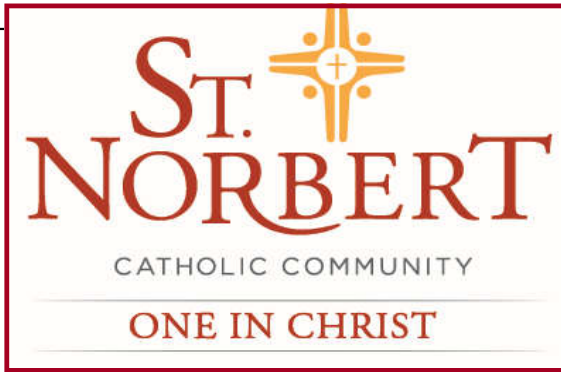


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM

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

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

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 4-5 PM ; **Thursdays** 7-8 PM or by
Appointment

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

CLERGY

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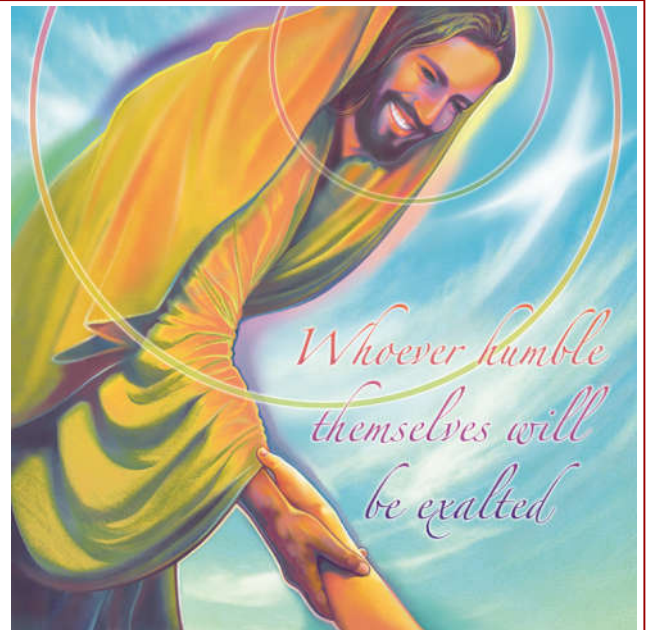
DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do as they say, not as they do. This is what Jesus told the crowds about the scribes and the Pharisees. They sought honor and prestige. They exalted themselves by appearing to be righteous while placing burdens on those who wished to faithfully follow the law of Moses. Rather than striving to lead others to God, they lived to be seen and held in high esteem. Jesus wants his followers to live differently. Discipleship is not about seeking places of honor or titles of esteem. Rather, Jesus' followers are to focus on humble service. Disciples are to learn from their master and teacher, Jesus Christ, who came to serve rather than to be served. They are to be the living embodiment of Jesus' way of love.

WHOEVER EXALTS SELF WILL BE HUMBLED

The scribes and Pharisees were not the first or the last to get caught up in the pursuit of recognition and prestige. Nor were they the only ones to ever become puffed up with their own worth, failing to honor God in the process. The Levites of Malachi's time stand as examples of such misguided behavior as well. Of course, this is not only an issue for religious leaders of Biblical times. Many people allow their desire for esteem to lead them to ignore the contributions of others, hoping to appear to be solely responsible for success. Yet the exaltation that was sought may backfire when those who shared in the success are rightfully acknowledged and praised. In Jesus' words, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled."



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THE GREATEST MUST SERVE

Contrast the actions of the scribes and Pharisees with what Saint Paul describes as the leaders' manner with the community in Thessalonica: they were gentle, showed affection for the people, and worked hard in order not to be burdensome. They had taken to heart Jesus' instruction to serve with humility, and as a result the Thessalonians were inspired to believe the word of God. True service is inspirational. Think about the people whom we most readily admire, those who inspire us to greatness. Most often, they are people who lead, not by lording their talent or position over others, but rather by humbly modeling the sort of action to which we aspire. They do not seek adulation or praise, but receive attention because their service is so deeply focused on the other. They glimpse the face of God in those whom they serve; we glimpse the face of God in those who serve with humility. "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

TODAY'S READINGS: Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

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31TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In you, Lord, I have found my peace."

