRONG?

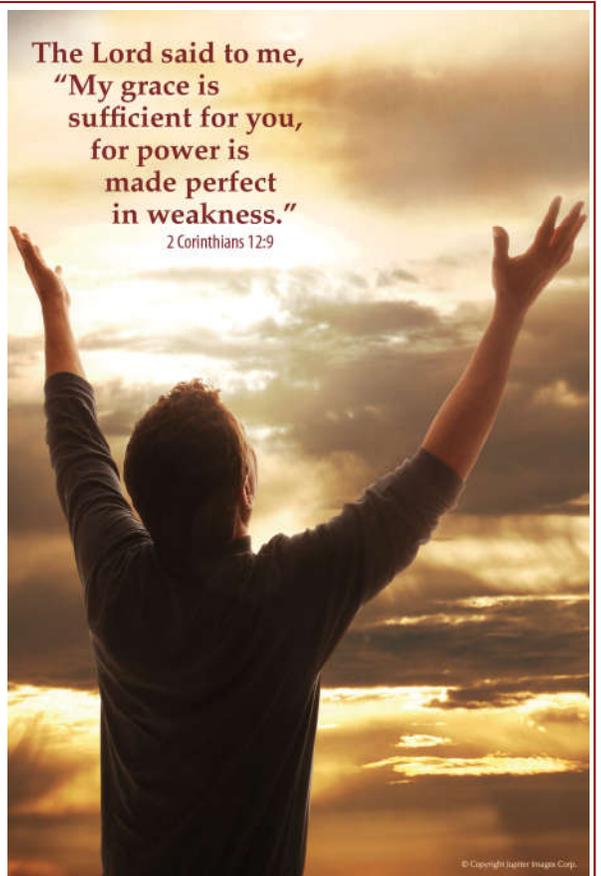
Is your faith weak or strong? Most of us have moments in which our answer could simply be "Yes!" Faith is not a once-and-for-all thing. Our faith ebbs and flows, along with changes in life circumstances, as we mature and grow in relationship with Christ and with one another. Pope Francis speaks to this in *The Joy of the Gospel*, when he encourages us to be open to an encounter with God's love daily. In these encounters, like the one that the people in the synagogue had with Jesus in today's Gospel, we may be astonished at God's love and are invited to accept it. Weakness in faith is not always the result of some failure on our part. We may simply be at a crossroads, at which we cannot clearly see or understand what comes next. It is at such a time that we step out in blind faith with the assurance that God's love awaits us in every moment.

WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH

The opposite of strong faith may not be weakness, but rather misplacing faith by relying on ourselves, our material possessions, or others. When we think we can do things on our own, we leave little room for God in our lives. When we develop a false sense of security that is rooted in material things, our trust in Jesus is quite shallow. Growing in faith calls us to rely on God's great goodness above all things. When we open our minds and hearts and allow ourselves to be astonished at the love and life found in Jesus Christ, we realize that we do not need to rely on ourselves. Saint Paul teaches us a very important lesson about this in his second letter to the Corinthians, in which we hear, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me."
— 2 Corinthians 12:9

Sunday, July 8

Vigil The Young Family
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Robert Grant, Jr.
11:00 †Felice DiFrancesco
1:30 PM For the Soul of Elena Pizarro De Silva
6:00 PM †Erik Petersen

Monday, July 9

6:30 AM †Jackie Barry

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 Living & Deceased
Members of the Joseph Sugar Family

Wednesday, July 11

8:00 †Dolores Albero

Thursday, 12

6:30 Those Fighting Addictions

Friday, July 13

6:30 The Unborn

Saturday, July 14

8:00 †William E. Spencer

Sunday, July 15

Vigil Peter Messantonio, Jr.
7:30 †Stephen Scalco
9:00 †Mary Ann Whalen
11:00 †Paul Nguyen & Family
1:30 PM †Por los fallecidos de la Familia, especialmente por Emilio Astolfi
6:00 PM †Parishioners



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES...

MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2019 Mass Intention Book is now open.

You can reserve Masses for loved ones at the Parish Office from 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

Only three Sunday Mass Intentions will be scheduled by any family at one time, with no limit to the weekday Mass intentions.

CONTACT: Ann Simpson at 610.644.1655 ext. 110 for more information.

Gratitude

God Calling You?

The First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel tells of how Ezekiel was called by God. The Lord speaks to him and says, "Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you." God knew He was not giving Ezekiel an easy task, but that is part of what being called by the Lord sometimes involves.

Being called is something to which we often make reference, as each of us is called in Baptism. St. Paul once wrote that we are "called to belong to Jesus Christ." The United States Bishops issued a document a few years ago titled *Disciples Called to Witness*. That is what we are all to do as baptized Catholics.

In that treatise the Bishops say, "To create a culture of witness, we must live explicit lives of discipleship. Being a disciple is a challenge. Fortunately, one does not become a disciple of Christ on his or her own



PRAYERS & READINGS



PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel,

Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, John Valenti, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez, Maura Tehrani Henderson, Allison Pollack, Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravec, Mary Collins, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. **Jessica Flowers** USA; Pvt. **Michael Flow-ers**, 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; MAJ. **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA



initiative. The work of the Holy Spirit within the Christian community forms the person as a disciple of Christ."

God does not forsake us when we are called, just as He did not abandon Ezekiel.

He is with us through the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and assist us. We must allow the Lord to help us. At the same time, we must strive to be disciples of the Lord. We are called to spread the light of the Gospel in everything we do. © catholicsteward.com

SUMMER DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

JULY TO SEPT 1ST

Monday through Friday, there is **NO 8 AM Mass** at **St. Norbert's ONLY 6:30 AM**. There is a **Saturday 8 AM Mass** at **St. Norbert's**.

Daylesford Abbey has 8 AM Mass throughout the Summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL**First Honors:**

Jacob George, Ryan Hoffman

MERION MERCY ACADEMY**Distinguished Honors:**

Sarah Ix

Honors:

Kirsten Grey

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Journey to Holiness

GOD'S PLAN FOR LIFE PART 2. . .

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

This coming July 25th marks the 50th anniversary of the release of **Humanae Vitae (Of Human Life)**¹ by Blessed Pope Paul VI (soon to be declared a saint in October). This papal encyclical provides a beautiful and clear teaching about God's plan for married love and the transmission of life. The following Pastoral Letter based on *Humanae Vitae* is by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): **Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan.**² Part 1 of this letter was published in last weekend's Bulletin.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: A COMMUNION OF LOVE

The Christian married couple, with their children, form an image of the Trinitarian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Marriage and family life images the Trinity in two ways. **First**, like the Trinity, marriage is a communion of love between co-equal persons, beginning with husband and wife and extending to all the members of the family. **Second**, just as Trinity's love is life-giving, a married couple's love conceives and cares for children. In addition to reflecting the Trinity, the family is a microcosm of the Church. The ancient expression "domestic church" accurately describes the family because it is a small communion of persons that draws its sustenance from the larger Church and reflects its life in unique ways. Within this domestic church, parents have a special responsibility to teach children the faith and help them to grow in virtue. The family matures as a domestic church by participating in the life and worship of the larger Church, especially Sunday Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, members of the family are most fully united to Christ, to one another, and to their brothers and sisters throughout the world. Christian spouses in a mixed marriage (between a Catholic and a baptized person who is not Catholic) witness to the universality of God's love, even without sharing the Eucharist. They can make an important contribution towards Christian unity. Sometimes, Catholics marry non-Christians. These marriages are not sacramental, although the parties do commit to fidelity, permanence, and openness to children. Both types of unions face particular challenges, especially the religious upbringing of children. The Catholic party needs to take seriously the

promise to maintain his or her Catholic faith and to do all in his or her power to have the children baptized and raised Catholic. Marriage is a vocation, or divine call, as necessary and valuable to the Church as other vocations.

