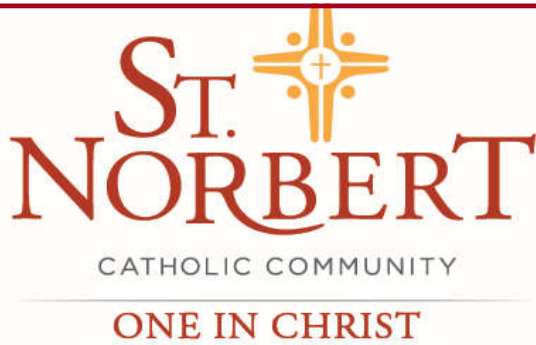


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Imagine a place where no one is hungry or thirsty, homeless or in need. In this place, people would willingly offer care to those who are ill or in prison; no one would be lonely or displaced. Everyone would be honored as people who possess inherent dignity as children of God. This is the image Jesus paints of his kingdom. Christ has established his kingdom here on earth, and yet there is much in the world that awaits its full and eternal expression. We see glimpses of it in the selfless care of people for the poor, imprisoned, sick, and lonely. These glimpses, and the words of Christ himself, urge us to be people who care for the least ones among us. Jesus tells us that in doing so, we care for Christ himself, who is our Lord and King.

JESUS, SHEPHERD AND KING

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. The shepherd gathers and protects the sheep, feeding them, and tending to their needs. "I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark," the Lord tells Ezekiel (Ezekiel 34:12). The shepherd also guides the sheep that do not follow as they should: "but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly" (Ezekiel 34:16). As sheep in God's pasture, we are to listen and respond to the voice of the shepherd, growing in obedience and following him. Jesus Christ is also the king of the universe. As king, Christ will judge our actions or lack of action. To live as people who belong to Christ, we must allow Christ to be the king of our hearts, minds, and actions.

COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED

As people under the kingship of Christ, we must also be shepherds who tend to the flock. It is upon this that we will be judged. Yet how many times do we pass a person on the street without taking notice of his or her distress? Perhaps they are homeless, hungry, in need of psychological help or emotional support, and we walk by, maybe with a nod or a brief greeting, perhaps with eyes averted, not knowing what to say or to do. We might offer a silent prayer as we move along to our destination. We may wonder why someone has not offered aid or taken the person to the nearest shelter. In our hearts we know that we could be that someone. Each of us has some particular something we must do in word, deed, or prayer, in person, or through the local and world-wide organizations that serve the poor. This is who we are to be as followers of Christ, who is king of the universe.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." — Psalm 23

Sunday, December 3

Vigil †Harry Wolfington
7:30 †Janet Horgan
9:00 †Rita Schiavone
11:30 †Elizabeth Hickman
1:30 PM Spanish Parishioners
6 PM Our Paishioners

Monday, December 4

6:30 †Joseph Guest
8:00 †Sr. Joan McIntyre, SHCJ

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 †Brian Zwaan
8:00 †Peggy Welsh

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 †Brian Zwaan
8:00 †Masapollo Family

Thursday, December 7

6:30 Our Armed Forces
8:00 †Patrick Cates
7 PM †Margaret Brown

Friday, December 8

6:30 †Mary Lyons & the Lord's Blessings on Corinne Kerrigan
8:00 †Margaret Brown
9:15 †Kate Hennessy

Saturday, December 9

8:00 †Joanne Shoup

Sunday, December 10

Vigil †Bernice Connor
7:30 †Jon Lucks
9:00 †Charlie O'Neill
11:30 Maria Korom
1:30 PM **NO Mass**
6 PM Our Parishioners

Receiving Our Emails?
USE Narthex Kiosks to Register



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

A Higher Power

We celebrate today what is popularly and traditionally called the Feast of Christ the King. This is also the beginning of the last week of our Catholic Liturgical Year, as the New Year begins with Advent next Sunday. We often mention that time is a gift to us; this idea of measuring Church time is also a gift, but do we truly appreciate it?

