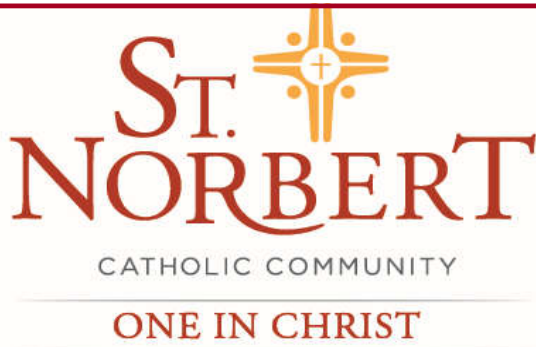


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM

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

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

REV. STEVEN ALBERO, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR

REV. CARL W. BRASCHOS, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is a scene that could be taken from the daily news feed. A young upstart is confronted by two established leaders. While holding opposing views on many issues, the two band together in an attempt to trap the newcomer. This is not a story from the daily news, however. The newcomer is Jesus in today's Gospel passage. The two established leaders, one a Pharisee and the other a Herodian, think they can trap Jesus by posing a question about the payment of taxes. No matter how he might respond to their question, they would have the means to discredit him. Jesus sees through their hypocrisy and does not fall into their trap. His response gets at the heart of what is truly important: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

God creates all that is. Each of us is a marvelous creation of God. All that we have is created through the grace of God and the ways in which we humans use the gifts that have been given to use by God. Thinking about Jesus' question from this perspective leads us to ask ourselves what belongs to God. As the Lord tells Cyrus in today's first reading, each of us is called by name. We belong to God. If we are truly honest in our reflection, the conclusion we will reach is that everything is God's. We are to be good stewards of it all. Jesus' instruction to give "to God what belongs to God" calls us to take seriously the realization that all we are, have, and will be is a gift from God, given to us in trust, that we might use it to further God's kingdom on earth.

THERE IS NO GOD BESIDES ME

Most of us can admit that we do not readily think of our lives and possessions as belonging to God. Doing so calls us to think much more deeply about how we use our time, material goods, talents, and gifts in our daily lives. When we take to heart that everything that we are and have belongs to God, we learn to put God first. No longer can materialism or worldly success be our god, nor the unbounded activity that fills much of our lives. Each of us has been "loved and chosen" by God to bring Christ's presence to the world, through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Thessalonians 1:4). We do this by giving what belongs to God back to God through the proper use of our lives, gifts, and resources.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life — Psalm 23

Sunday, October 22

Vigil †Isabella Lanza
7:30 St. Norbert Parishioners
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 †Linda O'Neill
1:30 PM Blessings on our Spanish Community
6 PM †Edward Joseph Cabral

Monday, October 23

6:30 †Paula Shumann
8:00 †Betty Mellet

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 †Gerald McHugh
8:00 †Jean M. Caponi

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 †Barbara Logan
8:00 †Mary Elsie DiFronzo

Thursday, October 26

6:30 Those seeking employment
8:00 †Mary Palmarella

Friday, October 27

6:30 All battling illness
8:00 †George Milich, Sr.

Saturday, October 28

8:00 †Florence LeBresco

Sunday, October 29

Vigil †Thomas M. Lahiff, Sr.
7:30 For Parishioners
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 †Charles Kern
1:30 PM †Rafael Simon Rincones
6 PM †John Paul Kimmey

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If you are **Not** receiving emails from the Parish, we don't have UR email.

CONTACT: Ed Grady via Narthex kiosks or

Egrady@parish.stnorbert.org



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

God's Image?

The last line of today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew contains one of the more well known of Jesus' quotes. When asked a bit of a trick question by the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Jesus responds by asking them whose image is on their Roman coins, to which they respond simply "Caesar's."

Jesus' response to their reply is known to most of us, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The Lord's answer is far more perceptive than we might think, and it gives another message to us, one we must always remember. If we are followers of Christ, and if we work to be His disciple, the Lord might ask us, "Whose image is on your soul?" We have learned in the First Chapter of Genesis that God created us in His image.

The coin may be stamped with Caesar's image, but each of us is stamped with God's image. Thus, Jesus is implying that the coin may



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, Frank McMahan, Louanne Armstrong, Joan & Herman Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Jim Cleary, Trudy DiNardo, Sr. Helena Mayer, John Valenti

REST IN PEACE: John Allen Brown, John McElwaine, Elizabeth McHale

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

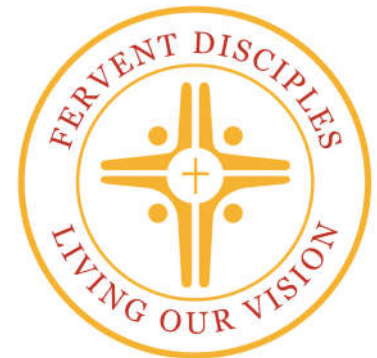


be Caesar's, but each of us belongs to God. In that regard we should be striving to be all those things to which Jesus called us.

