

June 10, 2018

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM
SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11 AM; **Spanish** 1:30PM;
Youth Mass 6PM
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30, 8AM; **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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**10TH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus longs for us to belong to one family in him, through baptism. Today's readings look at three blessings provided by membership in God's family: understanding, permanence, and hospitality. In Genesis, Adam and Eve, filled with shame, hide from God. God finds them, of course, and sees deep into their hearts. Before God discusses their disobedience, God shows understanding and tenderness by banishing the creature most responsible for their sin: the serpent. God always understands and protects the members of God's family. This protection does not prevent suffering on earth, but, as Saint Paul explains to the Corinthians, guarantees our permanent, glorious happiness in heaven. Today's Gospel reminds us that God wants to welcome all of us into that glory. Breaking all barriers, Jesus assures us he heartily welcomes all who love and follow him. God's family welcomes, understands, and offers eternal life.

MAMA GRIZZLY BEAR

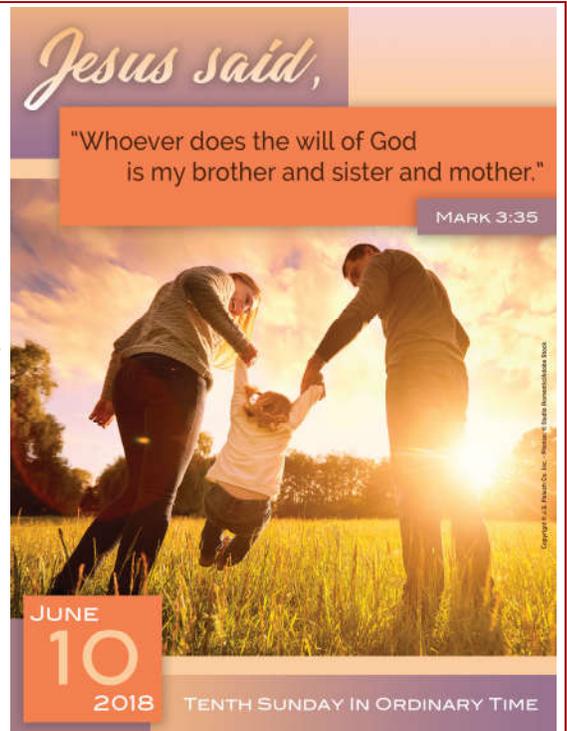
More than any mama grizzly bear, God is ferociously protective of us. Certainly Adam and Eve must accept the consequences for their bad behavior, but God lashes out first and foremost at the serpent, the one who caused them to sin. God is fair, and God is tender. "As a mother comforts her child," says the Lord, "so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Knowing God's protective love for us, we can echo today's Psalm 130 whenever we confront distress: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!" Even if, like Adam and Eve, we cause our own suffering, we believe God will always show both might and mercy if we turn to the Lord for help and comfort.

PROPHETIC LIVING

The Corinthians knew what it was like to experience distress and suffering, much of which they caused themselves. Their Christian community, founded not twenty years after Jesus' death, faced heart-wrenching disagreements and scandalous behavior. To encourage them, Saint Paul wrote that their "momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." St. Paul does not deny their suffering. He does not pretend being a Christian is easy. Instead, he invites the Corinthians to accept their difficulties and put them in perspective: the heaviest burden on earth weighs nothing compared to the mighty glory God has prepared for us in heaven. Living with this perspective makes us prophets. A prophet speaks God's truth to the world and points God's people back to the Lord. When we live in prophetic hope, believing in God's eternal glory, we remind the world of God's mighty, merciful plans for humanity. Like St. Paul, we can encourage others to endure suffering bravely and not to grow weary doing God's will. Jesus promises that if we do the will of God, we are his "brother and sister and mother." We are his family. And he always protects his family.

TODAY'S READINGS: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

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10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!"

— Psalm 130:1

Sunday, June 10

Vigil †John T. Roddy
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 Perseverance & Hope for all providers
11:30 †Felice DiFrancesco
1:30 PM †Myriam Betacourt
6:00 PM †Theodore Dupont

Monday, June 11

6:30 AM Kaitlyn Hill
8:00 AM †Edmund Armstrong

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 †Bea Pollack
8:00 †Ayman Muasher

Wednesday, June 13

6:30 †Anthony Costantino
8:00 †Yvonne Enriquez

Thursday, June 14

6:30 †Terry D. Grupe
8:00 †Mary Ann Whalen

Friday, June 15

6:30 †Robert Kane
8:00 †Aaron Gelstine

Saturday, June 16

8:00 †Ray Grover

Sunday, June 17

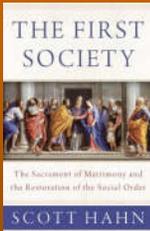
Vigil †Anthony DiPietro, Sr.
7:30 †Louis De Stefano
9:00 Paul Nguyen & Family
11:30 †Elizabeth F. Brookes
1:30 PM Spanish Parishioners
6:00 PM Parishioners

"God's order of creation was not arbitrary. We were created for community; that is, our nature finds its fullest expression in community with other persons.

