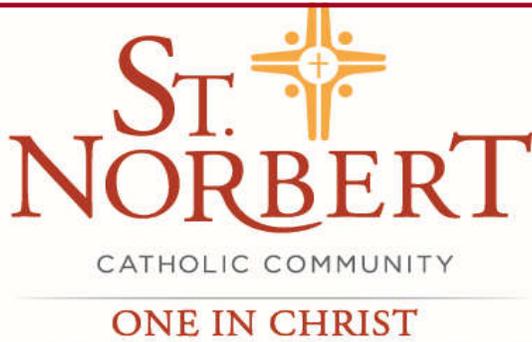


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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** 4-5 PM OR
by Appointment

ADORATION: **Thursdays** 8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturdays** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

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

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REV. CARL W. BRASCHOSS, O.PRAEM., SPANISH MASS

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We are now at the Fifth Sunday in our Lenten preparation. The focus of the readings turns our attention from the rules we read about during the Third week to a new covenant, a new relationship between God and all of us. Jeremiah tells us of God's intention to enter our very hearts, the center of our life. The psalm asks for a "clean heart" so that we are ready to receive the joy of salvation. Hebrews tells us that Jesus too prayed, was made perfect, and became the source of eternal salvation. In John, Jesus explains the contradiction that this new relationship involves: death becomes life. God gives everything to us, including forgiveness. God holds back nothing from us, giving us even the beloved Son, Jesus.

WRITTEN IN STONE

The rules written on the stone tablets given to Moses are easy to remember, if not so easy to follow. Today we learn that the rules are no longer outside ourselves but that God has written them on our hearts. God says, "I will be their God and they shall be my people." We are now bound in a relationship with God and are not just following God's rules. The model for the relationship is Jesus. Jesus, Son

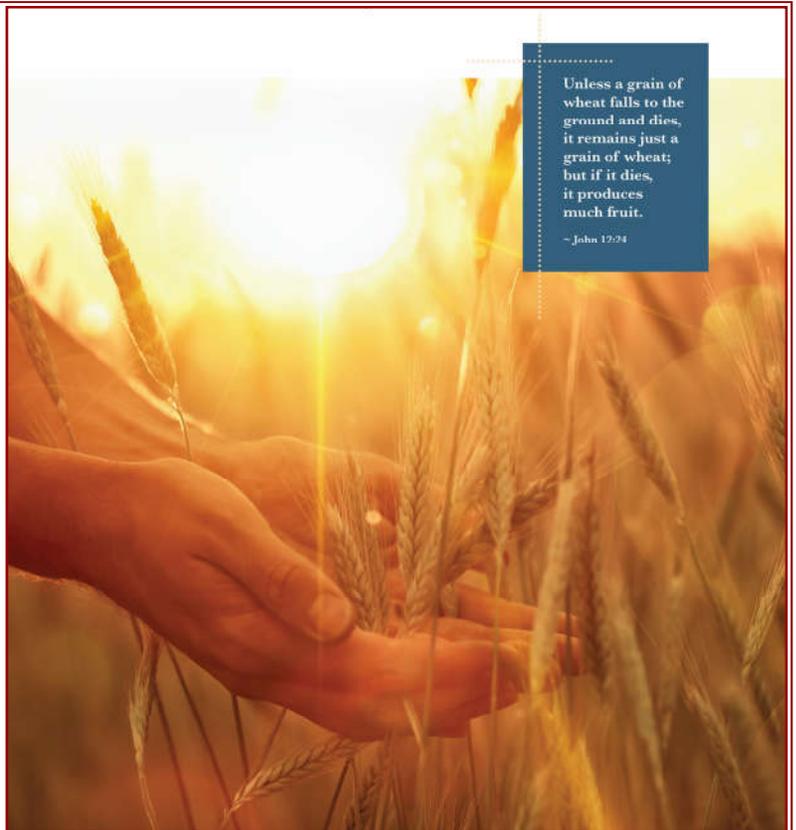
though he was, was made perfect through his suffering and became the source of salvation for all of us, who are far less than perfect. Jesus describes this relationship as a grain of wheat, whole unto itself, that falls into the embrace of the earth and is broken in order to produce the life-sustaining wheat.