People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. We should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King. Were you aware that the name "Christ" is a royal title in itself? In Greek it means "the anointed king."

St. Paul referred to the Lord as "king of kings and lord of lords," a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers we are certainly part of His Kingdom. Pope Pius XI instituted



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 Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonz Baldino, Patricia Boyce, 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, Mary Alice Spina

REST IN PEACE: Vincent Rossi, Fr. Domenic's Father; Susan Butler

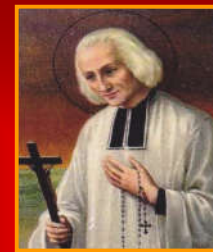
PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

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



today's solemnity in 1925 at a time when many countries were struggling with total loyalty to secular royalty. Pius XI wanted Catholics to recognize that their loyalty was to a higher power, their spiritual king in heaven.

Pius XI wrote at that time, "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example." © catholicsteward.com



*"It is a strange thing:
I have met plenty of
people who repented at not
having loved God.
Never have I met one who
repented of having
loved Him."*

— St. John Vianney
Of Penitence



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Pastor's Pulpit

DELETE, DELETE, DELETE . . .

WIPE IT CLEAN

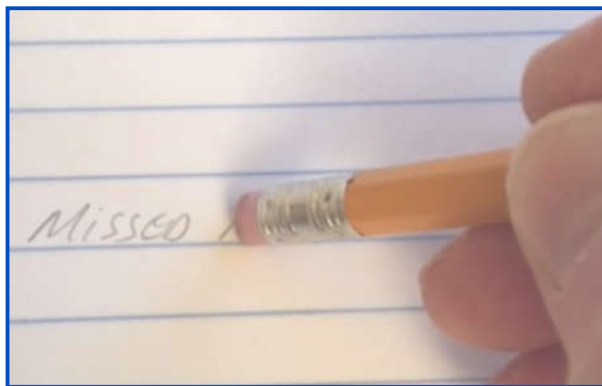
There is some debate as to who it was that invented the pencil with an eraser attached. It seems that one name is Mr. Priestly (appropriate for sure), but there were questions with patents and legal claims.

Putting that aside, one could look at the pencil with an eraser attached as an item that could have a lot of spiritual meaning.

Before the eraser people would use items such as bread and wax to try to eradicate errors in what they had written. This is hard to believe since all we need to do today is hit "delete-delete-delete."

I had the school prayer service with the children recently and was surprised to see how many even knew what a pencil with an eraser attached looked like. I am sure they do, but with iPads, iPhones, smart phones, laptops, etc., it is so much easier to remove one's mistakes.

One could use the symbol of the pencil with eraser attached as somewhat symbolic to how our sins can be wiped away in the Sacrament of Confession. We can do a lot of scribbling with that pencil writing in dark print looking to change a harsh word, an unkind thought, an untruth, a sinful symbol, but from the Lord we have the Sacrament that can erase those sins and allow us to begin



again with a clean sheet of paper.

The Season of Advent will be upon us soon and we will have the opportunity to get out our pencils with erasers attached and clear things up with the Lord. We can ask Him for the grace to reach out to those we may have hurt by what we have said and done and things we may have scribbled intentionally that damaged the reputation of another.

Isn't it interesting that something as common as a pencil eraser could have such a connection with the Sacrament of Confession. So, may I suggest that we get out our pencils with erasers and work on asking the forgiveness of the Lord for things we may have said and done that need it.

May I suggest the following exercise which may seem a little silly. Pick up a pencil with the eraser attached and think over the events in your life over the past few years that you might like to erase and be done with. Now picture yourself in the sacrament of reconciliation asking the forgiveness of God for those offenses. Now picture yourself receiving

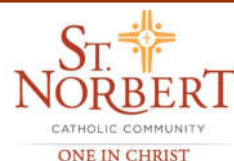
that forgiveness and rejoicing in the fact that all the past has been lifted – erased -- from you. It is indeed a wonderful feeling to be one-on-one with Jesus.