Aristotle got it right even without divine revelation: man is a social being. As it was at the beginning, so it remains today: the family is the first society, both in order of time and importance."

— Scott Hahn

THE FIRST SOCIETY:
THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
AND THE RESTORATION OF THE
SOCIAL ORDER



Gratitude

You Can't Hide

In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, when God was present in the garden, the man and woman hid themselves. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Did he, do any of us really think he could hide from God?

As children many of us may have hidden from a parent when we did something wrong and it was in violation of some specific order we had received. Our efforts to hide what we did and to hide ourselves were probably no more effective than Adam's.

As humans we know the temptation of following our own plans, even if they are contrary to God's. We think we know better and we may try to still have it our way. If what we



have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God.

The sincere truth is that we cannot hide from God any more than Adam and Eve could.

Psalm

139 declares, "Where can I hide from your spirit (God's)? From your presence where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol (the place of the dead) you are there, too. If I say 'Surely darkness will hide me'... Darkness is not dark for you."

What are we hiding from? In recent weeks we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide.

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SUMMER MASS CHANGE

The Sunday 11 AM Mass replaces the 11:30 AM until Labor Day in September.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

† 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 Dip-

pel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo 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 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 Oravecz, Mary Collins, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, Richard (Dick) Nagle

REST IN PEACE: Alex Viscidi

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

Pastor's Pulpit

NEW STUDY SHOWS CATHOLIC . . .

SCHOOL DIFFERENCE

As school children race out of the class rooms for the Summer break, the Wall Street Journal reported on a new study that says: **“Don’t underestimate the power of religion to positively influence a child’s behavior.”** The study was commissioned by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute and performed by secular researchers from the University of California-Santa Barbara. The authors compared students in Catholic schools with those in public, charter, and other private and religious schools. Excerpts of the article are published below. – Fr. Mike



St. Norbert School students celebrate Field Day as school ends.

“For the thousands of nuns who have served as principals at Catholic schools, their emphasis on self-discipline must seem like common sense. But a new academic study confirms the sisters are on to something: You can instill self-discipline in students, a virtue that will help them in their studies and later in life.

“...The authors found statistically meaningful evidence that students in Catholic schools exhibited less disruptive behavior than their counterparts in other schools. ‘According to their teachers, Catholic school children ar-

gued, fought, got angry, acted impulsively, and disturbed ongoing activities less frequently,’ the authors write. Specifically, students in Catholic schools ‘were more likely to control their temper, respect others’ property, accept their fellow students’ ideas, and handle peer pressure.’ In other words, they exhibited more self-discipline.

“The authors concede their findings aren’t causal, meaning there might be unobservable differences between students in different schools that account for the striking differences they have found. But the correlation is strong between the focus that Catholic schools put on self-discipline and better student behavior. We also know that, especially in urban areas, black and Latino students who attend Catholic schools show higher achievement, higher graduation rates and higher college enrollment than those at nearby public schools.”

In the editorial, the authors provide “three key judgements” on why Catholic schools are different:

1) “Schools that value and focus on **self discipline** will likely do a better job of fos-

tering it in children. ...”

2) “Assuming that these results reflect a **‘Catholic Schools Effect,’** other schools might consider both explicit and implicit methods to replicate it. ...”

3) “Don’t underestimate the **power of religion** to positively influence a child’s behavior. ...”

Please read the full “judgements” in the article at: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-catholic-school-difference-1527894168>



SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATE OUR PATRON

ST. NORBERT PARISH PICNIC

This Saturday, June 9

6:30-9 PM

School Grounds

Games, Food, Fellowship, Community and Fun

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT: Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 115

News & Events

ARCHDIOCESE MAKES . . .

CONFIRMATION CHANGE

In Baptism, your child was claimed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and became a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. As your child grew, they learned of the love of God in the **“first school of faith, the family”** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1666*).

This education, in conjunction with your efforts at home, is more than simply learning about Jesus; it is a spiritual formation which challenges your child to become a model of the faith and a disciple of Christ for his/her lifetime. The Sacrament of Confirmation gives grace for this spiritual journey.

Over the past two years, the Archdiocese conducted a study regarding the age of Confirmation. There was overwhelming consensus in moving the celebration of this sacrament to a more mature age of 7th or 8th grade.

As a result of the study, the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young disciples will be celebrated annually in the Fall of their 8th grade. The current 2017-2018 5th grade will be our next Confirmation class when they are in 8th grade in the Fall of 2020.

As Pastor, it is my desire for your child to be spiritually equipped to face the challenges of today's world and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will notify you as soon as the actual preparation process timeline is finalized for 8th grade Confirmation.

I am confident that this change, with your familial support, will allow for a deeper apprenticeship in the faith and stronger relationship with God for your child.

— Fr. Mike

NOTE: For more information on this decision, please go to: <http://parish.stnorbert.org/news-events/st--norbert-parish-news/6-4-2018-new-confirmation-process>



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 & Healing evening is **Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 PM** in the St. Norbert Church. **Contact:** Pete Radice at 610.265.5787 or pfrf@comcast.net

CELEBRATE TODAY . . .

OUR NEWEST DEACON

Yesterday, our parishioner **Steve Martino** was ordained a Deacon by Archbishop Charles Chaput at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul in Philadelphia.