That is in effect what a stewardship way of life is — recognizing that God is in each of us, we are to place ourselves in service to God and to one another. That is what is really meant by "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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"If I were to ask you if you loved God, you would tell me that you did; but that is not enough. You must prove it."
— St. John Vianney,
Sermon on the Love of God



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Pastor's Pulpit

A VERY UNFORTUNATE HAPPENING: **PLEASE PRAY**

On Sunday Oct 8th at the 11:30 AM Mass, during the distribution of Communion, Fr. Steve gave the Eucharist to a young man who raised the Host in the air and then threw it to the ground. He stepped on it and then walked out of the church. This act was a desecration of the Eucharist and a serious and troubling event.

A woman parishioner immediately knelt, picked up the Host, and consumed Our Lord.

Fr. Steve deserves much credit for maintaining his composure during this incident and we thank the parishioner, who is known to us, for her rapid response. Immediately following Communion, Fr. Steve spoke to the people in the church and asked them to pray for the young man who seemed by some to be upset.

In my 47 years of priesthood this is a first for me, a very troubling first. The public desecration of the Eucharist is a very serious and disturbing event, but it is important to note that the individual did not threaten Fr. Steve or any parishioners during the incident.

I share this with you to let you know that we are aware of this individual, we have looked into the event and contacted police out of an abundance of caution. The police have contacted and met with the individual. The police informed him that he is not to return to St. Norbert Church.

This past weekend, we have met with the Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters and Lectors to review how to respond to desecration of the Host and procedures for people who disrupt our services. We have shared a picture of the individual with Ushers, Greeters and Communion Ministers.

A few members of the parish who know this individual and have spoken with him. The young man is not Catholic. He has expressed that he has no interest in the Catholic Church.

Let us pray for this young man. Please pray that he finds peace in the God who loves him. – Fr. Mike



† GRATITUDE †

AS Pastor of Saint Norbert Parish, I wish to express my humble and prayerful thank you to all who responded with such prayerful support and willingness to be present some time before each Parish Mass and receive instructions this past weekend from Deacon John regarding the desecration incident (see article at left) on Sunday, Oct 8.

The concern expressed by the Communion Ministers, Ushers, Greeters and those present for that instruction period was moving to say the least.

Many expressed their prayers for the individual who, for whatever reason, needed to express his disdain for the Eucharist. I would also like to thank personally Vince Schiavone for his help and direction. Who knew such a “quiet man” had such a helpful background. Ciao Vincenzo!

I am sure this is not the end of such an incident, so all need to be very vigilant. Please call the Parish Office if you feel there is something you see that is troubling in the Narthex, Church, the Oratory, parking lot or anywhere on our campus.

I pray that this young man finds peace with himself and his God. He is always free to call and speak to one of the priests or deacons. Let us pray for one another.

Thank You to all,
– Fr. Mike



SHARE: EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD

What belongs to God? Everything! Where do we draw the line between Church and state? What belongs to God is a commitment that goes beyond civil authority. We who believe in God have a responsibility to stand firm in what we truly believe in our Christian Catholic principles. This week, in my homily, we will consider “Share” in our RESPOND series. To be a Fervent Disciple means we need to listen, pray and act 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.” View this preview from me at [StNorbert.org](https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB82kO17Y4JmPS1ozTm50NW1PLVE/view) Resource Center, homilies or at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB82kO17Y4JmPS1ozTm50NW1PLVE/view>



News & Events

NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES . . .

CONFESSION WEEKEND

To make the Sacrament of Confession more accessible and as part of our RESPOND: Deepening Discipleship theme, we will offer Reconciliation before and after **ALL** Masses next weekend **Oct 28-29**.



Why do we confess our sins?¹ Fr. James Martin says that “Confession is not so much about how bad you are but about how good God is.” Fr. Anthony Gerber suggests that “The priest is like a physician: when you go to the doctor, you tell him what has been hurting you and with more or less detail so that he knows how best to heal you. And remember: he has seen many patients with the same symptoms. Trust him, listen to his counsel, and you’ll get better soon!” Finally, Fr. Matthew Schneider says, “For many people, the biggest improvement in confession would be switching from viewing it as an obligatory, abstract listing of sins to the renewal of a relationship with God.” Thus, we call it Reconciliation. Join us next weekend as we renew, reconnect and RESPOND to “the sacrament of forgiveness” where God provides us with “pardon and peace” *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1424*.

¹Busted Halo, Sacraments 101: Penance (why we confess) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=117&v=Wz5-vu6A58E

GETHSEMANI WAY FEATURED . . .

