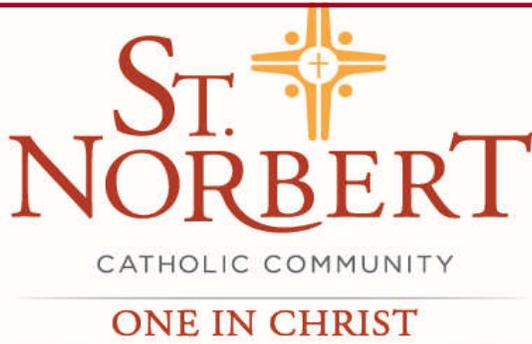


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### **MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:30 PM

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

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:30AM; **Saturday** 8 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** **Saturday** 4-5 PM; or by **Appointment**

### **CLERGY**

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

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

**REV. CARL W. BRASCHOS, O.PRAEM., PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
(PART TIME)

**DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO**

**DEACON WILLIAM M. MASAPOLLO (RETIRED)**

## **22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

### **OFFER IT UP!**

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices — little or big, happy or sad — become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

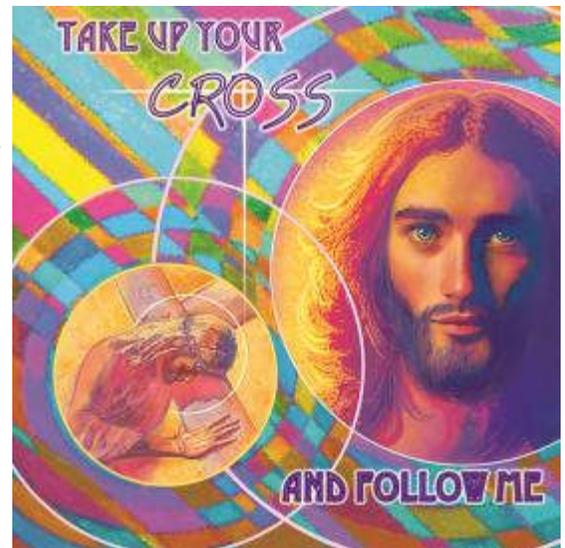
We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

### **PRAISE GOD!**

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### Sunday, September 3

Vigil †Joseph Stellabotte  
Siciliano  
7:30 AM Members of the Parish  
9:00 AM †Victoria Rutkowski  
11:00 AM †Arlene Martino  
1:30 PM †Guillermo Campos  
6 PM †Anna Logue

### Monday, September 4

8:00 Safety of all Parishioners

### Tuesday, September 5

6:30 †Salvatore Grande  
8:00 †Louis Morelli

### Wednesday, September 6

6:30 †Brian Zwaan  
8:00 †Donna Zabowski

### Thursday, September 7

6:30 †James McDevitt  
8:00 †Ralph & Mary Elsie  
DiFronzo

### Friday, September 8

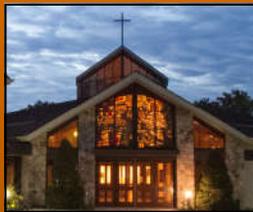
6:30 †Keith Perrymore  
8:00 †Carol McGowan

### Saturday, September 9

8:00 †Deceased members of  
the McDonald family

### Sunday, September 10

Vigil †Peter A. Innaurato, Jr.  
7:30 †Deceased members of  
the Lupinski Family  
9:00 †Victor Matteo  
11:30 †Ralph and †Mary Elsie  
DiFronzo  
1:30 PM †Joaquin Cordova  
6 PM Members of the parish



## 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

## Transform Your Mind

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us.

One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.

Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a "renewal" of our minds. Often in today's society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores



## 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, Nancy Lowe, Peter Lim, Ed Welsh, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonzo Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahan, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Jim Cleary, Helen Holmes, Trudy DiNardo

### REST IN PEACE: Guise Phu D. Nguyen

### PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

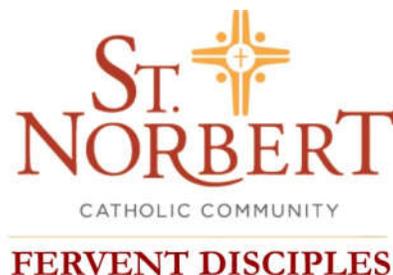
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Pvt. **Jessica Flowers**, Pvt. **Michael Flowers**, USA; Capt. **Rob Kersey**, USN; Capt. **Dan Kohli**, USMC; 1st.Lt. **Spencer Lahiff**, USMC; Sgt. **Justin Lansford**, USA; Pvt. **Bryan McCormick**, USA; Maj. **James Merenda**, USAF; Sgt. **R. J. Paski**, USA; Sgt. **Matthew Paski**, USAF; CPT **Brian Wallin**, DO, USA



the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God's eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not "How do I feel?" or even "What do I think?" The important question for us is "What is true and what does God's Word say?"

