

November 11, 2018

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SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30 & 8 AM; **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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings this Sunday seem to focus on generosity. The prophet Elijah asks an impoverished widow, who has almost nothing, to be generous. And she is. The letter to the Hebrews states that Jesus' offering of himself is an act of giving so substantial that it does not have to be repeated. In the Gospel, a widow gives of her substance, in contrast to the rich who give a lot from their abundance, but who have a lot more to give. The first reading hints that these scriptures are not only about giving. They are also about fear. Elijah tells the widow, "Do not be afraid" to give your all. The depth of generosity that God asks of us is only possible if we let go of our fear.

GIVE EVERYTHING

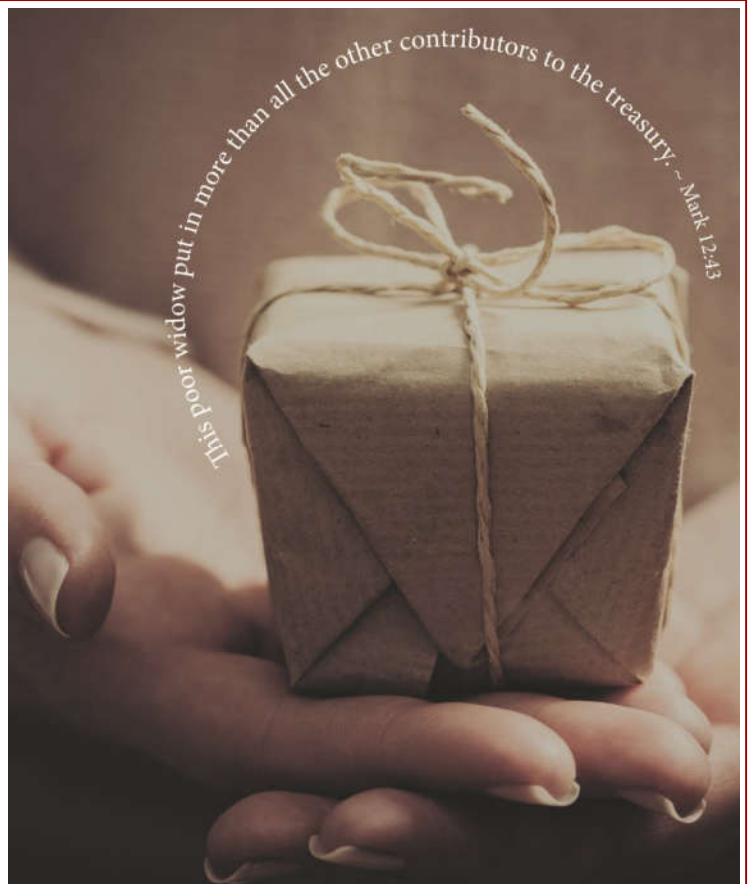
In First Kings, Elijah meets a widow and immediately makes a request that she promptly fulfills; then he makes another that she resists. His response is not to chastise her lack of charity, but instead he says, as Jesus will say repeatedly in the Gospels, "Do not be afraid." He recognizes that it is not a lack of charity that prevents her from giving him a little food, it is fear, fear that she will not have enough for her son and herself given their dire straits. Elijah looks beyond the obvious. He asks something of her and then gives back to her, from God's abundance, something even greater. The same is true in Hebrews. Christ offers himself, not as the priest does with a life not his own, but as the genuine Son of God. Again in the Gospel, the substantive generosity of the impoverished widow is contrasted with the apparent generosity of the wealthy. The wealthy are found lacking.

BE NOT AFRAID

It is clear that God prefers the widow's generosity because it displays a lack of fear about what will happen if she leaves her life entirely in God's hands. The widow, who lacks material goods, still fears for her welfare and that of her family, but both widows, in Mark and in Kings, overcome that fear to place their reliance on God. The wealthy, as we have seen before in the Gospels, have a lot more to give away before they would need to put their reliance entirely on God. Many cannot find the strength and courage to do so. They give big gifts to the temple thinking this will bring them favor, as it does in the world. But God asks more of us than the world does. God asks that we live our lives as if they depended entirely on God and not our own accomplishments. Because they do.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

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"The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry." – Psalm 146:7

Sunday, November 11

Vigil †Marie Marzo
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Leo Concannon
11:30 †James J. Cleary, Jr.
1:30 PM †For Soul of Raul Angeles
6 PM †Denny Nicolas

