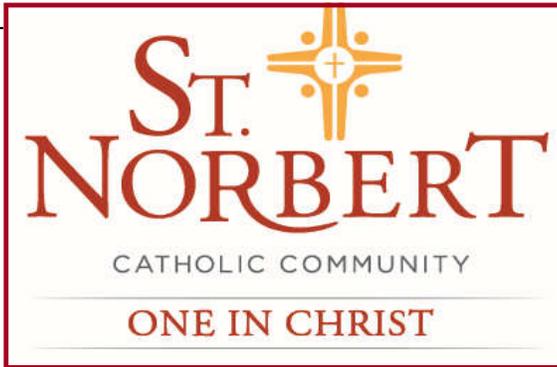


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In Jesus' parable of the ten bridesmaids, only the bridesmaids who brought oil with them had enough to light their lamps. By being prepared, they were welcomed into the wedding feast, while the unprepared ones found the door locked on their return. We may hear Jesus' parable of the bridesmaids who did not take oil for their lamps with them to the wedding, and think, "I would not be so shortsighted. You never know what is going to happen." Yet, are we really prepared to meet our Lord at the moment of our death or in the second coming of Christ? Are we, people who profess faith in Jesus, ready for the bridegroom who is Christ our Lord? Or are we more like the foolish bridesmaids than we want to admit? We know neither the day nor the hour. We must be ready.

DON'T BE FOOLISH

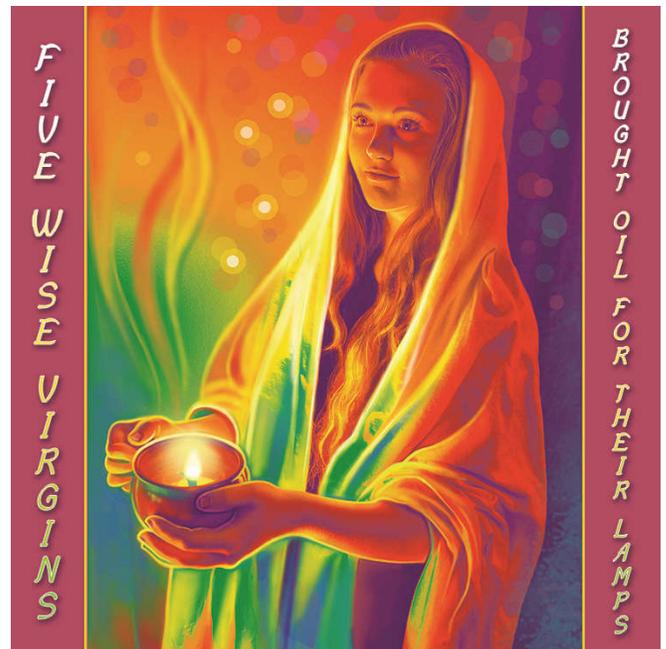
What is foolish? What is wise? Most of us could name an occasion or two in which we have done something foolish. We did not stop to consider the consequences of our actions and regretted them in the end. The sort of foolishness we are considering here, however, is more than simple impulsive behavior and has eternal consequences. To be foolish in the eyes of God is to ignore the ways in which we know we are called to behave--toward God, others, and ourselves. The five foolish bridesmaids did not fail in their duties through their actions, but rather through inaction. Like them, we may fail to be ready to meet our Lord, through inaction as much as through our actions. In these final weeks of the liturgical year, we are urged to take stock. How are we, or are we not, living as people whose faith directs our lives? Are we foolish through sinful action or inaction? Do we care for others and for ourselves, as we know we ought? Or do we act instead as though we have all the time in the world in which to embrace Christ's way of mercy, forgiveness, justice, love, and peace? Do we fail to recognize that Christian discipleship is a way of life?

BE WISE, BE READY

This urging to be ready for Christ's return is not intended to frighten us, but rather to focus our attention on the things that matter. Wisdom lies in seeking God in all things. With the Psalmist, the wise person prays, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God" (Psalm 63:2b). Christ's way is not hidden from us, as though we are playing a game of hide and seek. It is "readily perceived" (Wisdom 6:12) by all who love God. We know the way through the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, Christ's great command to wash one another's feet, to love and serve with glad hearts. To act accordingly is to be wise, and those who are wise will be ready.

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

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**32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

*"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."
— Psalm 63*

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
6 PM †Doris Carey

Monday, November 13

6:30 †Mary C. Perillo
8:00 †Gerald McManus

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 †Louis DeStefano
8:00 †Seraphia Galinta

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 In Reparation for sins
against the Eucharist
8:00 †Florence LeBresco

Thursday, November 16

6:30 †Doris Galetto
8:00 †Mary Catherine Young

Friday, November 17

6:30 Our 1st Responders
8:00 †Peggy Welsh

Saturday, November 18

8:00 †Bunky Mullray

Sunday, November 19

Vigil †Denis McCafferty
7:30 †Janey Hogan
9:00 Living and deceased
members of the Knight of
Columbus
11:30 Our Parishioners
1:30 PM Spanish Vocations
6 PM †Domenic & Ida
Giovannini

Receiving Our Emails?