WRITTEN IN FLESH

When the rules are written on our hearts, we must look within to measure ourselves, to discover what God expects of us. We are not servants. We are God's people. We are not strangers or foreigners. We are God's people. This kind of relationship, like a deep friendship, a marriage, or parent and child, requires a whole-hearted commitment, a willingness to put the lives of others before our own. We share with Jesus such a relationship, a deep longing for God so that our lives have a meaning beyond their measure. Each of our lives is more than a series of experiences, events, accomplishments. Each of our lives embodies in our flesh the work of God that we see incarnated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This relationship expects more of us than rules. This relationship gives us more than rules. This relationship asks for our life and in return gives us eternal life and salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

~ John 12:24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

Sunday, March 18

Vigil †John Brennan
7:30 †Joseph Pantaleo
9:00 Our Parishioners
11:30 †Brian Zwaan
1:30 PM Spanish Community
6 PM †Helen Holmes

Monday, March 19

6:30 †Jim Buck
8:00 †Victoria A. Fisher

Tuesday, March 20

6:30 †Virginia Klepfer
8:00 †Sam & Stella Masapollo

Wednesday, March 21

6:30 Armed Forces
8:00 †James J. Bruder

Thursday, March 22

6:30 †Margaret McDade
8:00 †Serafia Galinta

Friday, March 23

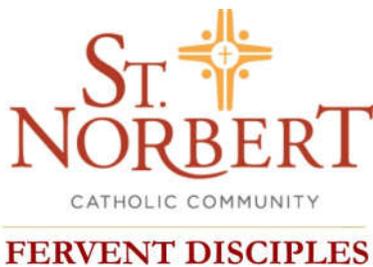
6:30 †Margaret Welsh
8:00 †Richard Crockett

Saturday, March 24

8:00 Hogan & O'Brien Families

Sunday, March 25

Vigil †Margaret DiPietro
7:30 †Jonathan Lucks
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 Our Parishioners
1:30 PM For the Soul of Julia Ines Angulo Laos
6 PM †Edward Cabral



"One sin cannot excuse another sin."

— ST. JOHN VIANNEY
ON ANGER

Gratitude

"Confession Heals"

Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: "He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." There is a connection between these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.

The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). That should be a key



PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John F. 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, Maura Tehrani Henderson

REST IN PEACE: Robert Haney, Anthony "Tony" Ginnona

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



part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not done so already.

Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "Confession heals, Confession justifies, Confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in Confession. In Confession there is a chance for mercy."

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CONFESSION EVENING

Our Lenten Evening of Reconciliation will be **Wednesday, March 28** of Holy Week from **6:30-7:30 PM**
Multiple Confessors Available
Confession also every **Thursday** from **7-8 PM** and **Saturdays** **4-5 PM** in the Oratory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

Pastor's Pulpit

KEEPING IT GOING . . .

JOURNEY TO HOLINESS

So often we use words that we sense we know the meaning of, but when push comes to shove we struggle to explain them. I find this with trying to put meaning into the word "holiness."

I get the sense that "holiness" is an "already" and a "not yet" word in the sense that it is something that we are always striving toward, but maybe haven't totally committed to.

I would venture to guess that we would all know people in our lives who have demonstrated the idea of "holiness." Several people come to my mind in terms of their lives and how they lived in "Imitation of Christ." These would be individuals whose lives would be seen as selfless and open to others.

How would you define "holiness" in your life? Who are the individuals you would consider to be representative of a holiness of spirit?

What would you need to do for you to individually strive for a certain real-life holiness? If we are all called to holiness and sainthood, then we need to turn this journey over to the Lord and ask his help and direction.

I would hope that our Lenten theme "Journey To Holiness" has been helpful for you in exploring what holiness means to you, how it can be attained and the path to holiness. Hopefully, our Sunday homilies on the following

have assisted you on this journey:

- ◆ Feb 18: **What Is Holiness?**
- ◆ Feb 25: **Finding My Center**
- ◆ March 4: **I'm A Sinner**
- ◆ March 11: **It's Not About Me!**
- ◆ March 18: **What's Next**
- ◆ March 25: **Jesus – The Reason For My Journey**

We've recorded each of these homilies (to date), so you can go back and refresh your memory or catch up with one you may have missed due to Spring Break or travel or snow storms.