— Psalm 131

Sunday, November 5

Vigil †Joseph Gagliardi
7:30 †Jon Lucks
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 †Paul, Joseph, Mary
Antoine Nguyen
1:30 PM Por todas las almas del
purgatorio
6 PM Parishioners

Monday, November 6

6:30 †Louis DeStefano
8:00 †Richard Anthony

Tuesday, November 7

6:30 Armed Forces
8:00 †Josephine Armstrong

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 Our Country
8:00 †Peggy Welsh

Thursday, November 9

6:30 Fr. Mike's Intentions
8:00 †Charles Young

Friday, November 10

6:30 Parishioners
8:00 †Fred Sabatino (4th Anniv)
& David Sabatino (5th
Anniv)
8:45 Prayer Service

Saturday, November 11

8:00 †Ralph & Mary Elsie
DiFronzo

Sunday, November 12

Vigil †Terry, Tony & Joe DiGulio
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Anne Grant
11:30 †Felice DiFrancesco
1:30 PM †Sister Julia Ruiz

TO RECEIVE PARISH EMAILS?

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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

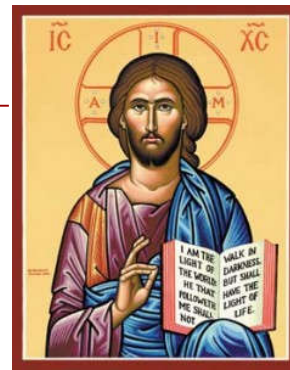
Self Exalters?

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — sound bites if you will, which convey so much meaning.

The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the



likeness of men. And being found in human form, **He humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

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"To the man who gives himself up to the guidance of the Holy Ghost, there seems to be no world; to the world there seems to be no god."

— St. John Vianney

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, Mary Corcoran, William Wilbur, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Ramirez Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan & Herman Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Jim Cleary, Trudy DiNardo, Sr. Helena Mayer, John Valenti, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Marion Fries

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA;
Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; 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: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 31:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Pastor's Pulpit

A QUIET REFLECTION . . .

THIS IS NOT A TEST!

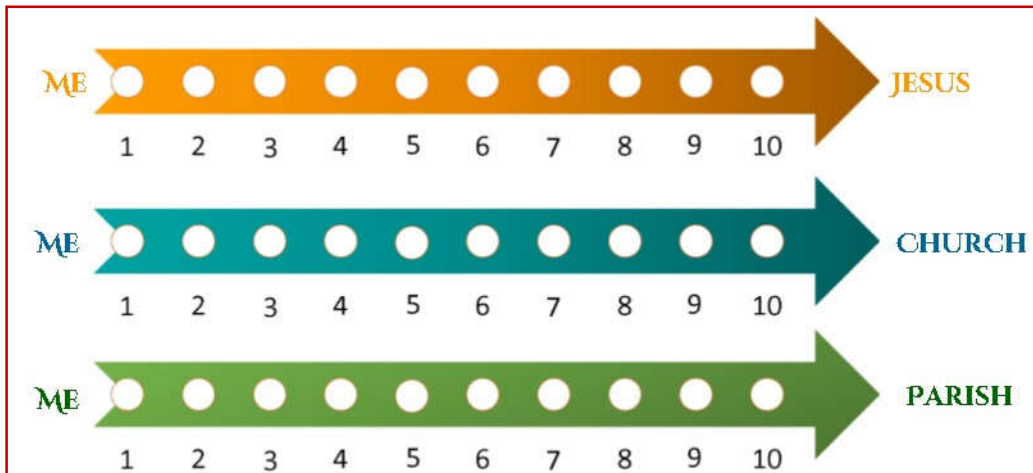
This morning I woke up wide awake at 4:30 AM and was quietly reflecting on my relationship with Jesus, when I received a tweet from Pope Francis. He said, *"I invite you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ in order to learn from Him how to love with all your heart"* (PopeFrancis@Pontifex).

What a coincidence or should I say "God-incidence?" I was in quiet private reflection and thought, "How am I doing in my relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church?"