Discernment of and preparation for marriage is a process that begins early in life and continues through the engagement period. Because marriage is for the good of the Church and the entire community, the Church and the state have an obligation to help support and sustain marriage.

GROWTH IN VIRTUE

With God's grace, couples are called to grow in holiness. A holy marriage is made up of many virtues. Fundamentally, the couple lives out the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. Love is the heart of the vocation of marriage. It calls spouses to imitate Jesus by their willingness to sacrifice themselves in everyday situations for each other and their children. Couples must also grow in the moral virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Two virtues that are sometimes overlooked are chastity and gratitude. Marital chastity means that the couple's love is total, faithful, exclusive and open to life. It protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purpose of marriage.

Marriage is a school of gratitude, in which husband and wife are thankful for the gift of each other. They express their joyous gratitude in giving themselves completely to each other. Their gratitude leads them to be open to children and to be generous towards others. Growth in virtue is a lifelong journey, in which the spouses become more like Christ so that they can more perfectly love each other as Christ loves his Church.

THE EUCHARIST

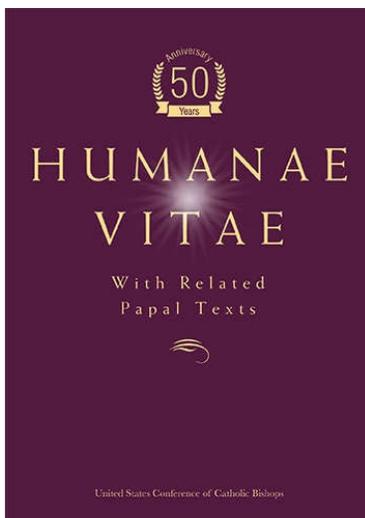
In the Eucharist, Catholic couples meet Christ, the source of their marriage. This encounter moves them to reach out in love to the broader Church and to the world. The Eucharist nourishes the virtue of marital hospitality and helps the couple to recognize God's image in others. This hospitality builds up the Church and makes it a stronger witness to Christ's love in the world. A marriage that is truly in Christ is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. At the end of time, at the celebration of the heavenly wedding banquet, the love to which the spouses have been called will find its completion when the entire Church is assumed into the glory of the risen Christ.

NOTE: Part 1 of this USCCB Letter was published in last weekend's Bulletin.

¹ http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-

[vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html)

² <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/love-and-life/upload/Love-and-Life-Abridged-Version.pdf>



Pope Paul VI

News & Events

NEW GRAND JURY REPORT . . .

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

Soon, a Pennsylvania Grand Jury report involving incidents of sexual abuse in six Catholic dioceses over the past seven decades will be made public. The Grand Jury did not investigate the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or our clergy; therefore we are not part of the report. Nonetheless, the findings will be a difficult experience for all of us — especially for survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones. We deeply regret their pain. We are committed to helping survivors heal. Our efforts to ensure the safety of children and families in our parishes, schools, and ministerial programs will continue.

Over the past 15 years, the Archdiocese has put in place a wide range of reforms to protect young people. I want to reassure you today, as forcefully as I can, that we have a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in the abuse of children or misconduct with minors. We cooperate promptly and fully with law enforcement. And we take immediate action when an allegation is made.

Finally, the Archdiocese has — for many years — published a database of living and deceased priests known to have sexually abused minors that can be bound online through our Office of Investigations at <http://archphila.org/archdiocesan-offices/office-of-investigations/>. We also provide ongoing and significant support for survivors of abuse and their families. Details can be found online through our Office for Child and Youth Protection at <https://childyouthprotection.org>

Research and experience have shown that sexual abuse plagues every corner of society from sports and public institutions, the entertainment industry and the political arena. Prevention of abuse comes from training and constant vigilance, and the prevention of abuse — along with support for survivors — is and will remain a constant priority for our Church.