Monday, November 12

6:30 AM †Anna Fisher
8:00 †Anne Grant

Tuesday, November 13

6:30 †Vincent Saverino
8:00 †Carol Sparks

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 †Serafia Galinta
8:00 †Michael Helwig

Thursday, November 15

6:30 Mark McDaniel
8:00 †Kevin Ansley

Friday, November 16

6:30 †Terence Wilson
8:00 †Andy Lappin

Saturday, November 17

8:00 †Anne Burrows

Sunday, November 18

Vigil †Tony, Terry & Joe
7:30 †Janet Hogan
9:00 Living & Deceased member of the Knights of Columbus
11:30 †Paul Nguyen & Family
1:30 PM †Rafael Valdivieso
6 PM Parishioners

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Gratitude**Walking the Talk**

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and *Whose* they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life

**PRAYERS & READINGS**

PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Julian D'Orazio, Maria Morales, Michael Fullam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmesl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Ruth Chavez, John F. Erickson, Trudy DiNardo, Debra Ulicny, Roberto Barajas, Joseph Mongiello, Mary Alice Spina, Sue Birmingham, Todd Monastero, Dan Petrella, Julianne Zelov, Guillermo Lopez, Maura Tehrani Henderson, Kate Fullam, Marion Fries, Isabelle Oravecz, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Eduardo "Lalo" Quintana, Joseph Morelli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker, Layne McHugh

REST IN PEACE: Joan Schauble, Kathleen Cushmore, Robert "Bobby" Hoban, Rudy Spina, Lucy Mastronardo, Dorothy Mechell

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, USA; Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Lt. Col. **James Merenda**, USAF; Lt. **Nicholas Prestipino**, USA; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; Maj. **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA; Lt. Col. Keith Benedict, USA



insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed. © catholicsteward.com

"...from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit."
—Ephesians 3:16

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS****Cub Scout Pack**

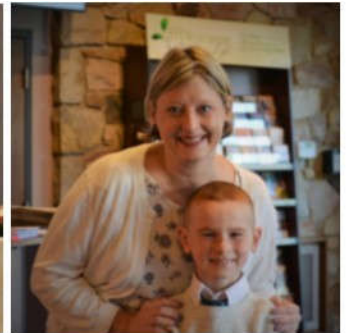
7 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths after all Masses Nov 10-11
\$15 for undecorated
\$20 for decorated
Pick-up Nov 24-25 after all Masses

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Around Our Parish

The School All Saints Mass last week was a momentous occasion for two reasons. It was Fr. Steve's first official School Mass as our new Pastor **AND** 2nd Grader **Kai** was Baptized into our Catholic Faith with his proud mother Janelle at his side. Our Principal, **Mary Kay Hennessy** is Kai's Godmother (imagine that!). Kai's sister Essa is in the 5th Grade at our school and is going through a special Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program to be Baptized, receive her First Holy Communion and Confirmed at this coming Easter Vigil. Kai will also receive his First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Kai's family joined St. Norbert's School last year. Congratulations to Kai, Essa and their parents for this special memory of Encountering Jesus at St. Norbert's and becoming young Fervent Disciples.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

ARE YOU PREPARING FOR MARTINMAS?

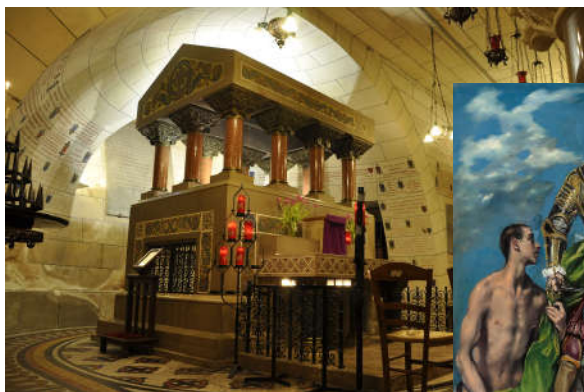
Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of **Saint Martin of Tours**, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome.

After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin who died in 397, was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By 15 he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to

divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election.

To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "**Martinmas**," that later developed into the season of Advent. —Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Left: St. Martin's tomb in the Basilica of St. Martin, Tours, France
 Right: *St. Martin and the Beggar*, by El Greco, ca. 1597-99 (National Gallery of Art, Washington)

News & Events



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DEC 2...