I took it a step further and thought, "Where am I on the spectrum between Jesus and me, the Church and me, and our Parish and me on a scale of one to ten. This isn't a test, but I offer it to you as a quiet private reflection on how you are doing in your relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church.

We (I) often get caught up in the work of running things with other wonderful people and sometimes forget what it is all about.

If you were encountering the Lord now as you are reading this, what would be your reaction to Jesus, His Church and as it is represented here at Saint Norbert Parish?



I took the "this is not a test" and asked the Lord to grace me so that I can draw closer to Him. Sometimes I tend to think it is my/our parish. MEA CULPA! (My fault)

I imagine one could do this "this is not a test" with Family,

I suspect one might say that they have a rather good relationship with Jesus, but it is the Church that might be a problem.

Take a prayerful moment and think of where you are on the line between Jesus and yourself. Are you close enough to touch Him? Remember this is not a test. It is a simple prayerful reflection as to where you are in relationship with Jesus, as well as the Church and then with our parish.

This may sound silly and you may think that Father Mike has gone over the deep edge and you never know, but in placing your mark on the lines, prayerfully consider what it is that might be keeping you a distance from Jesus, His Church and His Parish.

Friends and all those whom the Lord has sent our way so that we can become . . . and here it goes . . . **Fervent Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

We are all asked in many and various ways to RESPOND to the message of Jesus in Word and Sacrament and to go deeper in our discipleship.

Let us pray for one another in our sojourn of faith and, as Pope Francis says, *"...keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ in order to learn from Him how to love with all your heart."*

Let us pray for one another.

– Fr. Mike

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RESPOND

Deepening Discipleship

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ONE IN CHRIST

Recognize
Engage
Share
Purpose
Others
Notice
Do
Deepening
Discipleship

OTHERS: SERVING SELFLESSLY

As we continue on this road to deepening our relationship with Jesus, we are always reminded that God is constantly pursuing us and it is our job to RESPOND. If we look at those letters and what our role is, we focus this week on "Others." What a perfect way to make a connection to Jesus than to help others at this time of year through our Thanksgiving Bags for the St. Gabe's Food Cupboard. In this week's Gospel, we are called to be a servant to all. Can you be a servant? Can you put yourself aside? There are many other ways to serve beyond the food bags. Let's work this week as we continue to grow as Fervent Disciples to allow God to pursue us as we respond to a deeper relationship with Jesus. — Fr. Steve. View this preview at

[StNorbert.org](https://vimeo.com/240248809) Resource Center, homilies or at: <https://vimeo.com/240248809>



News & Events



DEADLINE: NOV 13TH:

IT'S TURKEY TIME AGAIN

Every Thanksgiving, St. Norbert's parishioners help feed over 1,000 families at St. Gabriel's Food Cupboard in the Grays Ferry section in Philadelphia. Pick up a bag in the Narthex and return the groceries by Sunday, **Nov 13**. If you'd like to donate a frozen Turkey, please deliver on Sunday, **Nov 19, 8-11 AM** to our Gym. Thank you for your generosity. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady, Volunteer Coordinator, egrady@stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 115

REMEMBERING ALL SOULS ...

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month that we remember all souls. A **Book of Remembrance** with the names of all the parishioners who have died is in the Narthex of the Church. Please enter the names of loved ones you would like our community to remember in prayer.

KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF ...

PRAYER & HEALING NITES

PRAYER & HEALING NIGHT: This powerful

evening on Thursday, **Nov. 9**, at **7:30 PM**, offers you the opportunity to gather in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament while having our St. Norbert Prayer Team pray with you or those you know suffering from sickness, distress, personal issues like loss of jobs, marital problems, and other stresses of daily living. Confession available. **CONTACT:** Pete Radice at prfr@comcast.net or 610.265.5787



GETHSEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY NIGHT:

Sunday, Nov 12, 7:30-8:30 PM, in the St. Norbert Oratory. Open to people in 12 Step programs (AA, Al-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, etc.). Held the 2nd Sunday of the month. **Contact:** Martin K 610.291.1140 (Cont. page 6)

GETTING PREPARED ...