Holiness, as we've discovered, is a lifetime journey with a lot of bumps and detours along the way. We do however have some helps to holiness that the Church has provided. For one, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great grace-giving Sacrament that enables us to return to the Lord periodically and get a

checkup and a refill when our tanks run dry.

On **Wednesday, March 28**, we will hold our annual **Lenten Reconciliation Evening from 6:30-7:30 PM** with multiple confessors. There's also Confession available every **Thursday** evening from **7-8 PM** and on **Saturdays** from **4-5 PM**.

Lent is a wonderful gift to us from the Church to reflect on where we've been and where we're going through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we come up to Holy Week, I encourage you to continue to work on what "holiness" means to you, how you can grow in "holiness," and what your plan is after Lent. Keep exercising your spirituality just as religiously as you work out at the gym, and the path to holiness will unfold beautifully before you.

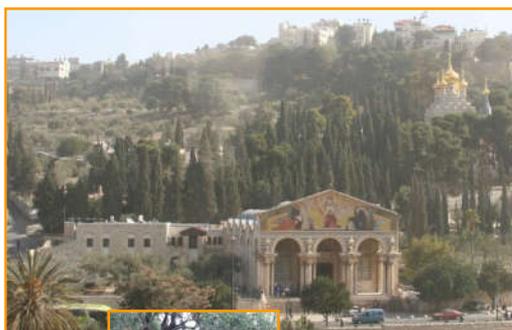
— Fr. Mike



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANI

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemani, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured — knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemani," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.



The Church of All Nations (center) with the Garden of Gethsemani to the left and the gold domes of the Church of Mary Magdalene top right. Below left is an olive tree in the garden that dates from the time of Jesus over 2000 years ago!

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called Dominus Flevit, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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

News & Events

DEEPEN YOUR JOURNEY TO HOLINESS . . . “WHAT’S NEXT?”

“Maybe an even better question is ‘Is Lent over yet?’” asked Fr. Steve as he previewed this Sunday’s Journey To Holiness homily “What’s Next?” Fr. Steve continued, “Lent is an invitation to take what we’ve been doing these past weeks and incorporate that into our daily lives. Its been a gift to look at the past, but more importantly to take that forward into our future.... The remainder of Lent is about looking for Jesus and



finding him not only in the past, but to live in the present with him. ‘What’s Next’ is to take every opportunity to become an even more fervent disciple and a better friend of Jesus.” Check out the previews to each Sunday’s homily in advance and view all the homilies in our Lenten series at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/resource-center/homilies-audio-video>

THIS SUNDAY

LIVING STATIONS

Accompany Jesus on the journey to Calvary in music, words and prayer by our Youth Group teens this **Sunday, March 18** at **7:30 PM** immediately following the Youth Mass. A St. Norbert Lenten tradition not to be missed. Bring a friend, family or just your self.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP . . .

EXPERIENCING LOSS?

When someone deeply loved passes out of our lives, the pain can be difficult to bear alone. We share a bereavement ministry with St. Patrick and St. Norbert Compassionate Circle of Support: Grieve not alone —to help with grieving and healing. The Spring Bereavement Ministry will meet at St. Norbert’s Parish for six weeks on **Tuesday evenings, 7-8 PM, April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22**. Space is limited. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for reservations.



Joy.
Hope.
Welcome.

THE
Congratulations
PROJECT

World Down Syndrome Day 2018
congratulationsproject.org



LETTERS TO PARENTS . . .

HOPE & STRENGTH

In honor of **World Down Syndrome Day** on **March 21**, a new book, *The Congratulations Project*, has been published with photographs taken by our parishioner **Michelle Kilgore**. This book has handwritten original letters and photos from young adults with Down Syndrome to expecting or new parents of babies with Down Syndrome. The letters inspire, welcome and, most importantly, share the great value that people with Down Syndrome bring to this world. To find out more, go to <https://mailchi.mp/b45d99f6581a/ti4heuv1d4-3252285>

MAKE PLANS NOW . . .

