

May 13, 2018

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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7TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

The first Christian communities often faced great challenges. In today's reading from Acts, the community struggled with the loss and betrayal of Judas. The first Letter of John addressed a community struggling with the recent departure of some of its members. Others often viewed them with suspicion or hostility. In these difficult early moments of their life together, these communities tried to remember Jesus' teachings and to live in God's continuing presence among them. In today's Gospel, Jesus prays that his disciples be anchored in the love revealed between Jesus and his Father. Jesus' prayer continues to resonate in our own times. Encountering the differences that occur between Christians, or the challenges faced by the Church from outside, Jesus wants his followers to pray, think, and act within his love. Our attentive listening, dialogue, and service for each other and for others will demonstrate our participation in God's love.

THE TWELFTH APOSTLE

In our reading from Acts, occurring after the Ascension, but prior to Pentecost, Jesus' community was disoriented and troubled. They were disoriented by their separation from Jesus, and troubled by the betrayal and loss of Judas. Having been told by Jesus to wait for the Holy Spirit, they believed it was first essential to replace Judas, the twelfth apostle. Why was this so important to them?

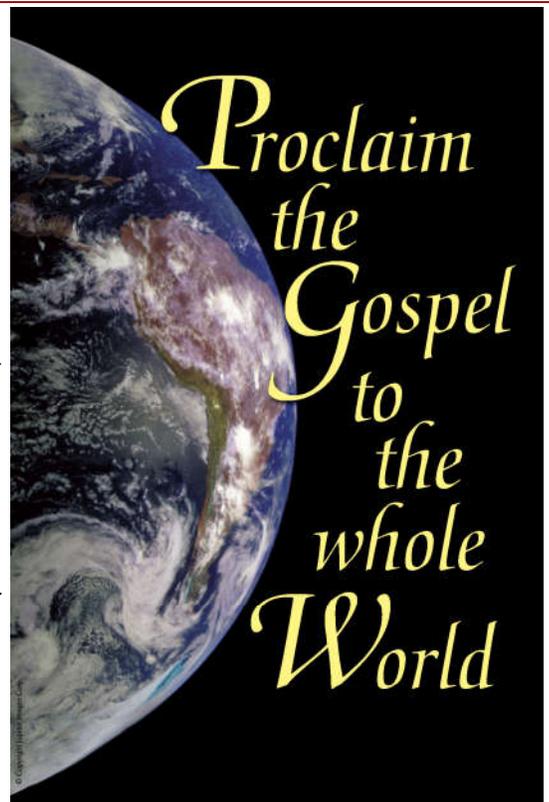
The twelve apostles represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Israel's unity in God had been shattered centuries earlier with the split of the nation, conquest, exile, and ongoing internal conflicts. Jesus' community now served as a "new Israel." They felt they could only receive the Spirit if the wound of dissolution and distrust within Israel, echoed by the wound of Judas' betrayal, was addressed. With their unity in God restored in the selection of Matthias, they became open and ready to receive the Spirit at Pentecost.

FATHER TO ALL

Jesus' prayer to his Father at the Last Supper, heard in today's Gospel from John, is a solemn yet tender expression of love for his disciples. Jesus in effect asks his Father to be father to them, as the Father is to Jesus. As father, God will protect and unify them during the difficult times ahead. As father, God will share God's joy with them, as Jesus knew. Although asking that the disciples be protected from evil, Jesus also prays that the disciples not hide from the world, but fully engage with the world. During Jesus' ministry, although he spent much time forming a community of disciples and friends, he also regularly reached out to others, especially those at the margins of society.

Jesus' prayer extends to us, that we his followers experience the fatherhood of God. Together with this fatherhood, we experience God's family. We discover brothers and sisters in Christian community. And we serve in the world, in our common human identity as God's children.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19



7TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

"If God so loved us, we also must love one another." – 1 John 4:11

Sunday, May 13

Vigil †Olimpia & Camillo Pomanti

7:30 †Dorothy Sugar

9:00 †Steve Pfeiffer

11:30 †Peg Welsh

1:30 PM Spanish Community

6:00 PM Parishioners

Monday, May 14

6:30 AM †Mary Jane Lea

8:00 AM †Gaetano & Sue Masapollo

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 †Kay DeSimone

8:00 †Aaron Gelstine

Wednesday, May 16

6:30 †Patti Ryan

8:00 †Vera Valyo

Thursday, May 17

6:30 †Michael Rodgers

8:00 Pat & Nancy Scarpa

Friday, May 18

6:30 †Michael Cancelmo

8:00 †Lord's blessing on M Montana Rozmus

Saturday, May 19

8:00 †Deborah Harshbarger

Sunday, May 20

Vigil †James Golden

7:30 †Dr. Diane DiMonte

9:00 Parishioners

11:30 †Felice DiFrancesco

1:30 PM Spanish Community

6:00 PM †John William Greiner

**AN IRISH BLESSING**

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

– Author Unknown

Gratitude

Proclaim The Gospel By Your Lives

We often cite Jesus' quote from the Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of



