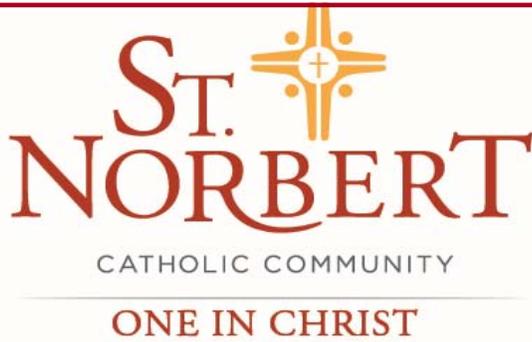


**July 16, 2017**



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### **MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY MASSES:** 7:30, 9, 11 AM; 1:30 PM **Spanish;** 6PM  
**Youth Mass**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:30AM; **Saturday** 8 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** **Saturday** 4-5 PM; or by **Appointment**

### **CLERGY**

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

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(PART TIME)

**DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO**

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

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

### **YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY**

"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

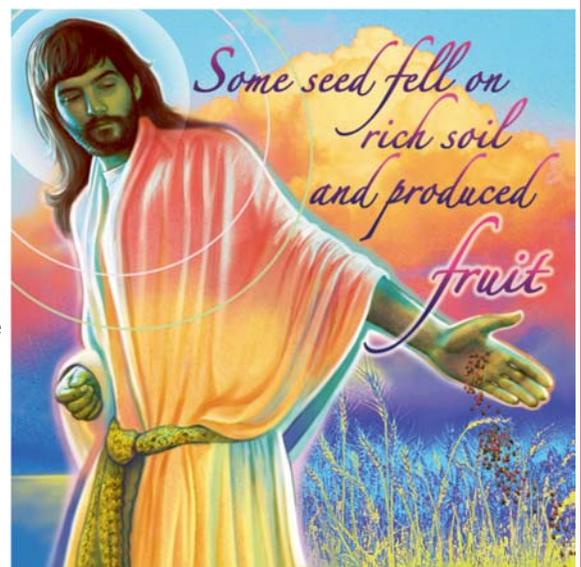
### **THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED**

Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day.

There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14-15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest*

— Psalm 65:12

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

Vigil †Joey Guest  
7:30 AM Members of the parish  
9:00 AM †Ralph and †Mary Elsie DiFronzo  
11:00 AM †Paul, †Joseph and †Mary Antoine Nguyen  
1:30 PM Deceased members of the Astolfi Family especially †Emilio Astolfi  
6 PM †Eileen Maher

**Monday, July 17**

6:30 AM Members of the parish

**Tuesday, July 18**

6:30 AM †Bunky Mullray

**Wednesday, July 19**

6:30 AM †Timothy Shannon

**Thursday, July 20**

6:30 AM †Jane Kovanic

**Friday, July 21**

6:30 AM †Sandra Gianguilio

**Saturday, July 22**

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

**Sunday, July 23**

Vigil †Peter Messantonio, Jr.  
7:30 AM Members of the parish  
9:00 AM †Karen Coleman  
11:00 AM †Felice DiFrancesco  
1:30 PM †Cecilia Jimenez de Castañeda  
6 PM †Peggy Ferrell

**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

## Open Or Closed?

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Christ is asked why He speaks in parables. His response in part is the statement, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Christ's parables, of which there are many, may not always make sense to us, unless we consider them carefully.

Christ's speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning. The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible.

God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go

**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, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Nancy Lowe, Steph Walsh-Beilman, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson

**TROOPS:** Elaine Purdum, Peg Welsh**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. **Jennifer Flowers**, Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Dan Kohli**, USMC; 1st.Lt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Maj. **James Merenda**, USAF; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; CPT **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA



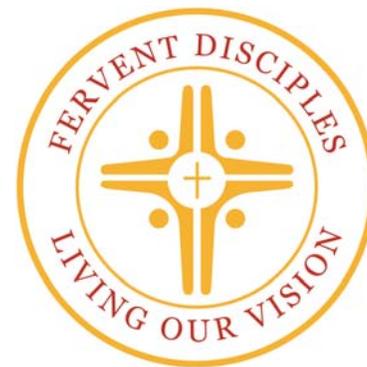
through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us.

One of the popular phrases about stewardship is "an attitude of gratitude." That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes.

Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord's teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Abbey Annual Dinner Dance**  
**Friday, November 17**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



## Pastor's Pulpit \_\_\_\_\_ **BEAUTY ALL AROUND US**

There are always so many people to thank for the many wonderful things they do for our parish.  
May we "give a shout" to those who so diligently work in the gardens of our parish.  
I snapped a few pictures to share with you just a bit of the beauty created by God the ultimate gardener  
and tilled by our gardeners.



## News & Events



**REGISTER NOW . . .**

### JUST FOR MEN

Registration has now opened for That Man Is You!