Thank you for your fidelity to Jesus Christ and his Church under difficult circumstances. May God bless you, your families, and all those you love.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,
†Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM
Archbishop of Philadelphia

NOTE: Please view reforms by our Archdiocese at: <http://parish.stnorbort.org/news-events/st--norbort-parish-news/6-25-2018-protecting-children>

KNOW PEOPLE WHO . . .

NEED HEALING?

PRAYER & HEALING NIGHT: Do you know someone who needs to be set free spiritually, physically, psychologically, relationally, and needs prayer and healing? Join us for a special monthly night of healing prayer along with the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Our next Prayer &



Now Open

CAFFE REGISTRATION

Early Registration is now open for our CaFFE Religious Education grades 1-6 and monthly Family Program.

Discount before July 31st

Visit StNorbort.org CaFFE Online Registration:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=b95d45>

Parents of Rising 6th Grade Students: 6th Graders are expected to attend CaFFE this coming school year to continue their formation as disciples as they move closer to the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be in the Fall of their 8th Grade year. More information is forthcoming regarding the Confirmation Prep program that will commence when they are in 7th grade.

Parents of Rising 2nd Grade Students: If your child has completed one full year of religious education and you would like them to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** this upcoming school year, you must submit the **First Communion Application** at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=e5717b> in addition to your CaFFE Registration.

CaFFE Calendar for 2018-2019 can be found here: <http://parish.stnorbort.org/formation-evangelization/caffe-religious-education/caffe-calendar>

Special Needs Children: Please spread the word about our CaFFE class for children with special needs. If you know of a family that would benefit from this ministry, please reach out to them and have them contact the CaFFE office for more information.

CONTACT: Mark Griswold, CaFFE and Family Life Ministry Director at



caffedirector@stnorbort.org

Healing evening is **Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 PM** in the St. Norbert Church. **Contact:** Pete Radice at 610.265.5787 or prfr@comcast.net **NOTE:** Prayer & Healing Service is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

GETHSEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY NIGHT:

Explore the spirituality of 12 steps from our Catholic Christian perspective in this faith-sharing group. **Sunday, July 8, 7:30-8:30 PM**, in the St. Norbert Oratory. Open to people in 12 Step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.). Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. **Contact:** Martin K 610.291.1140



GETHSEMANI ADDICTIONS PRAYER NITE: Join us **Thursday, July 19, 7 PM** in the Oratory to pray for families, friends, relatives, and those in recovery.



Hospitality, refreshments, and informal conversation after each evening. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext.131

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO...

FEED THE POOR

Volunteers are needed to serve the midday meal at the St. Francis Inn in the Kensington area of Philadelphia on **Friday, July 20**. The Inn is a very special place that serves the immediate daily needs of the poor and homeless with food, clothing, and hospitality. The Franciscans that work there along with the many volunteers are breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty while addressing structural injustices. Human dignity is respected by helping to restore lives and living simply is this neighborhood. Our St. Norbert's ministry has served for many years every month. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. **CONTACT:** Cal Fastuca at cal.fastuca@me.com



WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND...

PRAYER SHAWLS

A little-known Daylesford Abbey ministry is wrapping their arms around those in need of comfort and prayer or are burdened by the demands of poor health or loneliness. Every **Thursday** from **noon to 2 PM** women of the Abbey meet to socialize, pray, and create beautiful warm Prayer Shawls. These blessed shawls are presented to those in need who later pass it on to someone else; thus the blessings flow from person-to-person with both giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering,



loving God. Do you like to knit? Would you like to learn? **CONTACT:** Susan Collins at 610.647.2430 ext. 100

SAVE THE DATE . . .

MEDAL WINNER

Retired Auxiliary Bishop Louis A. DeSimone of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will receive the 2018 Saint Augustine Medal bestowed by the Augustinians of St. Thomas of Villanova on **October 4** at a special dinner. **CONTACT:** Madonna Sutter, Director of Advancement, at 610.527.3330 ext 265 or madonnasutter@augustinian.org



WELCOME . . .