CONTACT: Ed Grady
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via Narthex Kiosks

**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

Don't Wait

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Christ cautions us often concerning our sense of conversion and timing. It has a lot to do with procrastination — that is, putting something off or delaying something which needs to be accomplished.

Most of us understand the importance of living up to Christ's expectations and living life in a way to which He has called us. In other words, we comprehend that we need to be His disciples, but we seem to find excuses and reasons not to totally commit to that.

That is exactly the issue Jesus is addressing in today's Gospel from St. Matthew, which is essentially the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Are we truly prepared for the return of Christ, the Second Coming?

In a sense it has everything to do with death. We may not wish to think about it, but we do know that death is inevitable, and have we done everything we need to do to be pre-



pared?

It was St. Augustine of Hippo who said, "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."

Like the Virgins in the parable, we cannot wait. Now, this very moment, is the time for us to do what God has called us to do, and that is live lives of stewardship in service and love to others. There are indeed no promises about tomorrow, but Christ has offered us hope for eternal life. Have we done everything we need to do to be read.

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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
Catechism on the Holy Ghost**

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 McMahan, 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

REST IN PEACE: Ann DellaFave**PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:**

Pvt. **Matthew Cress**, USA; Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; 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: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Pastor's Pulpit

ARE YOU PLAYING . . .

HIDE & SEEK

"Come out, come out, wherever you are!"

If you recognize those words, then I imagine you are familiar with a game I grew up with as a kid in the city. This was a time when kids had to look to their own creative fun usually on the streets. It was safe then to roam the streets as a child and everyone knew who you were, where you lived and who your parents were.

Back to the game. . . It usually involved hiding and someone took turns trying to find you. The object was to hide so well that the person would have to give up and call you out. If you were not found, then you were the winner of the game.

This game I am sure varied from place to place and probably had different names. This was also a time when streets were lit with gas lamps and they could be turned down and the street would be really dark. Traffic was not a problem since most people did not have a car. Yes, I am talking years ago!

I share this story about a childhood game for a reason. I wonder how many of us play similar games with God. We live a certain way of life, somewhat like a shadow side of ourselves and play a "Hide and Seek" with God. As silly as it may seem, I believe there is a lot of truth in it. Thomas Merton speaks about our true and false self in "Seeds of Contemplation." I wonder if it is not the false self that we are hiding and waiting for the words, "Come out, come out, wherever you are."

I write this on the Feast of All Saints and was struck by Merton's quote: "To be a saint means to be my true self. Therefore, the problem of sanctity and salvation is in

fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self, my essence or core. My false and private self is the one who wants to exist outside the reach of God's will and God's love— outside of reality and outside of life. And such a self cannot help but be an illusion" (Seeds of Contemplation).

Imagine if you will, you are a child playing the game of "Hide and Seek" and you have hidden so well that no one can find you. You continue to stay hidden because you want to win the game and not be "It" as the game is played. You wait and you wait and still you are hidden. It



is getting late and you are getting hungry, but you want to win the game. You begin to get scared and there are some tears in your eyes and you are ready to come out of hiding, but that stubborn streak you have keeps you hidden. And then all of a sudden you hear your mom calling, "Come out, come out, wherever you are." You can't wait to be found. Your mother embraces you and you feel a sense of going home and being

loved and cared for. The game is over and you are home.

Imagine now if that game is played for real as adults and we are hidden from our God, or so we think. It has been years that we have been playing "Hide and Seek" with God. Could it be a time now to come out from hiding? Could it be a time to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and allow God to embrace you once again with his love and care?

The Season of Advent will be with us soon and this might be the opportunity for all of us to come out from that "False Self" and allow Jesus to embrace us with his forgiveness, love and compassion.

Let us open our minds and hearts to hear and **RESPOND** to the call of Jesus to us, "Come out, come out, wherever you are."

For some it might be a time to stop the childhood game and find Jesus and allow Jesus to grace us so we become the disciples of Jesus we have always been meant to be.
— Fr. Mike

RESPOND

Deepening Discipleship

Recognize
Engage
Share
Purpose
Others
Notice
Do
Deepening
Discipleship

NOTICE: BE PREPARED

I'm standing in front of the stocks of oil on the wall in the Sanctuary used for our Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Catechumens coming into our faith, anointing of the sick, ordination of priests. This week's Gospel is about the 10 virgins – some prepared with enough oil and others not. With this reading, Jesus is challenging his disciples and us to be prepared for the coming of the bridegroom and, more importantly, his second coming. You and I are called to light a fire in the minds and hearts of others. We need to reach out to those in need noticing that their oil may be decreasing and, as Fervent Disciples, provide the oil that fans the flame of faith. — Fr. Mike. Preview at [StNorbert.org](https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB82kO17Y4JmPQW01OHJ2dWhKaTQ/view) or: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB82kO17Y4JmPQW01OHJ2dWhKaTQ/view>



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 Tuesday, **Nov 14**. 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

KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF...