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Family Advent Wreath making will be on Sunday, Nov 26 in the School Dining Hall from 12:30-1:30 PM. Join us for a fun event for everyone to make your own personalized Advent Wreath. **CONTACT:** Mark Griswold at caffedirector@stnorbert.org



FORTY HOURS ...

STARTS THIS EVENING

Join us this evening for the start of our 40Hours immediately following the 6 PM Youth Mass. Come from 7-8 pm tonight, Monday and Tuesday go deeper and spend more time with Jesus.

Sunday, Nov 5
7-8 PM

Eucharistic Procession after Communion leading into our Holy Hour from 7-8 PM

Witness: A Teen's experience of Christ in the Eucharist

Music by FireHill Worship

Procession out of the church and into the Oratory for overnight Adoration



Monday, Nov 6
7-8 PM

Taize Prayer: A meditative form of worship involving sung and chanted prayers, periods of silence, And liturgical reading

Witness: Ron & Maria Pollack

Tuesday, Nov 7

7-8 PM

Vespers

Witness: Carina Davis, Spanish-speaking community
Bilingual service
Eucharistic Procession around our Church (possibly outside, weather permitting), followed by Benediction and close of our 40 Hours

Music by combined Spanish and English choirs

Fellowship: Hospitality at the end of the evening

CYO BASKETBALL ...

MENTORS WANTED



St. Norbert Parish CYO is looking for Coach/Leaders who want to mentor our youth in the art



of sportsmanship and teamwork within the principles of our Catholic Faith. **CONTACT:**

Hank Fila 610.513.9768 or Brooke Keith 610.209.3944. Registration now open at

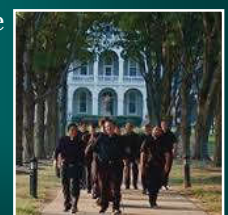
www.stnorbertcyo.org and click on [wagdogs](http://wagdogs.com)

ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL

SEMINARIAN VISIT



Our own seminarian **Gabe Fairorth** will be speaking at all Masses on the week-end of **Nov 18-19**. Gabe is in his second college year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and he will share his experiences with us. Please welcome Gabe back home, and we appreciate your generosity in support of our Seminary.



Around Our Parish

Spiritual Transitions was the topic of a recent Young Adults Bonfire Night (1) with Parishioner **Heather**



Makowicz, a spiritual director at Daylesford Abbey. Over 30 Young Adults from all over Philly gathered for her reflection on growth and change as it relates to the spiritual and prayer life. Quiet time under the stars, discussion and s'mores made the evening. Heather (far left) and Hank Fila (center) pictured with the YA Core team (2). Check out the Young Adults Facebook page for more info and upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/StNorbertYAMinistry/> **“How to prepare yourself and your child for First Communion”**



was a presentation for parents recently with **Mark Griswold**, Director of our CaFFE religious education program and Family Life (3). Close to 40 members of the **50+ Group** made a pilgrimage to the Miraculous Medal Shrine and museum on Cheltenham Avenue in Philadelphia (4,5). The Miraculous Medal was revealed to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830. She was a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. In 1875, construction on the shrine was begun. In 2000 the Archdiocese designated the Shrine Chapel as one of six official pilgrimage sites. For more info go to: <http://miracmedal.wpengine.com/shrine-museum/the-shrine/the-story/>



50+ GROUP EVENTS

AUTUMN HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, **Nov 8**, Join us for the next 50+ Group Happy Hour on Wednesday, Nov 8 from 4 to 7 PM at Alba Restaurant on King Road in Malvern with special pricing from 4 to 6 PM. **CONTACT:** Joan Reed 610.358.4449



MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

Sunday, **Nov 12**, 12:30 PM, free Seminar with Medicare Specialists on navigating Medicare decisions: when to sign up: Open Enrollment, Guaranteed Issue Periods; penalties; Medicare Part B; what's covered; what's not; supplemental insurance and more. **RSVP:** Kevin Horan 610.296.4687



ADVENT EVENING CELEBRATION

Sunday **Dec 3** **Handel's Messiah** at Daylesford Abbey at 3-4 PM followed by 7 PM **Dinner** at Trattoria San Nicola. **CONTACT:** Moira Murphy tigers.bisons@verizon.net or Michele Stevenson michele_stevenson@msn.com



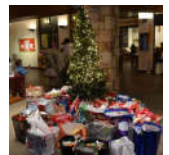
SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Tuesday **Jan 23**, 9 AM – 2:30 PM, Malvern Retreat House. Renew your relationship with Jesus in a full-day program including retreat director-led sessions, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, personal reflection, and fellowship over breakfast and lunch. Save the date. More information soon.

