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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11 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

CLERGY

REV. STEVEN J. ALBERO, O. PRAEM., PASTOR

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DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO

DEACON STEVE MARTINO

DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings anticipate the end of the Church year. They speak of finality, the end of the world, and Jesus' role in our ultimate salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus describes "those days" of complete darkness – no light from sun, moon, or stars. The prophet Daniel also speaks in grim terms, foretelling of those who will suffer in "everlasting horror and disgrace." Conversely, Daniel mentions the wise people God will set aside for glory, those who will "shine like stars forever." It is tempting to worry about the gathering darkness and fret over our fate, but today's psalm urges us to be confident. "You will show me the path to life," the psalm proclaims. "You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld." Truly, God guides us. Jesus sacrificed his life to save us, our reading from Hebrews reminds us. Joined to Christ, we ask God to perfect us in holiness.

WORDS OF DARKNESS

We may feel uneasy about the end of the world for many reasons, especially considering the dramatic language that today's scriptures use to describe the last days. Rarely do our Sunday readings provoke us with descriptions of "tribulation" that is "unsurpassed in distress;" of the awakened dead who wallow in "everlasting horror and disgrace;" and of darkened heavens where "the stars will be falling from the sky." The end of the world unsettles us for another, more basic reason, too: we do not know when it is coming. The unknown can frighten us. Horror movies rely on that tendency to terrify moviegoers. Mystery and suspense thrillers fill us with anxiety while we await a resolution. We could rest easier and plan ahead, we like to think, if only we knew exactly when this final ordeal will beset humanity.

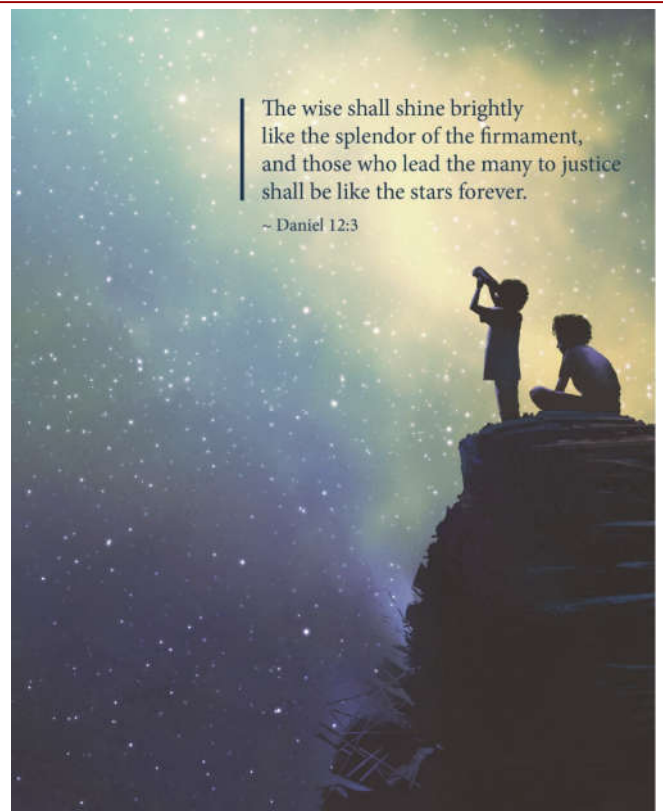
WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

"Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus assures us in today's Gospel, "but my words will not pass away." Foreboding words about the end of the world may distress us, but Jesus' words bring us glory. Word-made-flesh, Jesus walked and talked among us. We have inherited his gospel. Jesus gave us the words of everlasting life so that we can look forward to his second coming with faith, hope, and love.

While we wait, the Lord accompanies us in word and sacrament. If we begin to feel anxious, Jesus is with us. We can turn to his words in the Bible and experience his closeness. If we are overwhelmed by our shortcomings and sins, we can participate in the liturgy and feel the intimacy of Jesus in the Eucharist and in one another. The world will end, certainly. But Jesus, the Word of God, has already conquered death. Jesus invites us be unafraid. Over and over again in the Gospels, Jesus says not to fear, offering instead his deep and lasting peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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— Mark 13:31

Sunday, November 18

Vigil †Tony, Terry & Joe DiJulio
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

Monday, November 19

6:30 AM †Kathleen Fisher
8:00 †John Dick

Tuesday, November 20

6:30 †Catherine Lee Murphy
8:00 †Mary Ann Whalen

Wednesday, November 21

6:30 Mark McDaniel
8:00 †Dolores Albero

Thursday, November 22

9:00 †Dolores Albero

Friday, November 23

6:30 **NO Mass**
8:00 †James Lindquist

Saturday, November 24

8:00 †Leo Concannon

Sunday, November 25

Vigil †Charles Furtaw
7:30 †Mario Badamo
9:00 †Frances Cicino
11:30 †Sylvia Springer
1:30 PM Por Las Almas de
Gisela y Andrea
Hernandez
6 PM Parishioners

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Gratitude**Are You Ready?**

Today's readings are in stark contrast to the joy of the holiday season that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.

The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time "unsurpassed in distress since nations began" and warns that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace."

The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who "waits until his enemies are made his footstool." However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. In fact, we can view

**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 Rossmel, 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



these words as encouragement — "Keep Calm and Steward On," no matter what comes our

way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44; **Thanksgiving Day Suggested:** Sir 50:22-24; 1

Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
ON HOLY GROUND

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the “dwelling place of the Holy Spirit,” and has a destiny of life with God in glory.