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, 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, 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

REST IN PEACE: William P. Quinn

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



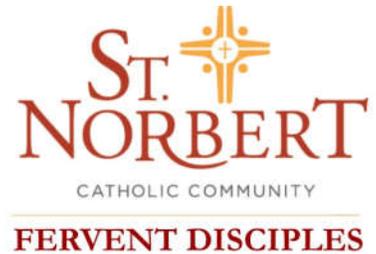
Jesus did not immediately act. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were

persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News."

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how Catholicism has grown from one Man/God and a small group into a world-wide presence. That does not, however, get us "off the hook."

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another," what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Journey To Holiness

WONDERING . . .

WHAT'S YOUR MISSION?

When you discover a fantastic new restaurant or see a great movie, what do you do? You tell your friends!

How about when you hear a great homily at Sunday Mass, find an inspiring article or book about our Catholic faith, or a piece of Scripture? Do you share that too?

Last Sunday in his homily, Deacon John talked about mission. He said we are all called to mission. What does that mean? What is your mission?



Ever since Lent, we have been following Acts as the Apostles show us the path to discipleship on our Journey to Holiness.

How is your mission going? Be encouraged and take strength from this prayer by Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman:

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE

God knows me and calls me by my name....
 God has created me to do Him some definite service;
 He has committed some work to me
 which He has not committed to another.
 I have my mission—I never may know it in this life,
 but I shall be told it in the next.

Somehow I am necessary for His purposes...
 I have a part in this great work;
 I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection
 between persons.
 He has not created me for naught. I shall do good,
 I shall do His work;
 I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth
 in my own place, while not intending it,
 if I do but keep His commandments
 and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him.
 Whatever, wherever I am,
 I can never be thrown away.
 If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him;
 In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him;
 If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.
 My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be
 necessary causes of some great end,
 which is quite beyond us.
 He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life,
 He may shorten it;
 He knows what He is about.
 He may take away my friends,
 He may throw me among strangers,
 He may make me feel desolate,
 make my spirits sink, hide the future from me—
 still He knows what He is about....
 Let me be Thy blind instrument. I ask not to see—
 I ask not to know—I ask simply to be used.

— from Meditations and Devotions,
 "Meditations on Christian Doctrine,"
 "Hope in God—Creator," March 7, 1848



Around Our Parish

Recently, our School held their annual **Junior Reading Olympics** for our first, second and third grade students which promotes the love of reading, teamwork and having fun. The children read 20 books over several weeks and then competed as teams to answer comprehension questions. This year's Junior Reading Olympics teams were the **Reading Rulers**, the **Reading Champions**, the **Reading Wizards** and the **Reading Bananas**. Can you sense the Joy?



News & Events



ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS . . .

WHO DO YOU TRUST?

Come and join St. Norbert's Young Adults on Saturday, June 9, for a zip lining, climbing, free-fall adventure course at Treehouse World in West Chester!

Heather Makowicz, St. Norbert's parishioner and spiritual director at Daylesford Abbey, will begin the day leading us in prayer and in a reflection/discussion on trust in our relationship with God. What does it mean to trust Christ? And what can get in the way of our trust?

Then we will have an opportunity to step out in trust and try some adventures as a group. The Treehouse adventure tour we are doing will include a variety of challenges for you to try if you feel up to it. All experience levels welcome from easy to moderate depending on the challenge. About 2 hours total on the course, followed by

closing reflection. Bring a bagged lunch and we will picnic/socialize afterward.

COST: \$35 **TICKETS:** There are limited spots available, so you will need to purchase your ticket in advance for planning purposes, by May 25. You can purchase one online via the Eventbrite link below or bring cash to any of our faith-sharing/Scripture study nights (every Tuesday at 7:30 PM at St. Norbert's in the lower level of the parish office building). **REGISTER:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/treehouse-world-adventure-course-and-trust-talk-tickets-45748266296>



50+ GROUP SPONSORS . . .

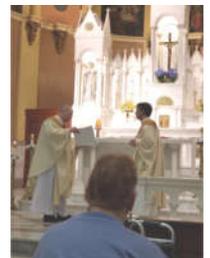
EASTERN SHORE TOUR

Join the 50+ Group for a special tour of St. Michaels on the Maryland Eastern Shore, **June 5** at 8 AM returning at 7:30 PM. Boat ride available for additional \$20 if 15 or more respond. Maritime Museum, shopping and eating at fun places. **COST:** \$55. **RSVP** by May 21. Bus fills quickly. 2 1/2 hour ride with one stop. **CONTACT:** Marianne O'Neill MarianneO219@gmail.com **MORE INFO:** stmichaelsmd.org

ST. GABRIEL'S . . .

