

June 17, 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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**11TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Very few of us have ever seen an actual mustard seed or held one between our fingers. Yet Jesus’ parable of the mustard seed captivates us today as we imagine an unlikely, tiny seed bursting into fullness. Today’s readings are full of unlikely, unexpected fullness. The prophet Ezekiel praises the Lord who lowers the tallest trees and raises up the small ones, even making “the withered tree bloom.” Believing in this transformational power of God, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians to live courageously; one day, the Lord will accept our fragile, earthly bodies and welcome us home to eternal health and strength in heaven. At some time or another, we have all felt small, outnumbered, discouraged, incomplete, friendless, or unsatisfied. Today’s readings promise that God embraces our smallness and transforms us, little by little.

ONCE UPON A TIME

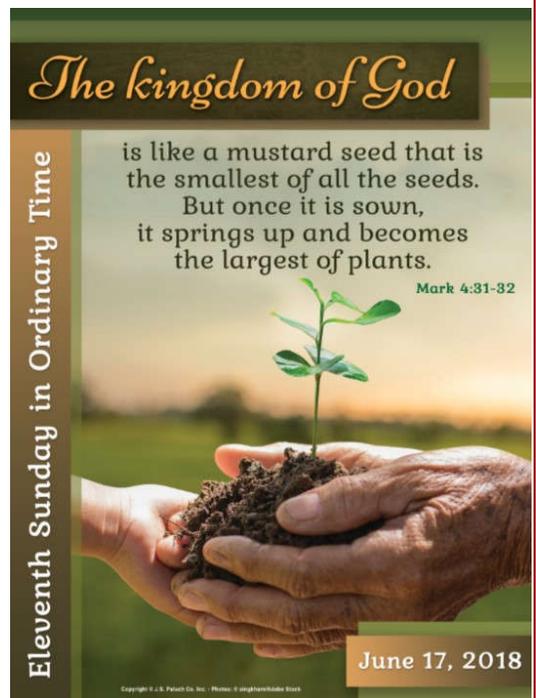
Let me tell you a story. . . . That sentence enchants us. We feel our bodies relax and our anticipation grow. Let me tell you a story, Jesus seems to say, as he searches for vivid images that will help us love the mysterious reality of God’s kingdom. The kingdom of God, Jesus explains, is like a seed growing. The person who planted the seed doesn’t have a clue how it achieves its fullness. Modern time-lapse photography can record the second-by-second development of a seed into a plant, but Jesus’ contemporary audience had never seen such pictures. To Jesus’ listeners, a seed’s growth – imperceptible yet unmistakable – seemed miraculous. Jesus taps into the knowledge and wonder of his audience to help them have an experience of what he wants to convey: although we cannot always see or prove it, God works for us in all times and places. God’s kingdom is everywhere, and there is nowhere that God does not guide our growth.

GROWTH POTENTIAL

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells many parables to help explain the kingdom of God. Both of today’s parables from Mark’s Gospel involve seeds, strangely enough. Seeds really are a bizarre emblem for a kingdom. Can you imagine a mighty kingdom whose royal banners boast a picture of a tiny seed? Jesus doubles down on the image, however, inviting us to picture first a seed of grain, and then a mustard seed. Jesus longs for us to understand that God’s kingdom is full of unexpected strength. A withered tree blooms, a virgin bears a son, a dead man bursts out of his tomb. Our scriptures are a long catalog of unlikely victories. We walk by faith, as Saint Paul says, and not by sight – we must believe that God transforms all weakness into strength, all death into life. We may prefer swift, demonstrable victories in our lives, but God’s style often resembles the gentle way of seeds.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God." — Psalm 92:14

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

Monday, June 18

6:30 AM †Gertrude Higgins
8:00 AM †James A. Donahue

Tuesday, June 19

6:30 †Robert Grant
8:00 Betty Rafferty

Wednesday, June 20

6:30 †Dennis, Barbara & Donald Ryan
8:00 †Angelo DeStefano

Thursday, June 21

6:30 †Emily Hannigan
8:00 †John Gough

Friday, June 22

6:30 †Joe dePasquale
8:00 †Edmund M. Walsh

Saturday, June 23

8:00 †Harvey Pollack

Sunday, June 24

Vigil †Aimee Silverio
7:30 †Florence DiMonte
9:00 †Dorothy Sugar
11:30 †Joseph Manion & Regina Westhoff
1:30 PM †Jorge Pedro Bruniard
6:00 PM Parishioners

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES...

MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2019 Mass Intention Book will open on Friday, **June 29** at 9 AM.

Requests from people coming to the office will be processed to permit the broadest number of parishioners to have access to the Sunday Masses.

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

We do ask that you limit your requests on June 29 to a maximum of 12.

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

Gratitude

Where's Your Home?

We have stated previously that St. Paul had a way with words. He was able to take a very complex concept and summarize it in a few words and phrases. In today's Second Reading from Second Corinthians, Paul says simply, "...we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5: 7). That statement by Paul has inspired hymns and treatises.

Yet, it is in reality what we are all about as Catholics and Christians. There is no question that it is one of the most difficult notions for us as Catholics and Christians to grasp and accept. The word translated as "walk" can also be translated as "live." Thus, we could say "We live by faith, and not by sight."

This was a popular and consistent theme for St. Paul, his point being that we need to build our lives around the eternal prospects, not those of this world. In this society



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

REST IN PEACE: David Lyons, Helene Teter

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



"things" seem so important to us. However, the truth is that they have no eternal significance. That is an ongoing message in the concept of stewardship — basically who we are and how we live is more important than what we own and what we may appear to be. That can be tough for us.

The late Billy Graham, who died earlier this year, was fond of saying, "My home is in Heaven. I am just traveling through this world." St. Paul would agree with that attitude. © catholicsteward.com

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Blessings to all our Fathers for their love, support and care.

ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FERVENT DISCIPLES

 Online Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Pastor's Pulpit

THE LAZY, HAZY DAYS OF . . .

SUMMER TIME

As we officially begin SUMMER with the closing of schools, I take a moment and wish you all a time of rest, relaxation and renewal. I realize how much of a challenge this can become with the coming and going and the packing and unpacking.

Is it possible to spend some quiet time walking the woods or the beach? I might suggest the new (about a year now) path that lines the property of Daylesford Abbey. If you are going to Mass at the Abbey, this might be a wonderful opportunity to meditate before attending Mass or even after Mass, a brief reflection on the readings and the homilies that are delivered while enjoying the Abbey grounds.

This morning I celebrated Mass on the Feast of Saint Barnabas. He was known by the nickname, **Son of Encouragement**. According to Franciscan Media,¹ “Barnabas,² a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to be a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with Saint Paul—he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles—and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

“When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem which was suffering a famine.

“Later Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, ‘We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God’ (see Acts 14:8-18).

“But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along his cousin John Mark, author of the *Gospel*, but Paul insisted that since

Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated: Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

“When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that “even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy” (see Galatians 2:1-13).

“Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man ‘filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby, large numbers were added to the Lord.’ Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia—modern-day Turkey—they were ‘filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.’”