This fall, over 24,000 men in 600 parishes nationwide will meet weekly with the aim of transforming their lives, their families and our greater society. Save the date for this new program just for men starting at St. Norbert's on **Thursday, September 21.**

That Man Is You! (TMIY) is **FREE** and open to all men from the Paoli area and any age: those with young or older families; grandfathers; and those without children, who want to discover more about transforming their lives in an encounter with Jesus.

TMIY program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and St. John Paul II.

Save the date and make your plans now to attend. Also, start talking to your friends and check out this video:

#### **That Man Is You!**

**REGISTER NOW AT:** <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=5e7600> **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo with registration questions at [tcancelmo@btcmktg.com](mailto:tcancelmo@btcmktg.com)

**NOW FOR WOMEN ONLY . . .**

### SENT ON FIRE

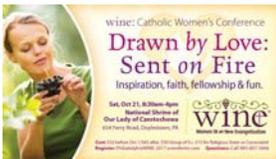
St. Norbert parishioner **Sarah Christmyer** is one of the featured speakers at the first ever National Catholic Women's Conference to be held in Philadelphia Saturday, **October 21**, from **8:30 AM - 4 PM**. This conference, hosted by

**WINE: Women in the New Evangelization** and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, also features **Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo, and Kitty Cleveland** with mu-

sic by **Amada Vernon**. Join women from around the USA for this inspirational day of faith, fellowship, and fun at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.

**NOTE:** Seats are limited and last year's Diocesan women's conference sold out in five weeks so don't wait, register today. **MORE INFO:** [WineConference.org](http://WineConference.org)

**REGISTER:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-wine-national-catholic-womens-conference-philadelphia-registration-33746012231>



## Hey Kids . . . Kingdom Junction

**STARTING THIS SUNDAY AT 9 AM  
CHECK THIS OUT!**

Our exciting new **Kingdom Junction** for 1-5 year-olds starts this Sunday during the 9 AM Mass.

"We are excited to provide a spiritual, child-friendly program we're calling **Kingdom Junction**," said Mark Griswold, Director of CaFFE and Family Life. "This new initiative will not replace or compete with our **CLOW** (Children's Liturgy of the Word) effort directed toward slightly older children. This is, as Fr. Mike says, for our youngest parishioners while their parents attend Mass."

Kim Savage, who is heading up this service added, "All the volunteers staffing **Kingdom Junction** will be cleared through the Archdiocesan Safe Environment certification process. Depending on how this rolls out, there is the possibility that **Kingdom Junction** will be expanded to other Masses as we move forward. We need your support and we are looking for volunteers to help out in any way they can."

In commenting on this effort, Fr. Mike said, "**Kingdom Junction** is completely optional, but we are excited to provide options that allow parents to confidently attend Mass together while their small tykes are enjoying an atmosphere of fun Bible stories, and videos, along with age appropriate spiritual activities."

**Contact:** Mark Griswold [caffedirector@stnorbert.org](mailto:caffedirector@stnorbert.org) or Kim Savage at [k7savage@gmail.com](mailto:k7savage@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer or have additional questions.



## CAFFE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

For grades 1-6 and monthly Family Program.

**Avoid Late Fees In August**

Visit [StNorbert.org](http://StNorbert.org) CaFFE Online Registration  
**CONTACT:** Mark Griswold, CaFFE and Family LifeMinistry Director at [caffedirector@stnorbert.org](mailto:caffedirector@stnorbert.org)



**DEADLINE AUGUST 13**

**HELPING ST. GABE'S KIDS**



It's close to that time of year again to help the children at St. Gabriel's School (our sister parish in the Grey's Ferry neighborhood of Philadelphia) with new backpacks and supplies. This is a great project to do with your children or grandchildren as you are casually shopping before the rush in the "Back To School Season." This year: **BACKPACKS MUST BE EMPTY** and can be placed in the bins in the Narthex. School supplies should be brought in paper

shopping bags and placed in the Narthex. **ALL CHILDREN ARE TREATED EQUALLY** so backpacks are filled by St Gabe's school staff and not by us. Please buy materials for boys or girls. **SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Black marble copy books, 3-ring binders and ruled paper, pocket folders, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, glue sticks (not liquid glue), 6" rulers and small scissors, mini staplers. New or gently used books for reading (ages 6 to 14 ) are also appreciated. **PLEASE NOTE:** We **do not need** protractors, index cards, spiral notebooks or snacks.

New school supplies help children begin the school year with a little more self-esteem and anticipation. Thank you for your generosity.