Steve has been studying and taking diaconate classes at the Philadelphia Archdiocese St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for seven years. Congratulations on your vocation and ordination.

Today, new Deacon Steve will present his first homily at the **11 AM Mass**.

All are invited to a reception immediately after the 11 AM Mass for a free noon reception in the St. Norbert School Dining Hall.

We ask God's blessing on Steve and his family on this wonderful occasion. And we thank God for Steve's vocation and service to our parish.

— Fr. Mike

NOTE: If you have not **RSVP'ed** Ed Grady, please do so ASAP at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org so he can plan food and seating at the reception.



NOTE: The 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, June 10, 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 NIGHT:

Join us **Thursday, June 21, 7 PM** in the Oratory to pray for families, friends, relatives, and those in recovery. Confession available and our Lord is present in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hospitality, refreshments, and informal conversation after each evening.



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DAYLESFORD ABBEY GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Hershey's Mill Golf Club
Registration 11:30 AM; shotgun
12:30 PM; dinner & awards 5:30 PM
COST \$225 incl golf, cart,
scramble, lunch, contests,
drinks & dinner



CONTACT: John Parthemore 610.647.7538

Around Our Parish

The annual St. Norbert School **Breakfast of Champions** (1 & 2) was held this past Monday before the start of **Field Day**. Each school family donated 2 boxes of their favorite cereal. The students enjoyed a smorgasbord of cereal for their breakfast and 185 boxes of cereal were donated to **the Great Valley Food Cupboard**. Field Day was filled with outdoor

activities that emphasized teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical health. The students enjoyed getting their faces painted and participating in the annual tug-of-war competition. The finale of the day was a dunk tank featuring Fr. Steve, Mrs. Hennessy, school principal (3), and Mr. Weinrich (4), 5th & 6th grade ELA teacher, as well as our 8th grade graduates. The St. Norbert **CYO Track Team** competed in the Archdiocesan Track & Field Championships at Franklin Field on June 2 (5-8). Several of our youngsters placed well against stiff competition. Luke Watson was 1st in the Novice Boys High Jump, Kristen Lavallee was 2nd in the Cadet Girls High Jump, Molly Ryle was 4th in the Cadet Girls 1600m Run, and Alex de Vries was 5th in the Novice Boys 1600m Run. Personal bests were recorded by James Johnson, Quinn O'Brien, and Liam Fritz. Other participants included Henry Schalich, Evan Falcone, and Delaney Burns. Congrats to our top CYO Track Team!



CAN YOU . . .**HEAR ME CALLING?**

*Hearing God's whisper?
Is Jesus calling you?
Want to give back?*

Consider our
First Serve Ministry:

WELCOMING GREETER: 45 minutes once every 3-4 weeks
HOSPITALITY SERVANT: 30 minutes every other month serving food at our monthly hospitality Sundays.

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS: 1 hour every 4 weeks picking up or delivering food to those in need in Chester County and right here in Paoli.

CONTACT: Ed Grady, Volunteers & Activities Coordinator at 610.644.1655

**ATTENTION PARENTS . . .****SUMMER CAMPS**

St. Norbert School is offering two camping opportunities this summer:

- ◆ **SUMMER CAMP:** This year, there will be 5 weeks of summer camp with both morning and afternoon sessions each day for Pre-K to 8th Grade. You can come to one or two weeks or all the weeks and one or both



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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

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- ◆ **MYERS COOKING FOR A CAUSE:** Two sessions will be offered: 1) **Taste of Homemade Meals from Scratch** August 6-10 9 AM or 12 PM session; 2) **Sweet Creations, Delicious Desserts**, August 13-17, 9 AM or 12 PM . Only 25 slots open to K-8th Grade (must be 5 years old and able to independently use bathroom facilities to participate in either session). **REGISTER:** <http://files.constantcontact.com/7cb83250301/49d671a2-92f7-4af2-b7ec-246642efdc79.pdf>

FAST FACTS:

MEXICO PILGRIMAGE: Aug 31-Sept 6. With Fr. Mike. **CONTACT:** Ron Pollack at rap76@comcast.net **COST** \$1,795.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) can help. 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 or 800.470.2230. All inquiries kept confidential.

**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; **Young Adults Faith Sharing** 7:30-9 PM, Parish Office Lower Level, **CONTACT:** Natalie Murray nataliemurray@gmail.com Hank Fila at hankfila@gmail.com or 610.513.9768
Wednesdays: **Outreach Food Procurement Distribution**, 10 AM-1:30 PM, Narthex; **Christian Practice of Yoga** 10:30-11:30 AM, 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, Oratory or by appointment

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June 14 Prayer & Healing Night, 7-8:30 PM, Church
June 18 Abbey Golf Outing, Hershey Mills, 11:30 AM Registration, Shotgun 12:30 PM. **CONTACT:** John Parthemore 610.647.7538
June 21 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org
June 19-July 24 2018 SUMMER BOOK STUDY by Bishop Robert Barron, 9:30-11 AM, Parish Office
CONTACT: Mary Galloway maryggalloway@aol.com or 610.356.8916

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