

May 14, 2017

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30 AM;
1:30 PM **Spanish**; 6PM **Youth Mass**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30AM & 8 AM; **Saturday** 8 AM

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 4-5 PM; **Thursday** 7-8 PM

or by **Appointment**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Thursday**
8:30 AM—8 PM; **Saturday** 4-5 PM

CLERGY

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's readings describe the complexities of trying to live a spiritual life while still living in a world that demands concrete action. Acts tell us about disagreements beginning to emerge in the early Christian communities over divisions of labor. Some people are praying and preaching while others are feeding the hungry. In First Peter we are reminded that Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected yet is the very foundation for building the community, and yet he also a stumbling block for those who do not follow the path laid out by his life and works. In John we hear again the contrast of the spiritual and the concrete, of houses with many rooms, of truth and life. Is it surprising that the apostles and we are sometimes confused about how to live the life Jesus intended for us?

FINDING REALITY IN FAITH

The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father's house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don't know the way. Jesus' response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

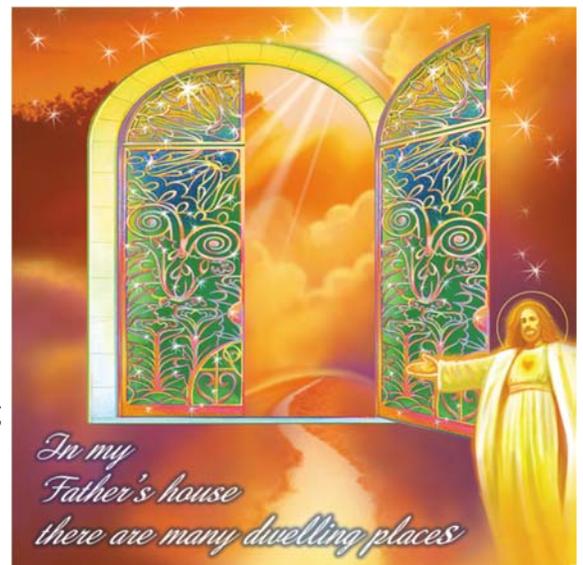
FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — John 14:6

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Vigil †Michael Young
7:30 †Dorothy Sugar
9:00 †Michael DiFronzo
11:30 †Timothy Shannon
1 PM †Juan Segundo Cabrera Castro
6 PM Members of the parish

Monday, May 15

6:30 For the Armed Forces
8:00 †Fr. Walter Burke

Tuesday, May 16

6:30 †Ronald Dean
8:00 †Patti Ryan

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 †Diane Schaefer-Spay
8:00 †Mary Jane Lea and
†Jay Lea

Thursday, May 18

6:30 †Bunky Mullray
8:00 †Pat and †Nancy Scarpa

Friday, May 19

6:30 †Susan Riemondy
8:00 For the unemployed
8:45 May Procession and
School Mass

Saturday, May 20

8:00 †John William Greiner

Sunday, May 21

Vigil †Robert Reger
7:30 †Dr. Diane DiMonte
9:00 Members of the parish
11:30 The Lord's Blessing on
Duncan and Joy
Maclean on their 40th
Wedding Anniversary
1:30 PM Familia Natteri
Montalva
6 PM †Edward Joseph Cabral

**OUR VISION**

St. Norbert Parish aspires to become one in Christ as a community of fervent disciples, who listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and who lovingly embrace Jesus, present in the poor, the alienated and the spiritually hungry.

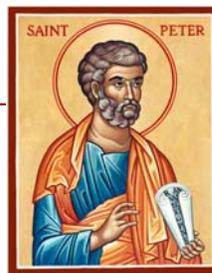
Stewardship

LIVING STONES?

The word "church" finds its roots in the Greek word *ecclesia*. However, a correct translation of that word is actually "an assembly of people, called out of their homes into a public meeting place." Thus, the Church is really the people who make it up; the use of the term in relation to a building has developed through time, but we must never forget that it is we who are indeed the Church.

That is a basic part of something St. Peter writes in our Second Reading. Peter says, "... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house," in reference to the members. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a church with living stones, namely ourselves. We all also understand that for a structure to be most effective, every element is needed to keep it strong.

We, as the Church and as our parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a faith



community, not just a community of worshippers, but a community to reach out and serve others. To really do that we need each member to offer something of himself or herself.

In a message to a celebration about the Church being the people, Pope Francis said, "It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us." To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part.