FR. STEVE'S INSTALLATION

Fr. Steve Albero will be officially installed as our new Pastor by Bishop John McIntyre on **Sunday, Dec 2**, at a special Bilingual **11:30 AM** Mass. That day, there will be **no 1:30 PM** Spanish Mass so that we can all celebrate Fr. Steve's installation. All are invited to a reception for Fr. Steve immediately following the Mass in the School dining hall. We will also have an official recognition of Fr. Arul as our new Parochial Vicar. "Last weekend, I was energized by all of you welcoming me back. I'm rested and excited about getting started as pastor," said Fr. Steve.

FEEL A CALLING?

FINDING YOUR JOY

As he called the first apostles, Jesus is still calling men to lay down their lives in service to His Church as priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Young men are stepping forward every day to think about the priesthood and answer that call. Have **you** ever thought about being a priest? A St. Andrew Dinner will be held on Monday, **Nov 26** from **6:30-8:30 PM**, at St. Joseph Parish, 332 Manor Ave, Downingtown. **RSVP** by Nov 21 to frrossi@stjosephrc.org or call 610.269.8294 for more information.



STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTIONS...



ON THE WAY

Our Lord's trial in the Garden of Gethsemani in Jerusalem signals the beginning of the Passion and, at the same time, the promise of redemption. To those battling addictions along with loved ones, and friends, "Gethsemani" evokes both the agony and the hope that leads to recovery and new life. We all know someone who is affected by an addiction of some kind, whether alcohol, drugs, pornography, eating, spending, video screens or something else. Join us this month for: **GETHSEMANI WAY 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY NIGHT**, Sunday, **Nov 11**, 7:30 PM, in the St. Norbert Oratory, for

GIVING TREE EVENT NOVEMBER 13TH...

ORNAMENT MAKING



Join us Tuesday, **Nov 13** in the School Dining Hall at **7 PM** for an **Ornament Party**, with refreshments, for the 2018 **Christmas Giving Tree**. **RSVP**: Carol Coyne Helping Hands Ministry at 610.296.8019 or coy498@aol.com

These cooler days of autumn have us thinking that the holidays are not too far ahead and we are beginning our preparations for the 2018 Christmas Giving Tree. Thank you for your generous past support. The recipients are always overwhelmed with the outpouring of love that is shown to them by strangers who are **YOU** our St. Norbert parishioners.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Please keep these charities in your thoughts as you shop for bargains in the months ahead:

BETHESDA – Bainbridge, Sanctuary, Mary House and Dominic House: Men's Permanent Supportive Housing: *Socks, underwear, deodorant, shaving supplies, soap, towels, twin sheets*

BETHESDA—Spruce Street & Serenity: Women's Permanent Supportive Housing: *Socks, underwear, deodorant, soap, towels, twin sheets*

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE: Orphan & Abortion Rescue, House of Refuge, East Fallowfield, PA: *Clothing & toys*

ST. MARY'S SHELTER: Transitional/Emergency housing for women & children of domestic abuse: *Household goods, grocery gift cards*

GAUDENZIA: Alcohol and drug addiction recovery and mental illness treatment for men, women, and children: *Towels, robes, underwear, toys*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/ST. AGNES OUTREACH: Chester County: *Household goods, baby items, gas & grocery gift cards*

BIRTHRIGHT WEST CHESTER & COATESVILLE: Assists mothers in need with *maternity & baby supplies*

T/E CARE: Assists residents in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships: *Walmart, Target & ACME gift cards*

ST. NORBERT PARISH IN-REACH FOR OUR HOMETOWN: Provides help for those in need within the parish and the local community: *Grocery, gas & pharmacy gift cards*

MOTHER'S HOME, DARBY: Residential shelter for pregnant women in crisis who choose life: *Maternity & baby supplies*

ST. GABRIEL PARISH: Assists families with food: *Grocery & gift cards*

Over 1,000 gifts and cards are distributed through your generosity every Christmas.