AGAINST ADDICTIONS

“Addiction is pure evil. From a parent's perspective, it's your worst nightmare, and it decimates families,” said Mark Christmyer in the latest CatholicPhilly.com installment on “Catholics mobilizing against the Drug Crisis.”



The article and accompanying podcast features the Gethsemani Way addictions effort here at St. Norbert's. Martin K who heads up Gethsemani Way's monthly **12 Step Spirituality Nights** for those in AA-type recovery programs added, “Father Mike Lee, our pastor, has created a spiritual triage and growth center here [at St. Norbert's]. It's a place where we recognize that we are all broken, and we come for healing.” Gethsemani Way also includes monthly **Addictions Prayer Nights** co-led by Lisa Corcoran which are open to all and where we pray for loved ones, family, and friends battling addictions. In closing Mark added, “We are the Body of Christ. If we're not going to do anything about it, who is?” **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org to learn more, become involved and participate. Entire article at <http://catholicphilly.com/2017/10/news/local-news/catholic-parents-turn-heartache-of-addiction-into-hope-for-others/>

GET YOUR BOO FACE ON . . .

TRUNK AND TREAT

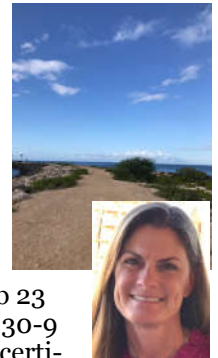


Everyone's invited — School, CaFFE, and all Goblins — to the annual St. Norbert Trunk and Treat Halloween party in our parking lot on **Oct 29**, from **3:30-5 PM**. Register at School.Stnorbert.org. Rain or shine.

GROW IN SPIRITUALITY?

PRAYER WALK

Looking for a deeper, more intentional relationship with God, yet aren't sure how to start? St. Norbert's will be offering a series of morning and evening reflections on “**Prayer Walk: Growing in our relationship with God through prayer.**” Starting the 4th Thursday of every month — Oct 26 to Feb 23 **mornings 9:30-11 AM** and **evenings 7:30-9 PM** — with **Heather Makowicz**, MSW, certified Spiritual Director:



- 1) Oct 26 **Our Road to Emmaus** — Discovering/Re-discovering our spiritual heritage
 - 2) Nov 16 (3rd Thurs) **Developing** a foundation of prayer
 - 3) Dec 28 **Fostering** a daily awareness of God's presence
 - 4) Jan 25 **Encountering** boredom, dryness, and distraction in prayer
 - 5) Feb 22 **Discernment** and decision making
- Reflections include a time of formation, silence, and sharing. **RSVP** Heather Makowicz at 484.919.9808 or hjm041370@gmail.com or **NOTE** space is limited to a smaller group.

SAVE THE DATES FOR . . .

TIME WITH JESUS

Encounter Jesus in a special way during our RESPOND series with our annual **40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration Nov 5, 6 & 7**. For over 500 years, the Blessed Sacrament has been solemnly exposed outside of the tabernacle to be adored by us for 40 consecutive hours of prayer. Why 40 Hours? The 40 hours signify the 40 days of rain in the Book of Noah, 40 years the Jews wandered in the desert, Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert, and the 40 hours between Jesus' burial and resurrection. Make your plans now to attend.



50+ GROUP SPIRITUAL RETREAT
Tuesday January 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, and fellowship over breakfast and lunch. Time for personal reflection and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More information soon. Mark your calendars in the New Year for this day of purposeful prayer and reflection.

Around Our Parish

To provide a Halloween Treat for the Bethesda Project residents, the **CaFFE 6th Grade Confirmation** service project solicited donated candy and prepared Halloween goody packets. Our students also colored Halloween theme prints for residents to decorate their spaces (1). Last weekend's **100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's final Apparition** was a wonderful celebration with our 30 people consecrating or reconsecrating themselves to Mary at the 9 am Mass (2) along with more at the 1:30 pm Spanish Mass (3). On Saturday, over 30 people prayed a noon Rosary at the Rt. 252 Grotto. This year's **Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness** day at the school generated over \$1,400 to **Unite for Her** which helps women get through their breast cancer treatments and various therapies (4).



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YOUNG ADULTS BONFIRE NIGHT . . .

SPIRITUAL TRANSITIONS

The St. Norbert Young Adults will hold a Bonfire Night on **Tuesday, Oct 24, at 7:30 PM**, outside at the fire pit area behind the parish office building. **Heather Makowicz**, a spiritual director at Daylesford Abbey and a parishioner at St. Norbert's, will give a brief talk/reflection on transitions and our spiritual life. Heather will talk about times of growth and change and how to relate our spirituality and prayer life. There will also be time for quiet reflection and an invitation to share what you have discovered. Then time to hang out, socialize, and of course, eat s'mores. :) Bring a chair or a blanket.