MISSIONARY VISIT

Fr. Joe Jablonski, MSC, a Missionary of the Sacred Heart will be visiting our parish the weekend of **August 11-12**. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are an international community founded in France dedicated to ministry, community building, fundraising, and education. Today, there are more than 1,900 MSCs working in 54 countries.



FAST FACTS:

50+ GROUP MIDSUMMER DREAM:

Join the 50+ Group for a wonderful Midsummer's Night Evening at Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne on **Friday, July 13** (rain date July 20) from 4:30 to 8 PM. **Contact:** Ann Higgins at abh1a@comcast.net 484.580.8805



SUPPORT OUR TEENS: Help support our 90 teens attending the annual Steubenville Youth Conference July 20-22. Contributions help all to attend. Please send donations to Youth Group, St. Norbert (see page 6)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

NUNS OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, effi-



ciency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

— Adapted from Rev. James Field © J. S. Paluch Co.



Parish Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301, Attention Clare Kane. Thank You!

HELP NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL:

St. Norbert School is looking for enthusiastic and caring individuals to help monitor and direct activities for our after school program. **CONTACT:** Geraldine Donaher at gdonaher@stnorbert.org



SUMMER CAMPS: There's still time to sign up for two camping opportunities this summer:

Summer Camp: REGISTER: <http://files.constantcontact.com/7cb83250301/5cof99b6-b74f-43d3-a09c-60d6c4121296.pdf>

Myers Cooking For A Cause: REGISTER: <http://files.constantcontact.com/7cb83250301/49d671a2-92f7-4af2-b7ec-246642efdc79.pdf>

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO: Join Fr. Mike on a spiritual journey to Mexico, **Aug 31 to Sept 6.** **COST:** \$1,795. **CONTACT:** Ron Pollack at rap76@comcast.net



REDISCOVER LOVE... in Your Marriage with Retrouvaille (retro-VIE). Couples learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. Christian-based, Catholic

in origin, but all faiths welcome. **August 17-19,** HelpOurMarriage.org



JULY 20-22
STEUBENVILLE, OH

Joins teens from around the Archdiocese and thousands of other high schools students for a life changing experience. Sponsored by St. Norbert Youth Ministry

Register Online
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ae73ba>

CONTACT: Clare Kane,
Director of Youth Ministry at St. Norbert Parish
ckane@parish.stnorbert.org or 610/644/1655 ext.130

"God's love is deeper and His plan greater than anything the world can offer." 1 John 4:9
Will you allow Him to reveal it to you?



LINE UP COMPLETE



Join us in celebrating our **5th AbbeyFest 2018, Sept 22** at Daylesford Abbey with an incredible – and eclectic – lineup of artists including fan favorite **Matt Maher** (above) returning for his electrifying 5th Paoli appearance. High energy, Grammy-nominated, **Building 429** (left) brings an uplifting and unforgettable sound guaranteed to get you out of your seats. Keynote Speaker **Oscar**



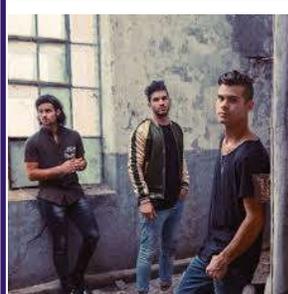
Rivera (left) combines his unique life experiences with a **"Two Ton"** rap approach celebrating Jesus. Kentucky Christian rockers



7eventh Time Down (left) blend their story telling with God's mercy and grace to explore a life of faith. Touring with a new single "Say Hello" and a new album is the Grammy-nominated **Rhett Walker Band** (below left). With a mix of indie pop, dance



and thought provoking songs, **OBB** (bottom left) rolls onto our stage with an infectious appeal.



As always, there are fun games for children, Holy Mass, Confession available throughout the day, plenty of food choices, religious vendors and great music that moves the soul.

Tickets on sale now and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

TICKETS: TheAbbeyFest.com

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