GIVING TREE EVENT NOVEMBER 14TH . . .

ORNAMENT MAKING

Join us Tuesday, **Nov 14** in the School Dining Hall at 7 PM for an **Ornament Party**, with refreshments, for the 2017 **Christmas Giving Tree**. **RSVP:** Carol Coyne and Marsha Menendez, Helping Hands Ministry at 610.247.9307 or marsha@menendezfamily.com



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Think of possible gifts for:
Bethesda – Bainbridge, Sanctuary, Mary House and Dominic House: Men's Permanent Supportive Housing: *Clothing & personal items*
Bethesda—Spruce St.: Women's Permanent Supportive Housing: *Clothing & personal items*
St. Joseph's House: Orphan & Abortion Rescue, House of Refuge, East Fallowfield, PA: *Clothing & personal items*
St. Mary's Shelter: Transitional/Emergency housing for women & children survivors of domestic abuse: *Household goods*
Gaudenzia: Alcohol and drug addiction recovery and mental illness treatment for men, women, and children: *Towels, underwear, toys*
Catholic Social Services/St. Agnes Outreach: Chester County: *Children's winter clothing size birth to 16*
Birtheright West Chester & Coatesville: Assists mothers in need with *maternity, baby items*
TECare: Assists residents in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships: *Gift cards for groceries and gas*
Paoli & St. Norbert Parish In-Reach for Our Homebound: Provides help for those in need within the parish and the local community: *grocery; gas, supermarket and pharmacy gift cards; books for children and adults.*
 Over 1,000 gifts are distributed through your generosity.

Wine? NOT!

Top 10 reasons to attend the wine tasting fundraiser for St. Gabe's Food Cupboard

Our Wine Tasting fundraiser helps the St. Gabe's Food Cupboard provide a *haven* for families and a *sense of family* for those who have no one.

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Event Contact

Marianne O'Neill; 215 617 4900 cell: marianne.oneill@foxroach.com

Cost

*\$60 per person, \$75 at the door. Table of 8 *\$425
Make checks payable to Norbertine Fathers Outreach Fund and mail to 50 Leopard Rd Paoli, Pa 19301



**Nov 11
Saturday
5:30 PM**



(Cont from page 4) **GETHSEMANI ADDICTIONS PRAYER NITE:** The holidays are fast approaching and we all know someone who is affected by addictions or in recovery. Join us **Thursday, Nov 16, 7 PM** in the Oratory to pray for family members and loved ones suffering from addictions. Confessions and Adoration available. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext.131

2ND ANNUAL SNS RUNNING WITH THE BULLDOGS
5KRun/1 Mile Walk, **Saturday, Nov 11, 8 AM** registration; **9 AM** Run/Walk (rain/shine). Honoring Brian Zwaan. Start/Finish St. Norbert Parking Lot.
REGISTRATION: <https://www.runtheday.com/register/detail/2017--sns-running-with-the-bulldogs>

49TH ANNUAL DAYLESFORD ABBEY DINNER DANCE
Aronimink Golf Club
Friday, November 17
6-11:30 PM



DANCING TO BACK2LIFE
Fabulous silent auction items:
Shore Houses, Destination Packages; Eagles & Phillies Tickets; Fine Art; Golf Foursomes and more
Black Tie Optional
TICKET INFO: James Griffin 610.647.2530 ext 118



CRAB CAKE SALE

Order Before Monday, Nov 6
Pickup Saturday, Nov 11
11 to 12 NOON



Featuring K of C Crab Cakes—98% meat no filler

6 CRAB CAKES PER PACK FOR \$30

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CONTACT: Wayne Lilly 610.296.8685 or w.lilly@verizon.net



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