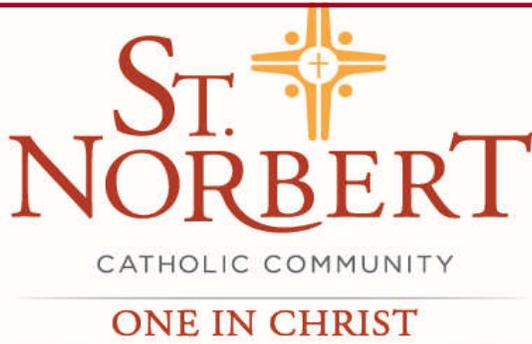


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9, 11:30 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

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Often when we read the Prophets or the Psalms, we place ourselves in the first person narrative. It is easy to pray a psalm that speaks to something we ourselves are suffering or experiencing. But today's prophecy from Isaiah cannot mean anything but a prophecy of Jesus and his suffering.

The Psalm as well could apply to our suffering, but applies better as a prophecy of Jesus' suffering and death.

In the letter of James, we are chided to accompany our faith with works. "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." We are urged to reach out from our faith, the gift of God, to go further into good works to those who suffer. If we reach out to those who need our help, we are truly fulfilling our faith in Christ.

HE SPOKE THIS OPENLY

Just as Isaiah prophesies the suffering of Jesus in rather specific terms — "I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting" — Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, clearly reveals to them that he will suffer and die, which bewilders and shocks them. "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly." They don't know what to do with this information, and they can't envision their beloved Lord suffering and dying in this way.

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"

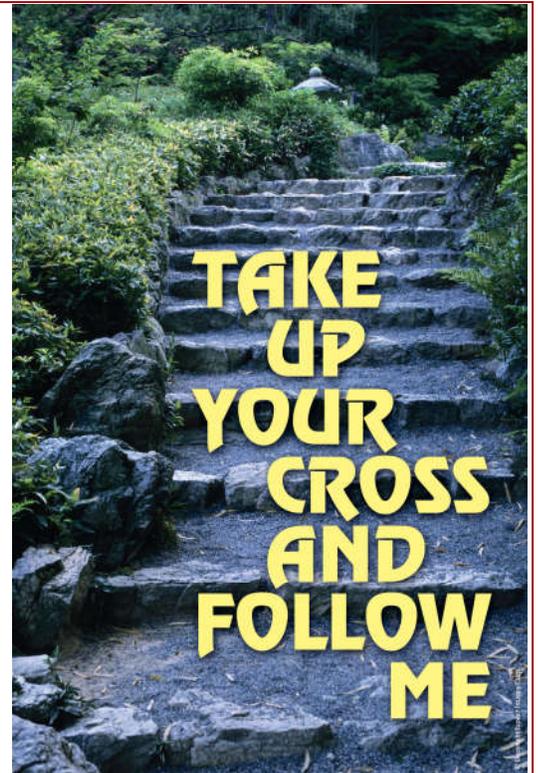
Jesus asks the disciples who the people say he is. Some say, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." This odd answer shows that the disciples were beginning to form a rudimentary understanding that it was possible to rise from the dead. So it is puzzling that when Jesus says that he will "rise after three days," they would seemingly not quite comprehend this.

But when Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter speaks for the disciples: "You are the Christ." Moments later, the rather confused Peter objects to the Jesus' assertion that he will suffer and die. Jesus stunningly rebukes him for his objection, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Although Peter is beginning to form true faith in his declaration of belief in Christ, he still is thinking like a human, and has not yet begun to see the world through God's eyes. Peter's faith has not yet grown to its full stature, as it will after the Resurrection.

Our gift of faith sees and believes the suffering and death of Christ, but we still might not see the consequences of that faith. Our works arise out of our belief in and love for the Lord. Through our faith, we must not only believe, but help others as Christ would do. This is seeing the world through God's eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." — Isaiah 50:7

Sunday, September 16

Vigil †William Martin
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Lamar Layfield
11:30 †Jeanne Lahiff (2nd Anniversary)
1:30 PM †Consuelo Gomez
6 PM †Deb Harschbargar

Monday, September 17

6:30 AM †Mark McDaniel
8:00 †Louis John Carnesale

Tuesday, September 18

6:30 †Felix "Frank" Castaldi
8:00 †Philip Fragassi

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 †Catherine Lee Murphy
8:00 Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 20

6:30 †Mark McDaniel
8:00 †Darlene Rubbo Richter

Friday, September 21

6:30 AbbeyFest
8:00 †Beesie Mulvihill

Saturday, September 22

8:00 †Robert Kane

Sunday, September 23

Vigil †Carlo DiValerio
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †Ernest & Pierina Martino
11:30 †Paul Nguyen & Family
1:30 PM †Susana Garaventa
6 PM The Lord's Blessing on The Morris Family

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees. — Anonymous

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Gratitude

Life Worth Living

Sometimes the Sunday readings bring peace and consolation. Other times they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's readings definitely fall in the latter category.

In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer – and for that matter, neither should Peter. But, rebuking Peter strongly, Jesus indicates He meant exactly what He said earlier. What's more, He was inviting Peter, and all of us, to join him in this way of life that is costly and self-sacrificing.