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that '...in the beginning God made heaven and earth'."

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

# Pastor's Pulpit

**THIS WEEK LISTEN FOR THAT . . .**

## SILENT SURPRISE

There are many times throughout the day that the unexpected seems to just happen. Some call them "Ah Ha moments," meaning they call your unexpected attention to them and make you pause and think. Many people usually refer to them as "Goose-bump moments." A friend of mine often refers to these moments as "God-bump moments." They happen to all of us and they give us pause to think about just what is happening.

In a homily a week or so ago, I mentioned the need to have moments of silence in our lives where we are able to listen in silence to the Lord. One author referred to this as the "power of silence." That made me think of the Simon and Garfunkel lyrics: *"Hello darkness, my old friend, I've come to talk to you again....the sound of silence."* But I may be dating myself.

Allow me to share with you an Ah Ha God moment that just recently happened to me. I was driving alone to the cemetery and would be waiting for the funeral cars to arrive when I reached for my phone and **OH MY GOD!** I forgot my phone. What am I going to do? Here I am at the cemetery and no phone. So who am I going to talk to?

Does anyone remember leaving their home and not having a phone with them? If so, your age is showing. Here I am sitting in my car — it was air-conditioned —

**...silence is a fragile little flame in the middle of a raging ocean. The fire of silence is weak because it is bothersome to a busy world."**

— Cardinal Sarah<sup>1</sup>

but still, who do I talk to? I was looking all around me and all I see are tombstones and more tombstones. And then the Lord spoke to me in a subtle way and I remembered my homily, **The Power of Silence.**

So I said, "Hello Lord. It's me again. What's up?" I sat in the car and looked out at the beautiful blue sky, manicured green grass and the tombstones thinking "here is the power of silence." Granted, I could have put the radio on and listened to music, but I figured I need to seize the moment. *Carpe diem*, if I remember the Latin. *"Seize the day!"*

I then decided to "own the moment." I gave myself up to the **power of silence** and the presence of the Lord. It was a little scary at first especially sitting in the car and looking out at the tombstones. This is a "Mortality in the Face" moment for sure. However, after a time I began to see it as a moment of Grace. The Amazing Grace that we often sing about, but forget how significant and central that is to our salvation.

So for a moment, I ask you to silence all the media noise coming at you. How does it feel? Is it a little scary? I would hope not. My moment had an extra added element in that it was a little bit like looking death in the face as I looked out at the tombstones.

The cars for the funeral pulled up and I felt the love and mercy of God, a love and mercy that is assured to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This week, allow the power of Silence a few moments in your day and in that silence come in contact with Jesus.

-- Father Mike

<sup>1</sup> Robert Cardinal Sarah, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, Ignatius Press, P56, #75

## DAVID INITIATIVE WINNER ADDED TO ABBEYFEST . . .

### COREY MARIE JOINS ABBEYFEST



Winner of this year's David Initiative, Corey Marie Dubyoski from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Worship Team in Baltimore will appear at this year's 4th Annual AbbeyFest on **Sept 16.**

The David Initiative contest is designed to find, help, encourage, and elevate the quality of parish praise and worship music helping to bring the Body of the Church into a more powerful encounter with Jesus in the Mass. As the winner of this year's competition, Corey and her team receive songwriting help, new equipment from Gretsch music, mentoring, a music video and a featured slot on our AbbeyFest stage.

Corey joins headliners **Matt Maher** and Grammy winner and American Idol competitor **Mandisa** (see poster on page 5).

The AbbeyFest movement of Faith, Music and Family is for everyone with fun games for kids, great food, religious vendors, Confession, Adoration, Mass and fantastic Contemporary Christian music. — Fr. Mike

Tickets at

**TheAbbeyFest.com**



# News & Events

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE . . .

### BUSY FALL AT ST. NORBBS

Sports, date nights, fundraisers, women's and men's programs, AbbeyFest, pilgrimage, brunch, Marian Consecration, exploring becoming Catholic and more are coming this Fall to St. Norbert's. Join our Fervent Disciples community as we encounter Jesus in many ways:

#### INTERESTED IN BEING CATHOLIC?

Explore the Catholic faith each week to learn about and discuss what the Church teaches, why and how it is connected to a personal relationship with God. There is no commitment; the environment is casual and conversational. Our RCIA program (**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**), will begin the end of September. Invite a friend or a loved one. **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or [lhg905@verizon.net](mailto:lhg905@verizon.net) or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or [hankfila@gmail.com](mailto:hankfila@gmail.com)



#### OVER HILL, OVER DALE



CYO Cross Country registration is open now for grades kindergarten to 8th. Practices 6-7 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hilltop Park across from Beaumont Elementary School. Check out Wagdogs.com **CONTACT:** David Fritz at [davidfritzjr@gmail.com](mailto:davidfritzjr@gmail.com)



#### 50+ GROUP KICK-OFF BRUNCH

You're invited to The Hunt Room at the Desmond Hotel for the 50+ Group Anniversary and Kick-off Brunch on Sunday, Sept 24 at 10:30 am. Cost: \$26; RSVP: By Sept 14.

Contact: Kay Wasson 484.343.0003 or [wassonmk@yahoo.com](mailto:wassonmk@yahoo.com) or Nina Gallacher at 484.318.1107 or [ngallacher9@aol.com](mailto:ngallacher9@aol.com)

#### MARIAN CONSECRATION

Join our St. Norbert groups preparing for the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and Archbishop Chaput's consecration of our archdiocese to Mary on **Sunday, Oct 15** at the **11 AM** Mass at the Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral in Philly.



St. Norbert's is offering two 5 week sessions of Fr. Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory* program to prepare for the Consecration:

- ♦ **MORNINGS:** Mondays, **Sept 11 to Oct 9, 9:30 AM.** **CONTACT:** Mary Galloway at 610.356.8916 or [maryggalloway@aol.com](mailto:maryggalloway@aol.com)
- ♦ **EVENINGS:** Mondays, **Sept 11 to Oct 9, 7-8:30 pm.** **CONTACT:** Peggy Kravitz at [p.kravitz@comcast.net](mailto:p.kravitz@comcast.net) or 610.644.6538; Also a Spanish discussion group.

#### DATE NITE FOR MARRIEDS

Looking for a great date night for you and your beloved that gives you some quiet time to talk, reconnect and regroup from



the busyness of life? Then consider coming to the **Alpha Marriage Course**. From **Thursday Sept 28— Nov 16** from **6:30— 9 PM**. The evening includes a catered dinner to get you in the mood. **Childcare provided**. Space is limited. Register online now at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=93b673> **CONTACT** Mark Griswold [caffedirector@stnorbert.org](mailto:caffedirector@stnorbert.org)

#### PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

St Norbert's is offering an Archdiocesan Safe Environment training session on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 7 pm in the school dining hall. Anyone working with children is required by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; to take this training. It is also highly recommend that parents and grandparents attend this training program to not only be aware of what situations can develop, but how to protect your child/grandchild from possible dangers. **REGISTER:** [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) St. Norbert class. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at [egrady@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:egrady@parish.stnorbert.org) or 610.644.1655 ext115 or

#### POTLUCK DINNER

Been part of a small group in the past? Curious what a small group is? Considering joining a small group? Join us on **Friday, Sept 29** from **7-9 PM** for our Small Group Potluck Dinner. Get out your favorite recipe. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at [egrady@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:egrady@parish.stnorbert.org) or 610.644. 1655 ext115



#### HOMEBOUND VISITORS NEEDED

What if you were in the hospital for several weeks or more? How do you keep connected to the Body of Christ? What if an illness or an injury keeps you or a member of your family at home and not able to attend Mass on Sundays or during the week? What if you are a parishioner and a resident at a nearby Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Home and are homebound? Our Ministry to the Sick and Homebound needs people to bring the comfort and solace of the Eucharist to the sick or infirm in our area and be to be a parish witness to the care and compassion of Jesus Christ. The time commitment varies (monthly to weekly) and is according to the needs and schedule of the one visited and the minister. Please consider joining this important ministry. **CONTACT:** Jim Ryan at [jdryan17@gmail.com](mailto:jdryan17@gmail.com) with any questions.