ADDICTION NITES

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



*St. Monica
Patron Saint of*



*Sculpture from
Garden of
Gethsemani*

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

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.

NEW CARILLION COMING ...

FOR WHOM THE BELLS CHIME



You may have noticed that our Carillon bell chimes have been slightly out of sync lately — ringing after the 8 AM daily Mass has started...at 12:14 PM instead of noon...and waking some neighbors, at 2 and 4 AM instead of 8 AM. After 18 years, our Carillon needs to be replaced. The parts are unavailable — they don't make them anymore — and a new computer system will be installed in the next month or so. The real bell in the tower will be back in action and the new system comes with over 700 songs which Fr. Mike wants to play continuously on Christmas (no, that part was made up, but it will allow for more variety). Stay tuned and listening for our new Carillon and you'll be able to set your watch against it.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Our **Christmas Newsletter** will be coming to your homes just in time for Advent. Check out Fr. Mike's Christmas message, Christmas Eve and Sunday Mass times and Jesus's Birthday Party article.

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SUNDAY, DEC 10, 11:30 AM

BILINGUAL MASS

- ◆ Procession to the Parish Activity Center
- ◆ Traditional foods, music and more
- ◆ Everyone in the parish is invited
- ◆ Express our love and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Volunteers needed

CONTACT: Laura Peterson or 610.644.1655 ext. 121 or lpeterson@parish.stnorbert.org to help set up, clean, and bring fruit or dessert
50 Leopard Road † Paoli, PA 19301 † 610.644.1655



ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ONE IN CHRIST



50+ GROUP EVENTS

MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

Today, Sunday, **Nov 12**, 12:30 PM, School Dining Hall, 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.



SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, **Jan 21**, "Scams" Senior Topic
 - Tuesday, **Feb 13**, Mardi Gras Happy Hour
 - Sunday, **Feb 25**, Lunch and "Diary of Anne Frank" at People's Light
 - Saturday, **Mar 17**, Lenten Day of Service
 - Saturday, **Apr 21**, American Revolution Museum trip
 - Wednesday, **May 16**, St. Michael's, MD trip
- Stay Tuned for more details

CHRISTMAS EVENT Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 26, 12:30—1:30 PM

ST. NORBERT SCHOOL DINING HALL

COST: \$30 per wreath
DEADLINE: Nov 19



Register Online **ONLY** at StNorbert.org
[Advent Wreath Making](#)

Come make your own Family Advent Wreath and get into the Holiday Spirit!

Bring a snack to share. Hot Chocolate provided.

CONTACT: Mark Griswold, Director of Family Life, MGriswold@parish.stnorbert.org

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*

Birthright 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.

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



FEELING BROKEN OR HURT BECAUSE OF SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Journey with **Rose Sweet**, national Catholic speaker, as she brings heart, hope, and humor on a Day Retreat **Sat, Nov 18**, 9 AM, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Overbrook.



COST: \$ 25 each.

CONTACT: 215.870.9913
or visit www.nonnatus.org for registration and more information.

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)

NEXT SESSION AT ST. NORBERT'S...

EXPERIENCING LOSS?

If you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss, join us on **Monday, Nov 27**, at 7 PM for a short prayer service and social gathering at **St. Patrick's** of Malvern and co-sponsored by **St. Norbert's**. We will be alternating this monthly Prayer Service between our parishes. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information. †

EVERY THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A PRIEST?

St. Andrew Dinner for young men who are open to the call to the priesthood. **Monday, Nov 20**, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Joseph's, 322 Manor Ave, Downingtown. **RSVP** to Frossi@stjosephrc.org or call 610.269.8294

CRAB CAKE SALE

**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

Please mail check to
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OR GO TO:

kofcpaoli.org

and click on Crab Cake Sale

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



ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY APPEAL

SEMINARIAN VISIT

November 18-19



Our own seminarian **Gabe Fairorth** will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend 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 be generous to our appeal



VISIT ST. CHARLES FOR:

Dec 10: **Christmas Concert & Open House**



Jan 29: *"On the Church and Social Communication,"* **Bishop Robert Barron**, Cardinal Foley Lecture

Feb 26: *"Christians and Muslims: Love Creates a Dialogue Between Friends,"* **Bishop Wm. Michael Mulvey**

[St. Charles Seminary SCS.edu](http://St.CharlesSeminary.SCS.edu)



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