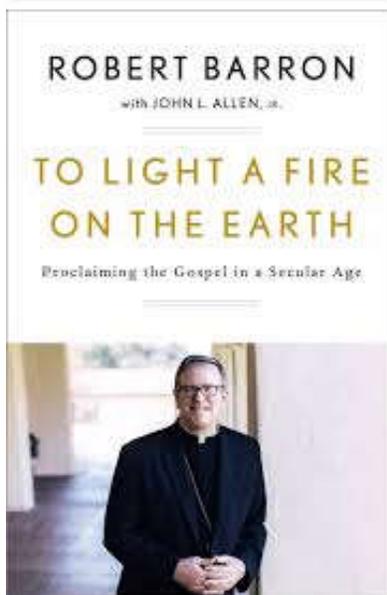
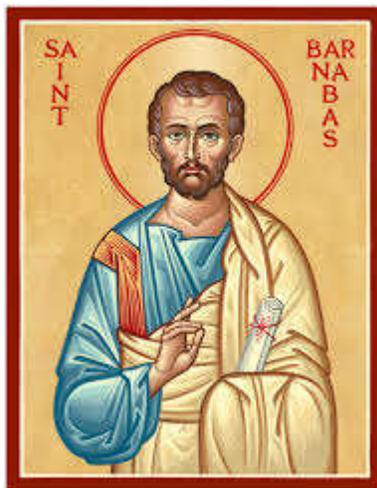
You can read the experiences of Barnabas in the Act of the Apostles and maybe there is someone you know who could use a little bit of encouragement in the faith. Be a “Barnabas” to them if you can.

Regarding your summer reading, you might be interested in our Summer Book Club gathering **June 19 to July 24** to read and reflect on Bishop Robert Barron’s book ***To Light A Fire On The Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age***. If you can’t make the book club, then get a copy and take it with you to the woods or the beach. For more information on the book club contact Mary Galloway at 610.356.8016 or marryggalloway@aol.com

Finally, another suggested read, is the latest Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, ***Rejoice And Be Glad, Gaudete et Exsultate***. This is also a very good and quick read and provides a nice understanding of the mind of Pope Francis and the Church.

No matter where you are this Summer, I guarantee there will be a Catholic Church nearby. Don’t forget your God and our Church. — Fr. Mike

¹ <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-barnabas/>
² Icon of St. Barnabas can be found at <https://www.monasteryicons.com/product/st-barnabas-icon-757/icons-of-saints>



SPECIAL THANK

Last week, we were blessed with the ordination of Deacon Steve Martino on Saturday and his first homily on Sunday followed by a very nice reception. The other big event was our annual Parish Picnic where fun was had by all. A special thanks goes to Ed & Lorrie Grady, Sharyn Tehrani, Mijung Vaudens, and Barry Barnett for patiently and efficiently orchestrating both events. Thanks to all our volunteers. — Fr. Mike

See Deacon Steve’s 1st homily at:
StNorbert.org/resource-center/homilies-audio-video

News & Events

50+ GROUP MIDSUMMER DREAM . . .

CHANTICLEER EVENING

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**. Chanticleer is a beautiful garden located at 786 Church Road, Wayne chanticleergarden.org. We will provide the picturesque setting and you bring your picnic and BYOB. Friday nights are **very** popular and the parking lot fills quickly. Contact: Ann Higgins at 484.580.8805 or abh1a@comcast.net



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING . . .

OUR TEENS' TRIP

Recently, six of our Youth Group teens talked at all the Masses about their experience at the Steubenville Youth Conference. This year, we are blessed with the opportunity to bring 90 teens to this weekend experience with Christ July 20-22, however we need to raise funds to make sure everyone is able to participate. "These trips – especially ones with 90 teens involved – are just not possible without a supportive parish. We are beyond blessed to have that here at St. Norbert's," said Clare Kane, Director of Youth Ministry. "So far, the teens would like to thank all those who have contributed in support of the trip for their generosity," added Clare. If you would like to contribute, there is still time. Please send donations to Youth Group, St. Norbert Parish Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301, Attention Clare Kane.

THIS THURSDAY NIGHT . . .

PRAY FOR ADDICTIONS

Join us this **Thursday, June 21, 7 PM** in the Oratory to pray for families, friends, relatives, and those in recovery from Addictions. Confession available and our Lord is present in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



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



Now OPEN

CAFFE REGISTRATION

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

Discount before July 1st

Visit StNorbert.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.stnorbert.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@stnorbert.org

NEW ADDICTIONS WEBSITE . . .

HOPE IN CHRIST

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has created a new website: **Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction** at archphila.org/hope.

This clearinghouse website will provide a resource for families posting events, groups, meeting, parish activities and witnesses struggling with addiction.