NEXT SESSION AT ST. PAT'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, Oct 23, 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.



HEY MOMS AND DADS . . .

KINGDOM JUNCTION

"We had 15 toddlers last weekend for our best group ever during the **Sunday 9 AM Mass**," said Kim Savage the Conductor of the Kingdom Junction Station. Over 25 families have registered for our this new effort designed for 1-5 year-olds so that their parents can confidently attend Mass while their small tykes are enjoying an uplifting Catholic atmosphere. Drawing, coloring, playing, storytelling and cute Bible stories are all part of this dynamic, innovative effort. "We can use some more volunteers," added Kim. All volunteers working with **Kingdom Junction** are cleared through the Archdiocesan safe environment process. **CONTACT:** Kim Savage at k7savage@gmail.com for more info or if you would like to volunteer.



Happy Hour 50+ Group

Wednesday, Nov 8, 4-7 PM at Alba Restaurant, Malvern with special pricing from 4-6 PM

CONTACT: Joan Reed 610.358.4449

NOV 12 FREE SEMINAR . . .

MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

Bring your questions to this great opportunity to talk to a Medicare Specialist and those who have navigated these waters. This free program is sponsored by St. Norbert's 50+ Group and will be held on **Sunday, Nov 12, 12:30 PM**, in the St. Norbert School Cafeteria. Brunch refreshments served. Designed for friendly advice and NO SALES PITCH. Learn how to get and stay Medi-



care Insurance ready:

Important Timeframes:

- ◆ What to do if retired or soon to retire
- ◆ Open Enrollment, Guaranteed Issue Periods, penalties
- ◆ When to enroll or defer Medicare Part B if not retiring at 65
- ◆ Changing carriers — how & when

What's Covered and not:

- ◆ Secondary insurance
- ◆ Coordinating Supplemental & Original Medicare

Guidance regarding your personal situation and more . . .

RSVP: Kevin Horan 610.296.4687

DENIM & DIAMONDS . . .

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Join our St. Norbert School (SNS) **Denim & Diamonds fundraiser** on **Saturday, Nov 4** at 7-11 PM at the Fr. Burke Center. Evening includes Photo Gallery, Live Music, food, beer, wine and 50/50 raffle. **COST:** \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8. **DEADLINE** to purchase tickets: **Oct 27.** Register online at School.stnorbert.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY:

Sundays: **EDGE** 10:05-11:15 AM Youth Group Room; **Youth Group** following 6 PM Mass; **Dads Basketball**, 7-9 PM, Gym
Tuesdays: Dawn Seekers Bible Study, 8:30 -10 am, Parish Office Dining Room; **Walking With Purpose** 9-11 AM.
CONTACT: Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com; **Young Adults** Faith Sharing, Parish Office Lower Level, 7:30-9 PM, **CONTACT:** Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com
Wednesdays: **Christian Practice of Yoga** 10:30-11:30 AM Parish Office Lower Level; **JCREW** Youth Group, 7-9 PM, Youth Group Room
Thursdays: **Adoration** 8 :30 AM—8 PM, Oratory with **Reconciliation** 7—8 PM; **Legion of Mary**, 9-10:30 AM, Sacristy Meeting Room. **Saturdays:** **Adoration** 4-5 PM; **Reconciliation** 4-5 PM or by appointment

UPCOMING:

Oct 26 That Man Is You! 6-7:30 AM, School Dining Room. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmktg.com
Nov 3 Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Oratory
Nov 4-5 Outreach Food & Clothing Collection, All Day, Narthex (food) & Parish Activity Center (clothing/house items)
Nov 5, 6 & 7 St. Norbert Annual 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration, 7 PM each night including short witnesses, prayer and silent reflection, Church.
Nov 9 Prayer & Healing Night, 7:30 PM, Church. **CONTACT:** Pete Radice at prfr@comcast.net
Nov 12 Gethsemani 12 Steps Spirituality Night, 7:30-8:30 PM, Oratory. **CONTACT:** Martin K 610.291.1140
Nov 17 Daylesford Abbey Dinner Dance, CONTACT: Mike Sanderson at msanderson1462@msn.com

VISIT STNORBERT.ORG

Wine? NOT!

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

The community of fervent disciples at St. Norbert's is the **lead provider** of funds and assistance to the St. Gabe's Food Cupboard. Our goal for the Wine Tasting Fundraiser is to raise **\$10,000**

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Nov 11 Saturday 5:30 PM

Event Contact
 Marianne O'Neill; 215 817 4900 cell: marianne.oneil@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 58 Leopard Rd Paoli, Pa 19301

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