**Deadline: Collecting supplies weekends of Aug 6 & 13. CONTACT:** Marie Di Pietro 610.937.0666

**FR. JOHN PAUL PEZZI IS COMING . . .**

**SHARING THE NEWS**

This year's Mission Weekend **July 22-23** will feature **Fr. John Paul Pezzi** of the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus. **Father John Paul Pezzi**, served in Burundi (The African Great Lakes Region) following his study of theology in Rome and ordination in 1968. He has been on the editorial team of several Comboni Missionaries' magazines in South America and Africa. For 18 years he served in Ecuador and Columbia, first as the manager of *Radio Antena Libre*; second as the Pro-Rector of the Catholic University of Esmeraldas. He returned to French-speaking Africa in 1999. He was pastor in Kisanгани, Democratic Republic of Congo, while teaching philosophy in the Edith Stein Institute. Moving to Maboma, he worked among the pygmies. Returning to Rome in 2008, Father Pezzi managed the *Comboni Press* on the web site <http://www.comboni.org> and was the director of the Comboni Missionaries *Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission (JPIC)*. Since 2010, Father Pezzi has been working in the United States as a member of *Vivat International*, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) accredited with the United Nations with special



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consultative status. He is co-author of a monthly Newsletter on JPIC, which is distributed in four languages and blogs on JPIC topics at <http://www.jpic-jp.org/en.php> and is involved in training people to counteract the current land-grabbing phenomenon. Please welcome Fr. Pezzi and be generous.

**AN ENCOUNTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS . . .**

**AWAKEN THE WONDER**

What does it mean to be human? What is the ache in our hearts that the things of the world can't satisfy? Join the Theology of the Body Institute and Anthem (the Archdiocese of Philadelphia youth and young adult office) in a mini-immersion retreat encounter called "Awaken,"

**Friday, Aug 11-13** at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA.

**CONTACT:** Samantha at 215.302.8200 ext 104. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human!



## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER CALLING ALL TEENS



Register now for the **Stuebenville Youth Conference July 21-23.**

What's it like? Here's one teen whose life was changed:

*"I was a last minute addition to the conference...And boy am I glad*

*I did! I had an incredible encounter with the Lord that changed my life in so many ways.*

*"The friendships I have from that trip have become so special and help me keep my faith when I'm away at college and encourage me when I'm home.*

*"I would recommend this trip to even the most hesitant person. You never know what is going to happen!" — Debbie*

Check it out and register now at [Stuebenville Youth Trip](#)

## THIS MONDAY AT ST. PAT'S... EXPERIENCING LOSS?



If you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss, join us on **Monday,**

**July 17, at 7 PM** for a short prayer service and

social gathering at **St. Patrick's** of Malvern and co-sponsored by **St. Norbert's**. The Prayer Service will be followed by a social. We will be alternating this monthly Prayer Service between our parishes. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information.

Check out our Calendar of Events at [STNORBERT.ORG](#)



## THIS WEEK AND MORE... ADDICTIONS SUPPORT

Do you know someone in recovery or want to talk and pray with others for loved ones or even yourself in the struggle with addictions? Join us this Thursday, **July 20, 7-8 PM**, in the St. Norbert Oratory for our monthly

**Gethsemani Evening of Prayer for Addictions.**

Come pray for all those struggling with addictions. Held the 3rd Thursday of every month. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at [mchristmyer@stnorbort.org](mailto:mchristmyer@stnorbort.org) or 610.644.1655 ext. 131

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)** Every Monday night at **7:30 PM** at the Daylesford Abbey Chapter Room.

**GETHSEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY NIGHT** Sunday, **Aug 13, 7:30-8:30 PM**, in the St. Norbert Oratory. Open to people in 12 Step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.). **CONTACT:** Martin K. 610.291.1140



## 50+ GROUP SPONSORS... SUMMER HAPPY HOUR

Join us **Tuesday, July 25** for a Summer Happy Hour at the Desmond Hotel. Special prices on the Desmond's Sunset Grille deck for drinks and small plates from **4-6 PM. CONTACT:** Joan Reed at 610.358.4449 or Nina Gallacher at 484.318.1107 or [ngallacher9@aol.com](mailto:ngallacher9@aol.com)



## CAFFE FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM ASKS... WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our CaFFE Religious Ed program is looking for a volunteer teacher or teachers to instruct the children in our adapted special needs classroom. This is a beautiful opportunity to help our parish kids with special needs to encounter Jesus. If you have some experience with special education and a big heart to share the faith with these kids, we need you. **CONTACT:** Mark Griswold, CaFFE and Family Life Ministry Director at [caffedirector@stnorbort.org](mailto:caffedirector@stnorbort.org)



## YOUNG ADULTS RECONNECT THIS SUMMER KEEPING FAITH ALIVE

A number of our young adults returning from college gathered after the last Sunday's 6 pm Youth Mass to reconnect, plan summer get togethers, and talk about campus life for those heading out this fall. What a tribute this is to our Youth Group bonds and to the future of our church.



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**"Religious Difference and the Public Square"**  
The second part of a special Interfaith Supper and Evening program will be held at Daylesford Abbey under the auspices of the Dialogue Institute and funded by the US State Department on **August 8, at 5:40 PM** on **"Religious Differences in Our Countries"** with an interfaith supper with university student from Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey followed by a **6:40 PM** presentation by students. **COST FOR THE SESSION:** \$25 offering. **REGISTER:** 610.647.2530 ext. 133 or [registrations@daylesford.org](mailto:registrations@daylesford.org)

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