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED

Last Sunday, **Fr. Carl Braschoss** was installed as the new Pastor of our sister parish, St. Gabe's in the Grays Ferry section of Philadelphia. Fr. Carl, our former Parochial Vicar for 8 years, replaced Fr. Domenic Rossi who became the new Abbot of Daylesford Abbey in March. Congratulations to Fr. Carl, and we'll be seeing you soon on our St. Gabe's Food Cupboard and other visits to your new parish.



FAST FACTS:

BEREAVEMENT: Meets at St. Norbert's Parish on **Tuesday evenings, 7-8 PM, May 15 & 22.** Space is limited. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for reservations.

Kingdom Junction

KINGDOM JUNCTION CLOSED: Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 13,** and Memorial Day, **Sunday, May**

27. Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place on those Sundays.

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS: Offered at Saints Philip and James on Wednesday, **May 23** from 6 -8:30 PM, in the school cafeteria. **REGISTER:** at Virtus.org



JULY 20-22 STEUBENVILLE, OH

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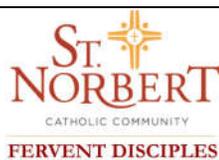
Register Online

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

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?



THIS MAY 19 & 20. . .

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The annual election of two new members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held the weekend of **May 19 & 20**.

Members of the PPC are selected according to a process defined by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The council is made up of nine elected and appointed members, along with members of the parish staff serving as ex-officio council members. The composition of the PPC is meant to reflect the diversity of the parish community. The pastor presides over PPC meetings.

ELECTIONS: Each spring, parishioners are invited to nominate individuals to run for election to the PPC. Biographies of nominees are published prior to the election. Two parishioners are elected to serve three-year terms, with a third parishioner appointed by the Pastor. PPC meetings are held monthly from September through June, generally on the evening of the fourth Monday of the month.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES: Parish Councils serve in an advisory role to the pastor utilizing the many and varied gifts of the laity in service to the Church as it carries out the mission of Christ. The PPC encourages parishioners to share their hopes and concerns regarding parish life. You are cordially invited to contact any council member to discuss any issue of concern.

CURRENT MEMBERS: Parish Council members are elected for one term of three years with reelection possible for a second three year term with a maximum term limit of six years. Current members and their terms of office are:

Nathan Ball 2020

Mary Beth Fritz 2020

Paul Lavalley 2019

David Makowicz 2018 eligible for reelection

Marie Martino 2019

Laura Nicholas 2020

Jim Ryan 2018 not eligible for reelection

Martha Wilbur 2018 not seeking reelection

Stephany Ziegler 2019

WHO CAN VOTE: Registered members of St. Norbert Parish who are at least 18 years of age are eligible to vote for 2 candidates.

This Year's Nominees: The following are the nominees for two slots on the Parish Council with one additional person to be appointed by the Pastor. Voting will be held the weekend of **May 19 & 20**.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Brian Fila

My parents sent me to St. Norbert's for Kindergarten through 8th grade, so I have been coming to Mass here for as long as I can remember. After St. Norbert's school I went to Bishop Shanahan, where I was able to continue my Catholic education. It was there that my faith started to become real. Following High School, I attended Old Dominion University. It was at this time where I had to make my faith my own, as it was a state school with very few practicing Catholics and plenty of opportunities to stray. Eventually, I started getting involved with campus ministry: becoming a student leader, leading a small group, becoming a Communion minister and participating in multiple retreats. I also had the opportunity to attend mission trips over my school breaks which I believe helped put things in perspective for me and helped me to realize how blessed I am. I met my fiancé at school and remained in Virginia after graduating until I felt I was ready to come home. My time in Virginia definitely wasn't a straight path to holiness. I had many ups and downs in my faith, but I believe I needed the experiences I've had and the lessons I've learned. Once home, I wanted to become more involved in the parish I grew up in. I have been in multiple small groups, most recently "That Man is You!" as well as becoming a Communion minister. I am honored to even be considered as a candidate for parish council. I think I can learn from and grow with the members of this parish. Currently, I work for a consulting firm and have had some experience with how a business grows and operates. Building a business can have many similarities to growing a parish in that you must be willing to listen to people, be brutally honest and aware of people's changing needs.

Vision For Our Parish: St. Norbert's is already one of the most vibrant parishes in the area, but there is always room for improvement. We can become more welcoming to newcomers and current parishioners alike as well as create more diverse ways for people to grow in their faith, as everyone encounters Jesus differently. With the current state of the world, we should strive to be more empathetic to people's differences, find out what people need, and create an environment that people will want to keep coming back to.