THANK YOU!

small group faith sharing with those in AA recovery programs only. **CONTACT:** Martin 610.291.1140

GETHSEMANI WAY PRAYER FOR ADDICTIONS NITE, Thursday, **Nov 15**, 7 pm, in the Oratory. Open to all to pray for loved ones fighting and recovering from addictions of all kinds. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org

FAMILY & FORGIVENESS EVENING

Tuesday, **Nov 20**, 7 PM, Church Sts. Padre Pio & Gianna Beretta Molla relics; Dennis Chicino music

CONTACT: Ed Morris at Eddiemo@comcast.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO... **SERVE THE POOR**

Do something different the day after Thanksgiving this year: help serve lunch at the St. Francis Inn in the Kensington area of Philadelphia on **Black Friday, Nov 23**. The Inn serves the daily needs of the poor and homeless with food, clothing, and hospitality. The Franciscans and many volunteers are breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty while addressing structural injustices. Our St. Norbert's ministry has served every month for many years. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. **CONTACT:** Cal Fastuca at cal.fastuca@me.com



READY...SET...GO!

YOUR SPIRITUAL PLAY



Join St. Norbert's Young Adults on **Friday, Nov 16 at 7 PM**, in the St. Norbert Parish Office for a screening and discussion of *"The Faith Playbook: Conversations About Life and Faith"* with **Carson Wentz, Nick Foles**, and their teammates as they share honestly about winning the championship, suffering season-ending injuries, serving others, and why Jesus is more precious than anything the world has to offer. For more info on the film, visit: www.faithplaybook.com. **To REGISTER VISIT:** www.facebook.com/events/193993818166553/.

REMEMBERING ALL SOULS ...

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

"Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another,

*and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a **book of remembrance** was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.*



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.

SUNDAY NOV 11 DAY FOR...

FROZEN TURKEYS

Due to limited freezer space, we will **ONLY** be accepting completely frozen turkeys on Sunday **Nov 18**, from **8-11 AM** to our Gym. 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. There's still time to pick up a bag in the Narthex and return the groceries by Wednesday, **Nov 14**. Thank you for your generosity.



CONTACT: Ed Grady, Volunteer Coordinator, egrady@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 115

50+ GROUP
HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday, **Nov 13** from 4-7 PM at
LaCabra Brewery
CONTACT: Joan Reed 610.358.4449



An Evening of Reflection
Allowing
JESUS
to Come Close

Monday, December 3, 2018
Malvern Retreat House
Malvern, PA

Directed by
Heather Makowicz



Heather Makowicz is a Certified Spiritual Director and a leader in her parish's Healing Prayer Ministry. She also speaks to women and young adults on topics related to prayer and discernment. Additionally, Heather organizes and leads hiking excursions that integrate prayer while encouraging people to encounter God in his creation. As the mother of a son with multiple special needs and someone who has experienced deep healing in her own life through the Catholic Church, Heather strives to give away what she has received. Through her own journey she finds tremendous joy accompanying others in theirs. She holds a Masters Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Neumann University in Aston, PA, and a Masters in Clinical Social Work from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia.



FOR OUR MILITARY**CHRISTMAS PRAYER CHAIN**

The Giving Tree Ministry has reached out to St. Norbert families who have loved ones actively serving in our military. These families, as well as the service people who are serving, have asked for prayers this Christmas. To make this a tangible as well as spiritual response, we will be sending a prayer chain to each of the soldiers with your help. Please write a prayer, a verse, or an encouraging thought on the paper provided at the tables in the Narthex the weekend of **Nov 10-11**. Children may draw on a paper as well and these will be linked into the prayer chain. Your name on the prayer is optional. The prayers will be joined together in a chain and then mailed to our military personnel in time for Christmas. Thank You for reaching out in prayer to these individuals!

**FAST FACTS:**

EXPLORE CATHOLICISM: Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Explore Catholic spirituality and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ in a relaxed, conversational setting. Weekly RCIA sessions **Mondays, at 7 PM.** CONTACT: Lorrie Grady at 610.405.0610 lh905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 HankFila@gmail.com or Barb Stoyell-Mulholland at 509.998.4723 barbstoyell@gmail.com



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: **Tuesdays, Nov 13, 7-8:30 PM, at St. Patrick's** in Malvern. CONTACT: Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST, Sunday, Dec 9, 11:30 AM Bilingual Mass. CONTACT: Laura Peterson or 610.644.1655 ext. 121 or lpeterson@parish.stnorbert.org

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Aronomink Golf Club

Friday, November 16

6-11:30 PM

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Shore Houses, Destination Packages; Eagles & Phillies Tickets; Fine Art; Golf Foursomes and more
Black Tie Optional

TICKET INFO: Jeanne Byrne 610.647.2530 ext 118



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