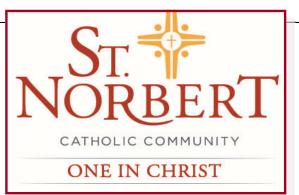
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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Today we prepare to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Isaiah reminds us of the suffering that Jesus will endure. He says Jesus will not be disgraced or put to shame, but we know that there will be humiliation at the hands of others. The psalm recalls the fear and sorrow as we repeat over and over Jesus' words of anguish and abandonment. Philippians describes Jesus' humility and the exaltation that will follow. But it is Mark who takes us through the last days of Jesus' life, the ordinary and the extraordinary. He describes the meal shared with the one who will betray him; his anguished prayers with friends who cannot stay awake and will later deny him; his treatment at the hands of priests, elders, soldiers; and finally his death and the recognition that truly Jesus is the Son of God.



CONTRASTS

Jesus' last days are an experience of contrasts. The man Isaiah describes is courageous in the face of buffets and beatings. Je-

sus will not be disgraced or put to shame. Everything the priests, elders, soldiers, and friends do is intended to disgrace and shame Jesus. But they fail. Jesus is not without anguish and sorrow. He knows what it feels like to be abandoned and he expresses that in the garden and on the Cross. Yet still Philippians insists that Jesus will be exalted even though humbled and obedient to the point of death. Mark takes Jesus and us back and forth between strength and fear, between courage and humiliation, between obedience and anguish. What are we to make of these contrasts?

RECOGNITION

Only a centurion, who with the women looking on from a distance sees Jesus breathe his last, knows what we are to make of this. We are to understand, even before the Resurrection, that "this man was the Son of God." How did the centurion know? The centurion knew because he stood facing Jesus, watching him, looking into his face as he died. Though everything was done to strip Jesus of his sense of self, never, ever did he give up his complete and total commitment to God his Father. Even in his anguish and abandonment, he cries out to God. We are left to imagine how his Father answered him, but whatever Jesus heard in his last moments, it left on his face and in his last breath so clear a sign of God's love that one of his crucifiers recognized who he was. The only thing left to Jesus when he died was the abiding certainty of his Father's love. That is a certainty that Jesus took with him to his grave and to his resurrection.

TODAY'S READINGS: IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6 -11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

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PALM SUNDAY

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— Philippians 2:8

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 рм †Edward Cabral

Monday, March 26

6.30 Deceased Parishioners 8:00 †Betty Ann Aquilante

Tuesday, March 27

6:30 †Veronica McCarthy 8:00 †James Carboni

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 †Louis DeStefano 8:00 †James J. Bruder 6:30 PM Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 29

7:30 PM [†]Mary Ann Whalen

Friday, March 30

2:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Service

Sunday, April 1

 Vigil
 Parishioners

 7:30
 Both

 9:00
 Living

 11:30
 And

 1:30 PM
 Deceased

 6 PM
 NO Mass

CONFESSION EVENING

Wednesday, March 2

of Holy Week from
6:30-7:30 PM
Multiple Confessors Available.
Confession also every Thursday
(except Holy Thursday)
from 7-8 PM,
Saturdays 4-5 PM
in the Oratory and

by appointment

The reward is so great for such little effort. What have we to bear? Some humiliations, losses, sickness, sharp words?...But they will not kill us! The martyrs suffered much mort than that...Or temptations? But by confidence in God and distrust of ourselves, we can over come them."

— St. John Vianney

Gratitude.

"Emptied Himself"

In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.

For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.



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, Allison Pollack, Kate Fullam, Abigail Scogna

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



Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-

14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15,

17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 **Thursday**: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1—2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

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Pope Francis

DEBUTING MAY 18...

POPE FRANCIS LIVE

On the five year anniversary of Pope Francis' becoming the 266th pontiff of the Catholic Church on March 13, the Vatican and three-time Academy Award nominee director Wim Wenders announced a new documen-

tary called: **Pope Francis – A Man of His Word**.

According to the Vatican, "This a personal journey with Pope Francis — rather than a biographical documentary — with the Pope in his own words talking about his ideas, his message, his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.

"The film's direct-tocamera visual and narrative concepts engage the audience face-to-face

with the Pope, creating a dialogue between him and, literally, the world. Taking questions from people of all walks of life, Pope Francis responds to farmers and workers, refugees, children and the elderly, prison in-

A new big screen documentary in movie theaters May 18: **Pope Francis: A Man of His Word**

mates, and those who live in favelas and migrant camps. All these voices and faces are a cross section of humanity that join in a conversation with Pope Francis."

The film, to be **released to theaters on May 18**, "shows Pope Francis on his many journeys around the world, with footage of him speaking at the United Nations, addressing the Congress of the United States, mourning with those gathered at Ground Zero and at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem. He speaks to prisoners in correctional facilities and to refugees in Mediterranean camps. We

see him travel to the Holy Land (Palestine and Israel) as well as to Africa, South America and Asia.

"There is also a presence of Saint Francis in the film, connecting back to the pope's namesake, through accounts of legendary moments in the Saint's own life as a reformer and ecologist.

"In an era of deep distrust of politicians and people in power, when lies and corruption and alternative facts are the order of the day, *Pope Francis - A Man of His Word* shows us a person who lives what he preaches and who has gained the

trust of people of all faith traditions and cultures across the world."