David Makowicz

It has been both a blessing and an honor to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for the past three years. I appreciate the heavy weight our pastor carries in leading a large congregation with diverse spiritual needs. I believe my skill set from business operations contributes to the Parish Council as we discuss larger issues facing the parish.

My family joined the parish in 2001. Since that time, we have witnessed the amazing growth of our parish into the vibrant body of Christ it is today. It is important we continue to steward our many gifts through the service of our



various ministries in carrying out our parish vision. It is important to me, personally, that we continue our efforts at welcoming all people to join us in worship and to share their gifts with their fellow parishioners. My family continues to be blessed in many ways by all of you, particularly in your genuine acceptance of our family's special needs.

Vision For Our Parish: The particular journey we walk as a family is made easier knowing we travel it together with people who love the Lord and show His love to us. I hope you will entrust me with another three years of service to our community.

Tobey Mathas

Three years ago, I was away from the church, and it is because of God working through the parish of St. Norbert that I am now writing this letter. I grew up in St. Andrew Parish in Newtown, but stopped going to Mass while in college. I became a teacher, got married outside the church, and did not seek to renew my faith. God somehow called me to teach in a Catholic school and there I met people who were so strong in their faith I felt like an outsider. Because of my volunteer work with the Legacy of Life Foundation (LOLF), I was offered a job in development. I accepted so I could help mothers who were considering abortion say yes to life. It was there my conversion began. About 3 years ago, St. Norbert had a fundraiser for LOLF, and I came to speak at Mass. I didn't know then that it was the next stop on my conversion journey. Later, I met someone who wanted to get married and share in my faith. We were attending Mass near his home, but we were ready to give up. It was then we remembered AbbeyFest, and St. Norbert. My fiancé, Jim and my daughter, Alegra stepped out in faith with me to join St. Norbert about a year ago. We were welcomed with open arms into the incredible RCIA program so that Jim, could become Catholic. I was converted, too, and we are both serving as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. During this time I was accepted as Director of Development into the community of Emmaus Home, a Catholic nonprofit serving adults with intellectual disabilities, based on the theology of Jean Vanier.

Vision For Our Parish: My vision for the parish is to help St. Norbert more fully recognize the phenomenal gifts it has and use them to bring even more lost sheep back home.



Jeanne Oswald

In 2015, my husband Russ and I left Yardley, PA, and moved to Paoli in order to downsize and be closer to two of our four children and four of our eight grandchildren. When we told our parish priest in Yardley where we were moving, he told us that St. Norbert Parish is a truly special place, and we knew almost immediately that he was right. Two of our children and their families are now members of the parish as well. Becoming a member of this parish has been a true blessing for me and my faith has grown immeasurably. I was raised as a Lutheran and converted to Catholicism in col-

lege. I went on to earn a doctorate in education at Rutgers University, which prepared me for a 35-year career, ultimately serving as the Executive Director of New Jersey's state higher education agency. I also had the honor of serving as a member and Chairperson of the NJ Special Olympics Board of Directors. My work with Special Olympics and subsequent experience working with underserved, disadvantaged youth and adults brought me closer to God and my faith than I had ever been. But it was not until I got involved with the St. Norbert Parish that I truly felt God working in me more each day. I have volunteered in the parish in various ways since the spring of 2015, including participation in Fervent Disciple discussions and a weekly faith sharing group. I serve each week as an outreach driver to procure food for those in need, I assist with food distribution, and I have volunteered at AbbeyFest and Lenten service days. For the past two years, I have also served as a co-chair for Lenten small groups, and I cherish the sharing and faith experience that those groups provide.

Vision For Our Parish: In the coming years, my vision is to expand St. Norbert's reach and open even more hearts and minds to God's love and message. I would be honored to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council to help bring the parish closer to its vision by providing opportunities, encouragement, and a spiritual environment for all to encounter our Lord.

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; **Walking With Purpose** 9-11 AM, School Cafeteria.

CONTACT: Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@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:

May 13 Mother's Day

May 13 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140

May 15 Bereavement Group, 8:30 PM, Parish Office Meeting Room. **CONTACT:** Pat 610.647.8280 or Sharon 301.775.5709

May 17 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org

May 18 Two Men's Gospel Sharing Groups: 1) Church Sacristy Meeting Room, 7 AM, **CONTACT:** Dave Makowicz at 484.343.1180 or **2)** Friday Reflection Group, Devon, 7:30 AM **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmktg.com

May 18 Spanish Community Family Rosary, 7-9 PM **CONTACT:** Luis Palacios 610.937.0745 or Lalo Quintana 484.302.1360

May 19 Witness Sunday, Name Tag Weekend & Hospitality All Masses