On a personal note, whenever I would make a mistake I would tell my father and he would say the following, "Michael, that is why they put erasers on pencils." Simply said, but there was a lot of love and meaning in those words.

– Fr. Mike



PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe SUNDAY, DEC 10, 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

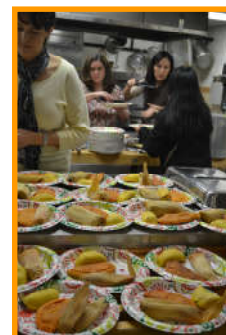


Volunteers needed to help set up, clean, and bring fruit or dessert

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Laura Peterson or 610.644.1655 ext. 121 or lpeterson@parish.stnorbert.org



News & Events

FERVENT DISCIPLES...

R-E-S-P-O-N-D

One of our small faith sharing groups created the following graphic to help them and us remember our

RESPOND: Deepening Discipleship characteristics and to keep them fresh in our minds daily as we *“...aspire to be 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.”*

RECOGNIZE: Recognize that Jesus is present and calling us. He is active in our lives, and we are called to respond.

ENGAGE: Engage in a life of righteousness. Say “yes” every day to God’s invitation, and deepen your knowledge & relationship with him.

SHARE: Share yourself and your gifts with others. Grow as fervent disciples, and reach out to those in need.

PURPOSE: Be aware of God’s purpose for us, and have a genuine love of self in order to love the Lord and your neighbors.

OTHERS: Seek a deeper relationship with others, and be a humble servant to all.

NOTICE: Notice the difference when you reach out to others, and continue to nurture your relationship & spirituality with God.

DO: Continue to do for others, to enhance your connection to Jesus, and to become more fervent disciples.

Special thanks to the Monday evening Small Group lead by Ceil Knies.

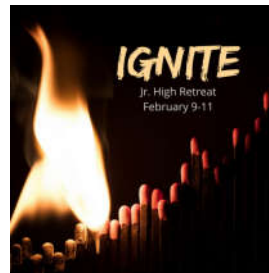


CALLING ALL YOUTH...

JUST 4 U TEENS

CAN YOU HEAR ME CALLING? Hey Teens, are you listening? Hearing any voices? How about “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me” (John 27:10). Join us as we **“FOLLOW”** — this year’s Xanten XIV High School Retreat, **Jan 19-21** at Camp Sankanac in Spring City. **COST:** \$125. **CONTACT:** Clare Kane 610.644.1670 ext 127 or ckane@parish.stnorbert.org

REGISTER: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=face60>



7 & 8 GRADERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT: Attention all 7th & 8th graders: A special **“IGNITE”** overnight retreat will be held for you **Feb 9-11**.

CONTACT: Clare Kane at ckane@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1670 ext 127 **REGISTER:** <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6a7259>

“Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.”
— Francois Fenelon



NOT THE END, BUT BEGINNING

Evidence of Fervent Disciples was in full display this past Thanksgiving. Thank you all for responding with such generosity dropping off Turkey bags and frozen Turkeys. Over 1,000 families in the St. Gabe’s Grays Ferry section enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving. As we explored the characteristics of a Fervent Disciple with our **R-E-S-P-O-N-D: Deepening Discipleship** series, it was so heartening to receive your feedback. One small group that meets weekly created a “cheat sheet” to help remind them of God’s call for us to be Fervent Disciples (see article above). Many also positively responded to the weekly short videos we created with each homilist to help you prepare for that Sunday’s readings. With this success in mind, we are going to continue “Responding” in Advent by exploring Fervent Discipleship in the Sunday readings. All the videos and homilies from this series are currently on our website at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/resource-center/homilies-audio-video> Check them out.