ATTENTION PARENTS . . .

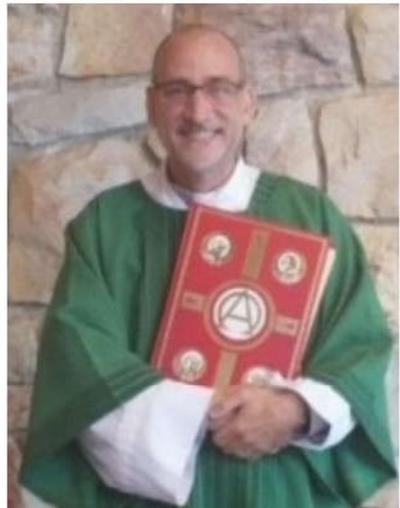
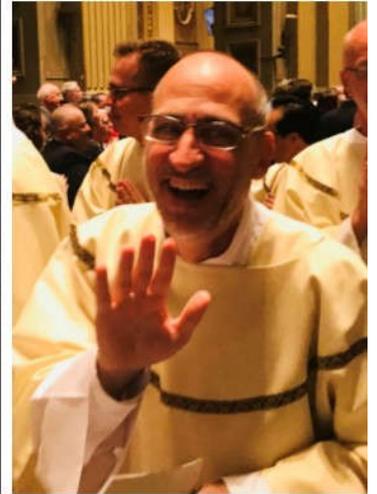
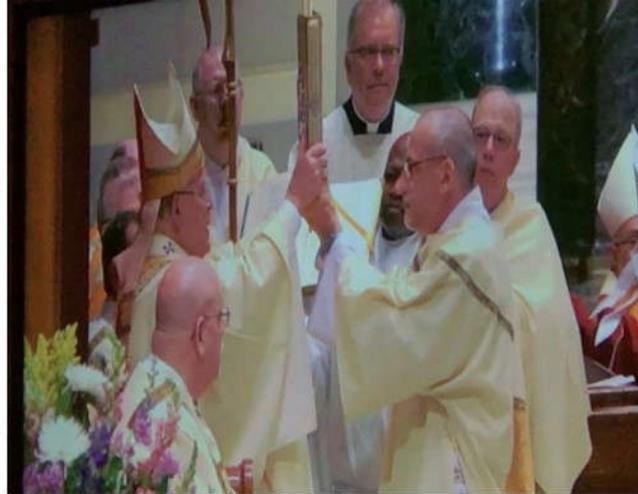
SUMMER CAMPS

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

Congratulations again to our **Deacon Steve Martino**. Highlights from his ordination, first homily and reception provide memories for this blessing from the Lord. Godspeed Deacon Steve on your journey of discipleship here at St. Norbert's. Our **Young Adults** had a wonderful day swinging from trees, rappelling and riding the zip line at Treehouse World last weekend.

Close to 30 Young Adults participated with **Heather Makowicz** providing a spiritual reflection prior to the fun.



♦ **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 daily sessions. Features age appropriate groups with language arts, crafts, science, art, games and more. **REGISTER NOW** at: <http://files.constantcontact.com/7cb83250301/5cof99b6-b74f-43d3-a09c-60d6c4121296.pdf>

♦ **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>

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO . . .

WITH FR. MIKE

Join our pastor Fr. Michael Lee on a spiritual journey to Mexico, **Aug 31 to Sept 6**. Highlights of the pilgrimage include Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tepeyac Hill, Zocalo Plaza, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Tlaxcala, Our Lady of Ocotlan, Puebla, Tulpetlac, Teotihuacan and more. **COST:** \$1,795. **CONTACT:** Ron Pollack at rap76@comcast.net



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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 – line up of artists including fan favorite **Matt Maher** (above) returning for his electrifying 5th **AbbeyFest** appearance. High energy, Grammy-nominated, **Building 429** (left) brings an uplifting and unforgettable sound guaranteed to get you out of your seats. Key-note 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, **OB** (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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