To view a trailer for this film, go to: http://focusfeatures.com/pope-francis-a-man-of-his-word

"ROAD OF SORROWS"

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the Via Dolorosa, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans 600 years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines (Eastern Orthodox) have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded every day. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim



On the Via Dolorosa at a Station of the Cross (left). Winding through "the shuk" (pronounced zouck) or marketplace on the way to Calvary (below). Entering the Church of the Holy Sepulcher site of Golgotha (bottom left).

Quarter and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food vendors. There are, just as in your parish church, 14 stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something

more than meets the eye.

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

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News & Events

IT'S NOT THE END BUT...

JUST THE BEGINNING

As we come to the close of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week and our Tridium celebration, I want you to think about your Journey To Holiness these past six weeks and "Jesus – The Reason For My Journey." If you're like me,



you can't wait for a good piece of chocolate or some other thing you gave you gave up for Lent. But the real journey this Lent has just begun. While you prob-

ably gave up something, you also hopefully added something too. Maybe it was going to daily Mass once a week. Why stop? If you started your day reading your Bible or may viewing one of the many quick daily YouTube reflections or with prayer, consider continuing. After depositing your Rice Bowl change in the Good Friday collection for the poor, think about ongoing alms giving or maybe donating one of your most important treasures — your time — to one of our numerous liturgy, outreach, service, formation, community or evangelization efforts. I encourage you to think about Easter as not the end, but the



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

continuation of your Journey To Holiness. Now that you have started, why not exercise your spiritually just as religiously as your daily workout at the gym. Our Journey To Holiness has begun and continues for the rest of your life. God Bless.

— Fr. Mike

PS: 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

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 called 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.



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 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**: Honora Jackson at:

jacksonhonora@gmail.com

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Your Lenten Gifts ...

er, fasting and almsgiving. As companions on this journey, we



ter 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. For more information and to donate go to crsricebowl.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/comedynight-at-st-norbert/

BREAKING THE STIGMA...

DEFIANCE TO RELIANCE

Join us for a special 24-Hour Spiritual Healing Retreat June 22-23 on "From Defiance to **Reliance: Navigating Your** Spiritual Life Amidst the Chaos of Addictions" sponsored by Gethsemani Way and Malvern Retreat House for men



and women seeking help for themselves, loved ones, family, spouse or friend. **REGISTER:** online at https:// www.malvernretreat.com/events/addictions-retreat-2/ or call 610.644.0400. **CONTACT**: Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext.131. Additional addictions efforts to help navigate are: "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 <u>bizmgr@stvparish.org</u> 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 sug-🦷 gest and encourage group formation and specific community action plans in the midst of the ad-





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.

diction epidemic. FACILITATOR: Nina Marie Corona from Villanova University. CONTACT: Karen Farley at bizmgr@stvparish.org or 610.525.4801 ext. 202.

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 coy498@aol.com or 610.715.4622. **REGISTRATION** form at **StNorbert.org** 50+Group event: http://parish.stnorbert.org/news- events/st--norbert-parish-events/4-21-2018-museum-ofthe-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.



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OPEN AT AREA THEATERS NOW... THE LIFE OF PAUL

Paul, Apostle of Christ is a new first run theater film about the life of St. Paul staring James Caviezel who plays the Apostle Luke (left in photo above) and James Faulkner (right) who plays St. Paul. The movie opened last **Friday**, **March 23** at local theaters Regal Oaks Stadium, UA King of Prussia and Regal Plymouth Meeting. The film is set in Rome where Paul is in prison because he is a threat to the empire and the Emperor Nero. As he awaits execution, Luke writes his Gospel and accompanies Paul. According to the film's producers, "Paul, Apostle of Christ is the first (and only) theatrical feature film about the life of Paul—one of the most important people in human history, and the most significant early convert to Christianity. ... This is not your typical faith film. Writer and director, Andrew Hyatt, took great pains to ensure biblical accuracy, using Scripture as the primary reference when writ-



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ing the script. [The film was] ...screened by scholars and pastors to ensure accurate historical and scriptural treatment of the texts. And the movie was filmed on site in Malta, the very island where Paul the apostle was bitten by a poisonous viper and survived."

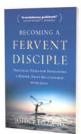
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Want to get to know more people? Help your parish on Sundays? Want to welcome people to our church and help them get involved? Volunteer for our 1st Servers Welcoming Ministry. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org



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FOLLOWING JESUS



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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 his new book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekt v•

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; Walking With Purpose 9-11 AM, School Cafeteria. Contact: Lisa McGowan at macgowanlh@gmail.com; Young Adults Faith Sharing, 7:30-9 PM, Parish Office Lower Level, Contact: 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

UPCOMING:

Mar 29 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Hall CONTACT: Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmarketing.com
Mar 29-Apr 2 School & Parish Office CLOSED
Apr 6 Festival of Praise, 7:30-8:30 PM, Church.
Apr 7 & 8 Food & Clothing Collection, Narthex and School
Gym entrance

Apr 8 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. CONTACT: Martin K 610.291.1140 Apr 19 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Hall

Apr 19 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. Contact: Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

Apr 21 Respect Life Ministry 8:45-10 AM, Parish Office Dining Room. See Calendar at

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