Around Our Parish

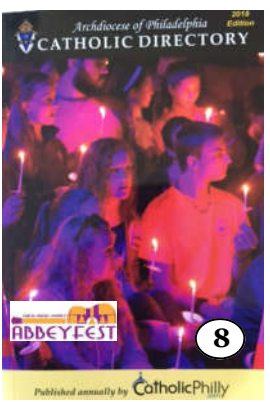
A busy Fall at St. Norbert's with an **AED training** session for several parish-



ioners who are certified as 1st Responders for the new Automated External Defibrillators installed in the Church Narthex and on the campus (1). **Grand VIP Day** at the School coincided with Veterans Day so the grandparents and parents gathered for tours of the classrooms (2-4), a special service with blessings for the Grand VIPs and Veterans in the church (5) and a patriotic assembly in the gym (6). The **50+ Group** hosted a fun Happy Hour at the Desmond with over 30 attending (7). Check out page 6 for other special upcoming



events, tours and pilgrimages including the **Dec 3 Handel Messiah** at Daylesford Abbey. **AbbeyFest** was recognized by the Archdiocese with the cover of this year's Directory for all parishes, schools, organizations, etc., in Philly (8). Be sure to check out **TheAbbeyFest.com** for the latest information and news including artists interviews at **AbbeyFest Backstage**.



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.



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) (Continued on page 6)



GIVING TREE IS UP . . .

GIFTS DEADLINE DEC 11

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 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 Domenic 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 every Christmas. Thank You!

NEW DATE FOR . . .

HAITI MEDICAL MISSION



“Helping the poor of Haiti has been a very humbling experience. The poor have nothing to give us back but their thanks.”

~ Martina Tamaro

“**Haiti Weekend**” will be held at St Norbert Church **Dec 16-17**. For the fourth time, we will sponsor a volunteer medical mission team of eleven physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and pharmacy personnel to Port-au-Prince, Haiti **Feb 3-10** to offer free medical care and attention to the poorest of the poor at the St Jude Clinic. The poor in Haiti endure daily hardships due to contaminated water, no sanitation and malnutrition, and are in dire need of medical attention. On top of their struggle just to survive, they are not able to afford medicines or doctor visits.

Our mission costs around \$25,000 per trip. Our **volunteers pay their own travel costs**, and we stay very close to the clinic itself in the a tough area of Port-au-Prince. The greatest challenge is to procure enough medical supplies to treat approximately 800 patients, but this is not enough and we are always in need of more supplies. **CONTACT:** Martina Molsbergen at mmolsbergen@c14consultinggroup.com

St. Norbert parishioners have been extremely generous in the past. Your contribution will go a long way for these needy and dire people. To support our Medical Mission, a second collection will be held at all Masses **Dec 16-17** or you can make a donation online at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/MedMissionStJude>

NEW DATE FOR . . .

BEREAVEMENT GROUP



The next evening of our Bereavement Group will be **Tuesday, Dec 5**, at 7 PM, at **St. Patrick's** in Malvern. There is **NO** meeting Nov 27. The format will be changing and more information and

meeting schedule will be coming soon. This effort is co-sponsored by **St. Norbert's**. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information.

Solemnity of the

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**MASSES: Wednesday Vigil 7 PM;
Thursday Feast 6:30, 8, 9:15 AM**



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Dec 3 Bulletin and at StNorbert.org

CHRISTMAS EVENT
Advent Wreath Making

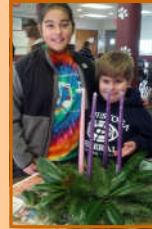
Sunday, November 26, 12:30—1:30 PM

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

50+ GROUP EVENTS

ADVENT EVENING CELEBRATION



Sunday **Dec 3 Handel's Messiah** at Daylesford Abbey at 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 **RSVP** by Nov 22 via form at

StNorbert.org: <http://parish.stnorbert.org/pdf/Group50Plus/12-17-Messiah-Regist-Frm.pdf>

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 at breakfast and lunch. Save the date. More info 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

CUB & BOY SCOUTS
ANNUAL WREATH SALE



After All Masses
Nov 25-26 and Dec 2-3
Fraser Fir 16”-18”;
Decorated \$25;
Plain \$20



The Scouts thank you very much