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***"If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway."
— Mother Teresa's Prayer***



PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING:

Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, William Denney, Elena Prota, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Aaron Gelstine, Courtney Patterson, Mary Corcoran, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Nancy Lowe, Steph Walsh-Beilman, Peter Lim, Peg & Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahan, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pfc., **Jessica Flowers**, USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Dan Kohli**, USMC; 1st.Lt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Maj. **James Merenda**, USAF; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; CPT **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18

Pastor's Pulpit

WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the first things individuals do when they meet someone is to ask their name. That is the beginning of a relationship. As a parish, we continue to shepherd each other and grow strong in our faith. Each Sunday (and during the daily Masses as well), we come together to worship as a family of fervent disciples who are getting to know "each other by name."

Last week, for Good Shepherd Sunday, we had our first "Name Tag Sunday." This was, I believe, a wonderful time for us not to be strangers to each other. Almost everyone entered into Name Tag Sunday with enthusiasm and even fun. I regret that there wasn't a "heads-up" for the event in terms of letting you know beforehand; however, the response from a great number of parishioners who participated was a good sign. Granted, those who chose not to participate, had the choice and those around them probably went out of their way to say hello.

The Gospel for last Sunday spoke of the Good Shepherd. Jesus used the example of the Good Shepherd to let all the people and his disciples know that he was indeed the Good Shepherd. In a wonderful way the Lord said, "The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd **calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out" (John 10: 3). We are those sheep that are called out by name. The Lord has known us from the beginning of time and has called us all by name.

At the 5:30 pm Mass last weekend we began the Name Tag Sunday and I was having doubts as to how it would be received by parishioners. Ed Grady did a great job of

putting this together and I prayed it would be received well.

The first family I met coming into Church was new to our parish and had their name tags on. I was able to greet and welcome them by name. The father of the family, together with his wife, were amazed and felt so welcome. This indicated to me that it was the Lord's work indeed. The SPIRIT I believe was at work among us.

We are a parish that is growing in our own fervent discipleship and realize that this challenge of the Lord does not stop at our doors, but goes beyond.

In that regard, we continue our "New Life With Christ: Becoming Fervent Disciples" theme this week with the message of service. In this Sunday's first reading, deacons were appointed whose gifts enabled them to care and serve those around the Apostles and disciples (Acts 6:1-7). In the second reading, we are called to be living

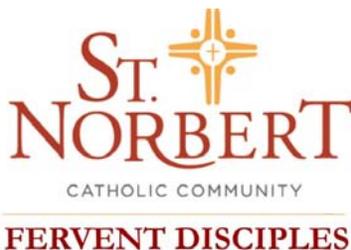
stones – the Body of Christ – and allow ourselves to be of service to others (1 Peter 2:4-9). Finally, in the Gospel, New Life with Christ is meant to be shared through service by all of us following the example Jesus sets for us as the way, the truth and the light (John 14:1-12).

We are a parish where, quite honestly, everyone is getting to know your name. Isn't it wonderful and exciting? Praise God.

We plan to have Name Tag Sunday monthly to create an atmosphere of community, friendship and just plain fun in getting to know each other a little better as we race out the Narthex doors onto our next Sunday activity.

Please enjoy this time and take a few extra minutes to chat after Mass and get to know each other not only on Name Tag Sunday, but every Sunday. -- Father Mike

PS: In case you missed it, **Lisa McGowan's Witness Sunday** sharing was spectacular and can be viewed at StNorbert.org Witness Sunday videos: <http://parish.stnorbert.org/resource-center/videos--witness-sunday-parish-life-school/witness-sunday>



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH PICNIC

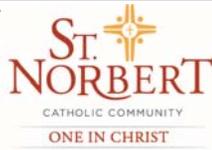
Saturday, June 3

6:30-9 PM

School Grounds

Kick-off the Summer with our St. Norbert Community Picnic for young, old, single, married, Religious Education, School and your interested neighbors, with Games, Food, Fellowship, Community and Fun

CONTACT: Ed Grady at EGrady@StNorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 115



THIS MAY 20 & 21 . . .

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

The annual election of two new members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be held the weekend of **May 20 & 21**.

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: 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 2017 eligible for reelection
Forrest Fisher 2017 not eligible for reelection
David Makowicz 2018
Marie Martino 2019
Therese McElwee 2017 not seeking reelection
Jim Ryan 2018
Steve Ryan 2019
Martha Wilbur 2018
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 20 & 21**.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Nathan Ball

My path to this parish has not been a straight one. I was born and raised in Colorado, then moved East in 2004 to attend Boston College. It was at BC that I met my wife, Amanda (Hudome), a lifelong parishioner of St. Norbert's. After living in Boston for seven years while earning my undergraduate and Masters Degrees, I moved to Baltimore to attend the Peabody Conservatory and earn my doctorate in classical music composition. My wife and I moved to Malvern in 2015 and were blessed with a beautiful boy, Noah Wilson, this past September. Perhaps even more peculiar than my road to St. Norbert's is how I became a Catholic in the first place. Yes, I attended a Jesuit college, but I was raised Episcopalian and disagreed with almost everything involving the Catholic Church. By God's providence (a series of events far too peculiar to describe here) I entered the Church in 2011. Over the last few years I have felt an increasing call to give back to the Church that has offered me so much, which is one of the reasons I graciously accepted a spot on the Pastoral Parish Council three years ago, and would like to run for a second term.