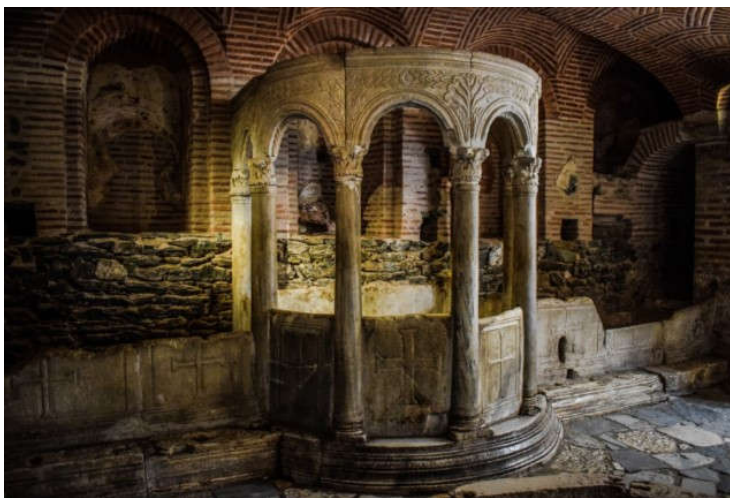
The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word.

This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one’s “birthday to life,” the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives

were hidden in Christ.

Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days.



—Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.
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They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb.

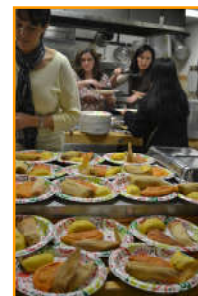
Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.



PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
SUNDAY, DEC 9, 11:30 AM
BILINGUAL MASS



- ◆ **Rosary** to Our Lady at 11 AM in the Oratory
- ◆ **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 for set up, clean, and bring fruit or dessert

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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 PM** 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.

DEADLINE 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.

Grocery Bags: 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.

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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.



GIVING TREE IS UP . . .

GIFTS DEADLINE DEC 10



Pick up your ornaments now and please return your gifts to the Narthex by **Monday, Dec 11**. See the ideas below for presents. **CONTACT:** Carol Coyne Helping Hands Ministry at 610.296.8019 or cov498@aol.com or Marsha Menendez at 610.247.9307 or marsha@menendezfamily.com

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? Please think of possible gifts for our brothers, sisters and children at:

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 HOMEBOUND: Provides help for those in need within the parish and the local community: *Grocery, gas & pharmacy gift cards*

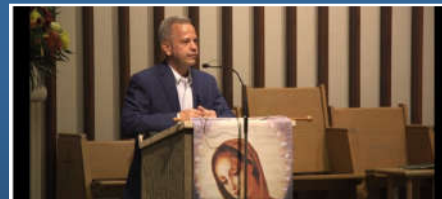
MOTHER'S HOME, DARBY: Residential shelter for pregnant women in crisis who choose life: *Maternity & baby supplies*

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!

Joseph Parish, 332 Manor Ave, Downingtown. **RSVP** by Nov 21 to frrossi@stjosephrc.org or call 610.269.8294 for more information.



FAMILY & FORGIVENESS EVENING

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

DO YOU HAVE . . .

THE RIGHT STUFF?



St. Norbert Parish is developing a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and we need you! We are looking for individuals with experience in security, retired or active law enforcement or military to help serve on our planning committee. **CONTACT:** Barrie Fila at filab@becket-lee.com if you are interested and please include information regarding your experience and availability.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 7
ANNUAL WREATH SALE
 After All Masses
 Nov 17-18 & 24-25
 Undecorated \$20; Decorated \$25
 Pick up after Masses on
 Nov 24 & 25. Proceeds benefit Cub Pack 7

An Evening of Reflection
Allowing
JESUS
 to Come Close
Monday, December 3, 2018
 Malvern Retreat House
 Malvern, PA
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 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.

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reflect, refresh, rejoice
 Since 1912

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 lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 HankFila@gmail.com or Barb Stoyell-Mulholland at 509.998.4723 barbstoyell@gmail.com

**DIOCESE ANNOUNCES NEW INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION AND REPARATIONS PROGRAM:**

Archbishop Chaput announced the establishment of a Philadelphia Archdiocese program to provide financial support for victims of clergy sexual abuse, especially those whose cases are time barred from civil litigation. The program is entirely free from the influence of Archdiocesan staff and leadership. Nationally respected, independent experts will have full authority to provide compensation for the good of survivors who need assistance. Details can be found here: <http://archphila.org/category/press-releases/>



SAVE THE DATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

(Free)

Sunday, Dec 9, 3 PM

Church of the Saviour, Wayne
Followed by dinner at
McKenzie Brew House, Berwyn
More info to follow

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There are many benefits of "getting things off your chest," chief among them is a removal of the barrier that sins place between us and Jesus. Reconciliation is an opportunity to clean your spiritual house; to "work out" your interior life. Coaches are available. You have plenty of opportunities:

- ◆ **Saturdays** from 4 – 5 PM
- ◆ **Thursdays** from 7 – 8 PM
- ◆ **Advent Reconciliation Service** – Monday, **December 19** at 7 PM (many confessors available)
- ◆ **By appointment** through the parish office

Think of Confession as a positive encounter with the head coach, Jesus. He drafted you and wants to help you sculpt and firm up in 5 minutes or less!

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