SAVING BABIES

Tour the Legacy for Life Foundation in Center City with the Respect Life Ministry on **Saturday, April 21** from **9-10 am**. Meet the staff that has supported over 1,500 mothers who have chosen life for their infants. See firsthand how women are helped throughout their pregnancies and for at least three years after their babies are born. You will be inspired with what you see and learn. **SIGNUPS:** Narthex weekends of April 7-8 and 14-15. **CONTACT:** For more information email Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com



REVEALED

1 John 4:9

St Norbert Youth Ministry is headed to the
Steubenville Youth Conference
July 20-22

Check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB6BKDafVyo>



Register now!

High school students from all parishes are welcome.

Forward this announcement to all your friends and remind them to sign up

Register here:

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

YOUR LENTEN GIFTS . . .

CHANGE LIVES

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As companions on this journey, we are invited to reach out to our neighbors in need, no matter where they live. If you have been participating in this year's Rice Bowl boxes available in the Narthex, the annual collection will be on **Good Friday**. According to Catholic Relief Services, \$1 a day for 40 days of Lent provides 1 month of food for a family; 2 years of seed for a farmer; and 1 emergency kit for refugees. More information and to donate go to crricebowl.org/give



REGISTER NOW . . .

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Join **Chris Coccia** and two other comedians for the St. Norbert Knights of Columbus Comedy Night at St. Norbert's on **Apr 14** at **7 PM**.

Admission is \$30 which includes food and beverages. You may bring your own (BYOB wine). Chris Coccia is the perfect combination of hilarious material and the ability to present "in the moment." Flowing seamlessly between his material and improvisation, Chris engages and opens up the audience as we all share our humanness. **CONTACT:** Wayne Lilly at w.lilly@verizon.net
RESERVATIONS: <https://www.kofcpaoli.org/comedy-night-at-st-norbert/>

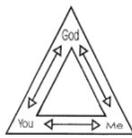
BREAKING THE STIGMA . . .

ACTION AGAINST ADDICTIONS

Affected by addictions? Looking for help? Someone you know in the chaos of addictions? Where do you go? The following upcoming offerings may be of help:

"BACK TO THE BASICS OF RECOVERY: HOW TO TAKE THE 12 STEPS 'QUICKLY AND OFTEN' AS WRITTEN BY WALLY P" Saturday, **March 24** from **7:30 AM to 3 PM** in the Rosemont Auditorium. This One-day seminar sponsored by St. Thomas of Villanova's Mercy Ministry for addictions will be on the 12 Steps using the 1940's Beginner's Meeting format modified for "anyone and everyone interested in a spiritual way of life."

Bring your own lunch. **CONTACT:** Karen Farley at bizmgr@stvparish.org or 610.525.4801 ext. 202.



AFIRE (Active Faith Implementing Relief in the Epidemic): Tuesday, **March 27, 7-9 PM**, an inspirational and educational evening to suggest and encourage group formation and specific community action plans in the midst of the addiction epidemic. **FACILITATOR:** Nina Marie Corona from Villanova University. **CONTACT:** Karen Farley at bizmgr@stvparish.org or 610.525.4801 ext. 202.

"FROM DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE: NAVIGATING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE AMIDST THE CHAOS OF ADDICTIONS" Join us **June 22-23** for a 24-Hour Spiritual Healing Retreat sponsored by **Gethsemani Way** and **Malvern Retreat House** for men and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or friend. **REGISTER:** online

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

March 25: Masses 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM & 6 PM, Spanish 1:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

March 28: 6:30-7:30 PM
Multiple Confessors Available

HOLY THURSDAY

March 29: Mass 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30: Service 2 PM

EASTER VIGIL

March 31 Mass: 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 1 Masses: 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM; Spanish 1:30 PM; **NO** 6 PM Mass

There are no other services on these days.

at malvernretreat.com or call 610.644.0400. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext.131

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE . . .

REVOLUTIONARY

Save the date for a 50+ Group tour of the Museum of the American Revolution, **Saturday, April 21, 10 AM**. **COST:** \$22. **TRANSPORTATION:** On your own. Take SEPTA and walk 8 blocks from the station or drive and park near the Museum. **LUNCH:** Not included in the admission. Cross Keys Café at the Museum or restaurants nearby. **CONTACT:** Joan Reed joanhreed@yahoo.com or 610.358.4449 or Carol Shannahan at cov498@aol.com or 610.715.4622. **REGISTRATION** form at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/news-events/st-norbert-parish-events/4-21-2018-museum-of-the-american-revolution-tour> **PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to St. Norbert 50+ Group and send to St. Norbert Parish, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301. **DEADLINE:** Register by April 5.





LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER . . .

ATTENTION RUNNERS

The 2018 CYO Spring Track & Field season starts soon and you can still register to join. Registration closes **Thursday, March 22** at wagdogs.com. Students born December 31, 2008 – 8th grade are welcome to join – no experience necessary. Evening practices Tuesday and Thursday at Conestoga High School track. Sunday meets at Haverford High School in late March. **CONTACT:** Dave Fritz at davidfritzjr@gmail.com Financial assistance available if needed. See you on the track!

WANT TO DO MORE . . .

JOIN 1ST SERVE

Want to get to know more people? Help your parish on Sundays? Want to welcome people to our parish and help them get involved? Volunteer for our 1st Servers Welcoming Ministry. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org



THIS WEEKEND

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.

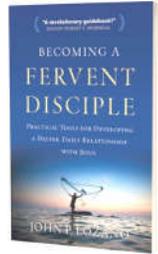
You can help with: Similac Advance Formula, maternity clothes, Spring/Summer **baby clothes up to 3 T**, crib sheets, infant toys, mobiles, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, books, night lights, etc.

SPONSORS: 50+ GROUP • RESPECT LIFE
 Drop off gifts in the Narthex • No need to wrap
CONTACT: Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com

BOOK NOW AVAILABLE . . .

FOLLOWING JESUS

“A revolutionary guidebook!”
— Bishop Robert F. Morneau, Green Bay
Deacon John Lozano’s new book is available through Twenty-Third Publications, Amazon.com or at the Parish Office. Let’s support John and bring home the important message he gives us in this new book.



MOTHER & DAUGHTER . . .

FASHION SHOW

Join other Moms and Daughters **Sunday, March 18**, at Overbrook Golf Club from **10:30 AM to 3 PM** for a shopping extravaganza with area top vendors. Spring fashions by Polka Dots and Francesca’s modeled by St. Norbert moms, daughters and teachers. 20% of all sales will be donated to the School Annual Fund. **CONTACT:** Jackie O’Connor at 484.995.8442 or jackieoconnor9104@gmail.com **RESERVE SEATS** at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-st-norbert-school-mother-daughter-spring-fashion-show-luncheon-and-shopping-event-tickets-42356097227>

FAST FACTS

APPEAL THANKS: “On behalf of the seminarians and students of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, I thank you for your most generous gift for our 2018 Seminary Appeal. Your commitment and support encourages our seminarians and students as they prepare the way to Christ through their vocations. The Church of tomorrow depends on them, and they depend on you. Your support strengthens their enthusiasm and fortifies their devotion. I hope you can visit the Seminary for a concert, lecture, or an open house event and experience first-hand the joyful spirit of renewal made possible through your generous support.” — Sincerely in Christ, Bishop Timothy Senior, Rector



ADDICTIONS MASS: **Saturday, April 21, 11 am**, Sacred Heart, 838 Walnut Street, Royersford, PA. Addictions have touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* — Philippians 4:23

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARS:
Archbishop Carroll High School

First Honors: Jacob George, Ryan Hoffman
Second Honors: Peter Bagley, Andrew DiLisi, Morgan McLean, Christopher Keith, James Dilks, Courtney Keith



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Friday March 23,
 6 PM in the Church
 Led by our Diaconate candidates