Vision For Our Parish: During my first term on the Pastoral Parish Council I had grand visions of solving a major crisis within my generation (I am 31 years old): the distrust of organized religion. However, after participating in the first few meetings I was humbled by the experiences of those around me and I began to realize that true spiritual growth is an intimate experience and cannot be "solved" in large swaths. Though I still have hopes of seeing my brother and close friends find a place in God's Church, I am trying to place a greater emphasis on listening to others and sharing in their experiences in an effort to help our pilgrim family grow. I truly appreciate the time I've spent serving you over the past three years and only hope that you might see me fit to continue on this journey.



Mary Beth Fritz

I have been a member of St. Norbert Parish for 4 years. My husband David and I live in Berwyn with our four children: David, Charlotte, Liam and Samuel. Our three oldest children currently attend St. Norbert School (SNS) and Samuel will attend pre-kindergarten at SNS in the fall. I am a member of the St. Norbert School Development Committee, dedicated to maintaining our stand-

ards of excellence and constantly looking for ways to improve our school. I also serves as a volunteer for various other school activities and events. The Fritz family is active with the CYO athletic program, parish-sponsored scouting program and the three oldest children are altar servers.

I am also a small group leader for Walking with Purpose, a Catholic women's Bible study ministry at St. Norbert's and also volunteer as a driver for our parish outreach

program. I've been active in various ministries with each parish to which I've belonged over the past 20 years, including parish finance council, Eucharistic Minister and acolyte.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the St. Norbert Parish Pastoral Council as a way to provide a voice for fellow parishioners and give back to the parish that contributes so much to the faith and fellowship that our family has experienced in this loving and welcoming community.

Vision For Our Parish: While St. Norbert's is already a thriving parish, I believe that by more fully embracing our parish vision, we can truly become One in Christ as an even more vibrant community of fervent disciples, welcoming all with love and providing an abundance of opportunities for spiritual formation and growth for all parishioners, including our youth.



Paul Lavalley

Since 2004, I have lived in Berwyn with my wife of 15 years, Peggy, and our daughters, Kristen and Katie. We have been parishioners at St. Norbert's for three years. Peggy is involved with Walking with Purpose locally and Meals on Wheels, and our daughters are active in CYO sports, CaFFE/Edge,

and Altar Serving. An engineer by training, I have worked for Arkema for 19 years, presently serving as a Business Manager. A sports fan in general, I enjoy skiing, ice hockey, sailing, and making Maple Syrup.

I presently serve as the Altar Server Coordinator and as an Assistant Coach for CYO Track & Field here at St. Norbert's. I am also involved in the Small Group Faith Sharing effort. Previously, I have participated in the Bible Study/Enrichment groups at St. Norbert's. At a previous parish, I served on the Planning Committee. Before kids, I was very involved in Philadelphia-area Catholic Young Adult Ministry efforts.

Vision For Our Parish: I continue to be impressed by the liveliness of our Parish and the opportunities for Spiritual, Social, and Service activities. I hope I can assist in further building this enthusiasm towards our Lord, our Community, and the Sacraments. Specifically, I hope to grow efforts to engage Young Adults, Young Families, and inactive Catholics, as well as expand opportunities for family-friendly service activities and faith enrichment.

Laura Nicholas

Our family joined St. Norbert Parish 18 years ago when we moved to Berwyn from Raleigh, NC. My husband Paul became a Catholic 2 years ago through St. Norbert's wonderful RCIA program. Our 2 sons, now grown, always enjoy attending Mass here when they visit.



After a long career in technology with IBM, I am now working with an education non-profit. I serve in the Worship Ministry as a Lector and Greeter and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, bringing Communion to residents at Daylesford Crossing. I've also served as a volunteer in parish outreach activi-

ties and events including AbbeyFest and our Lenten Service Day.

The faith sharing and scripture study programs here at St Norbert's have given me many blessed hours with other parishioners to deepen my faith through Alpha, Bible Study, Living Your Strengths and most recently, the '9 Hours' Lenten small group sessions.

Vision For Our Parish: I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve on the pastoral council to help support and grow our special community of disciples. My vision for our parish is a welcoming community where everyone continues to deepen their faith and remain open and alert to the Holy Spirit working in their lives so that all of us can bring the mercy and joy of Christ to people we encounter, especially those in greatest need.