#### MARY & RELIGIOUS ART TOUR

Join the 50+ Group for a tour of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, lunch and the Philly Art Museum featuring over 500 works of Marian and religious art on **Thursday, Oct 19** from **8:45 AM – 4 PM.** **COST:** \$45 with box lunch; \$35 without or bring your own lunch. **CONTACT:** Mary Galloway at [maryggalloway@aol.com](mailto:maryggalloway@aol.com) or Carol Shannahan at [coy498@aol.com](mailto:coy498@aol.com)



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Circle Turkey **OR** Ham Box Lunch \$45 (number): \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Lunch \$35 **RSVP: Sept 25**  
 Make checks payable to St. Norbert Church with 50+ Group in memo section. Drop or mail to the Parish

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# ABBKEY FEST

Tickets at [TheAbbeyFest.com](http://TheAbbeyFest.com)



*Featuring*



**Mike Mangione**

**Mandisa**

**Matt Maher**



**Paul J. Kim**



**PJ Anderson**



**Kyle Sinkule**



**FireHill Worship**

**Date: Sept 16 | 11am - 9:30 pm**

**Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, PA 19301**



## CUB SCOUT MANIA

Please support our Cub Scout troop annual Popcorn Sale the weekend of Sept 10. Scouts will be at all Masses inside or outside the Church (weather permitting). **CONTACT:** Peter Zimmermann at 610.415.0460 for more info on scouting and this excellent ministry.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

New altar server training will be held on **Sunday, Sept 24** after the **6 PM** Youth Mass in the Church. Serving is open to all children 4th grade and over. This is a wonderful way for our youth to spend special time with Our Lord and encounter Him up close and personal as servants.

**Contact:** Paul Lavallee at

[prlavallee@msn.com](mailto:prlavallee@msn.com) for more info and how your children can join this ministry.



## WALKING WITH PURPOSE



Please join us for **Walking with Purpose** (WWP) starting **Tuesday, Oct 3** at **9 AM** in the St. Norbert School cafeteria. For the 3rd year of WWP at St. Norbert's, we will be offering two courses:

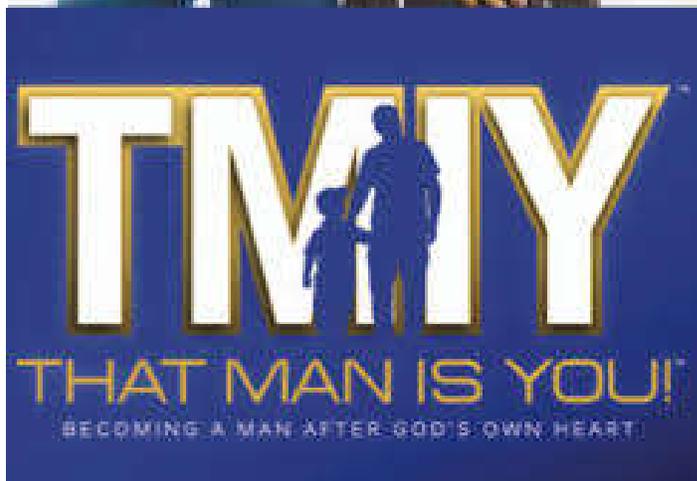
- 1) **Touching the Divine** that draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on his personality.
- 2) **Opening Your Heart, the Starting Point** which is our foundational Bible study recommended for all new participants to WWP.

**Childcare provided.** **CONTACT:** Lisa McGowan at [mcgowanlh@gmail.com](mailto:mcgowanlh@gmail.com)

## NEED PRAYER & HEALING

St. Norbert's has four specific evenings every month for:

- 1) **GETHSEMANI 12 STEP SPIRITUALITY EVENING: Sunday, Sunday, Sept 10** at **7:30 PM**, for those in 12 Step recovery programs only. Always 2nd Sunday of the month. **CONTACT:** Martin at 610.291.1140
- 2) **PRAYER & HEALING NIGHT: Thursday, Sept 14**, at **7:30 PM** in the St. Norbert Oratory for those needing to be set free spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally or in need of prayer and healing. Always 2nd Thursday of the month. **CONTACT:** Pete Radice at 610.265.5787 or [prfr@comcast.net](mailto:prfr@comcast.net)
- 3) **BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Monday, Sept 18**, at **7 PM** for those that have lost a loved one and would like to gather with others who seek healing for their loss. This month at **St. Norbert's**; next at **St. Patrick's** of Malvern. **CONTACT:** Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709
- 4) **GETHSEMANI EVENING OF PRAYER FOR ADDICTIONS: Thursday, Sept 21** at **7 PM** in the St. Norbert Oratory for families and individuals to pray for loved ones struggling with addictions. 3rd Thursday of the month. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext 131 or [mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org](mailto:mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org)



## JUST FOR MEN

Thursdays Starting Sept 21 for 13 Weeks

An honest look at the pressures and temptations facing men today in our modern culture. That Man Is You! seeks to transform men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

### SCHEDULE:

6 AM **Breakfast**  
6:30 AM **Video** Presentation  
7 AM Small Group **Discussion**  
7:30 **Session Ends**

Register for this **FREE** program online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst+5e7600>

**CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or [tcancelmo@btcmktg.com](mailto:tcancelmo@btcmktg.com)