Elizabeth Tarka Miller

I have been a parishioner at St. Norbert for almost 10 years. I'm married with 2 children who both attend St. Norbert School. I've been an active volunteer at the school since 2012 and am currently the Treasurer for the Home and School Association. My past involvement in the parish includes participation in a small advisory group representing the school when the parish reevaluated its priorities, and more recently, the Fervent Disciple Ministry. Outside of the St. Norbert Community, I'm a cardiologist and work in clinical drug development for the pharmaceutical industry. I am passionate about helping to improve the lives of patients with cardiovascular disease.



Vision For Our Parish: I'm especially motivated to participate on the Parish Pastoral Council to strengthen the spiritual opportunities at St. Norbert and continue to foster the growth of this extraordinary parish community.



**3RD ANNUAL ...
 EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
 SATURDAY, JUNE 3
 4:15-5:15 PM
 FROM DAYLESFORD ABBEY TO
 ST. NORBERTS**

Around Our Parish

Congratulations to our own Diaconate candidate **Steve Martino** as he moved a step further on his 7-year journey to become a Deacon by recently being anointed by Bishop McIntyre as an **Acolyte**. There are four major steps to Ordination of Deacons following a year of discernment and the first year of formation known as the Aspirancy Period. The first is the **Rite of Candidacy** where the aspirant petitions in his own hand, writing the bishop to be conferred a candidate and formally continue his formation in the Diaconate School of Theology. The second step is the **Ministry of Lector** where the candidate is called to be a servant of the Living Word of God. It is more than simply reading at Mass. Lectors must be suitably prepared so that we parishioners develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the sacred readings. At the **Rite of Acolyte**, a year later, the candidate is appointed to assist the deacons and priest in liturgical celebrations particularly the Mass and distribute Communion as a special Eucharistic minister. The final step is the **Rite of Ordination** which Steve will receive next June. Prior to the final step of Ordination, the candidate must sign an Oath of Freedom which is a Profession of Faith and make a formal petition for Ordination to the Diaconate. A married candidate's spouse must also sign a Statement of Consent. Unmarried candidates must take a vow of celibacy. Married candidates are not required to take a vow of celibacy, but according to Church tradition, if the wife dies, the Deacon cannot enter a new marriage unless given proper dispensation from the Pope. Again, Congratulations to Steve and Terry on this long journey and God Bless our soon to be new Deacon!



Steve & Terry

Steubenville Youth Conference

Make Plans Now
July 21-23

Cost \$360 per youth
Online Registration at



YOUNG ADULTS THEOLOGY ON TAP

Mondays in June
6:30 PM, Speaker 7 PM
McKenzie Brew House, Malvern, PA



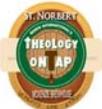
St. Norbert Young Adults present:

- ♦ **June 5:** Kristyn Brown, Portraits of Saints as everyday people viewed at TheSaintsProject.org
- ♦ **June 12:** Teresa Peterson, Being a Singer, Songwriter & Catholic in Nashville
- ♦ **June 19:** Fr. Chris Walsh, "Smartphones: Do They Help Or Hinder Your Prayer Life?"
- ♦ **June 26:** Fr. Alex Gibbs, "Anger & God?"

Open to young adults 21 years and older. Come together or alone and bring a friend who hasn't been to Church for a lively evening engaging the faith in a non-threatening way.

FOR INFO ON SPEAKERS
AND TOPICS CHECK:

www.facebook.com/groups/NorbsYA



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: **Young Adults** Faith Sharing, Parish Office Lower Level, 7:30-9 PM, **CONTACT:** Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com

Wednesdays: **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. **Christian Practice of Yoga** 11-noon Parish Office Lower Level

Saturdays: **Reconciliation** 4-5 PM or by appointment; **Adoration** 4-5 PM

UPCOMING:

May 14 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140

May 18 Gethsemani Addictions Prayer Night, 7-8 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

MAY 20 SCHOOL SPRING SHOW, 7-8:30 PM, Gym

MAY 20 RESPECT LIFE, 8:45-10 AM, Parish Office

MAY 20 & 21 NAME TAG WEEKEND WITH FELLOWSHIP A

MAY 25 ASCENSION THURSDAY, 6:30, 8 & 9:15 AM,

Parish /School, Church; Vigil 7 pm Wed, May 24

MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY, Parish Office & School closed:

ONLY 8 AM Mass

JUNE 2 FESTIVAL OF PRAISE, 7:30 PM, Oratory

JUNE 3 3RD ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION, 4-5:15

PM, From Daylesford Abbey to St. Norbert's prior to 5:30 pm Mass

JUNE 3 PARISH PICNIC, 6:30-9 PM, following 5:30 PM MASS, Outdoors or Gym if rain