Why? Isn't Jesus all about love? Of



PRAYERS & READINGS

PRAY FOR HEALING: Corinne Kerrigan, Greg Kleckner, Maria Palfy, Ryan Schlecht, Julian D'Orazio, Maria Morales, Michael Fulam, Mary Corcoran, Tim Dippel, Alice Bowman, Dorothy Wilson, Ed Rofi, Guillermo Maldonado, Rudy Spina, Helen Gelstine, Peter Lim, Ann Sassaman, Clare Rossmel, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Patricia Boyce, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, 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 Oravec, Midge Malloy, Bob Denney, Mary Pyne, William R. Ewing, Jackson Kahn, Marc Palfy, Mary Ann Gallagher, Missy Schwartz, Eduardo "Lalo" Quintana, Joseph Moreilli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker, Fr. Ted Antry

REST IN PEACE: Jeannette Heim

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



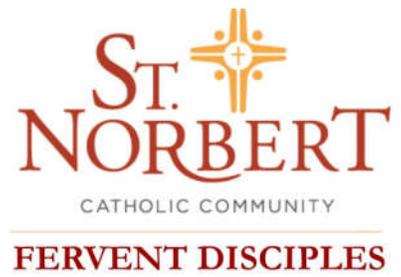
course He is. He is love. And Jesus shows us by His example that real love requires toughness as much as tenderness.

Our second reading teaches that real faith in Him is displayed through service or "works." In fact, this passage goes so far as to state that "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

These readings make it clear that faith and love are not alive in us until they are demonstrated through service to others for the sake of the Gospel. Service of any kind will involve some self-denial. But when I embrace this way of life, I have the joy of knowing my faith and love are real.

By laying down my life for Him, I gain a life that is really worth living.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 – 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Around Our Parish

ON PILGRIMAGE . . .

ST. MICHAEL MIRACLE

As many of you know I was asked to be the chaplain for the recent pilgrimage to Mexico and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The pilgrimage was a prayerful and meaningful time for me especially with all that has happened and is happening in our church. We are all hurting and angry in many ways.

Allow me to share with you what I consider the “**Saint Michael Miracle**” that happened to me during our pilgrimage. We visited the town of Saint Michael of the Miracles outside of Mexico City. I was to celebrate Mass in the church and noticed cards on the counter in Spanish. The card was a picture of Saint Michael and on the back of the card was the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel.

When I picked up the card, I reflected on the day when the news broke about the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. I shared in a prior Pastor’s Pulpit article with you that I drove to the Shrine of Padre Pio and saw, when I arrived, the Statue of Saint Michael the Archangel. I reflected on the same prayer that many may remember when you were growing up. That was the prayer on the card in the sacristy in Mexico and on this page. I felt I was being directed to share this with others and ask for the protection of Saint Michael during this crisis in our Church and for our parish as we strive to be even more **Fervent Disciples**.

I do not see this prayer as an attempt to “hide our heads in the sand” during all that is happening. Quite the



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*St. Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle.
Be our defense
against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
And do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly hosts,
By the power of God,
Thrust into hell Satan,
And all the evil spirits,
Who prowl about the world
Seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

opposite! I see it as a request of Saint Michael to not only defend our Church from the evil one, but to call for justice and accountability. Justice for those who have been so horribly injured, but also accountability for those in leadership positions who have violated their trust. I pray to Saint Michael the Archangel to defend us all in this struggle of faith and trust. To those whose faith has been so shaken that they have left the Church, I pray for their healing and return.

I suggest that we, as a parish, pray this prayer to Saint Michael with such a trust in the power of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that our Church will be a stronger and more powerful force against the “evil one” who seeks to destroy it.

With prayerful respect and devotion to Saint Michael,
Father Mike



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION WHAT’S IN A NAME?

In this country, we don’t name our churches “The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church,” but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood.

In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn’t take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called “Adam and Eve” after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each



Left to right: St. Patrick’s Philadelphia, St. Gabe’s and St. Norbert’s from back parking lot.

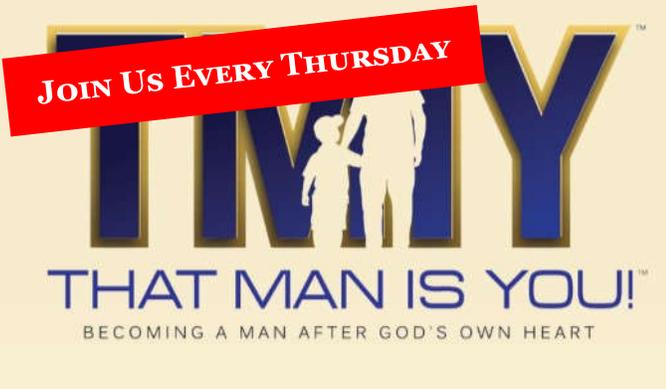
bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of “Midvalley City” comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches.

Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are

merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names.

In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By Honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

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- Powerful stories from around the globe of men and women whose lives give testimony to the power of love.
- The structured approach used by saints to make true progress in the spiritual life.
- The grace of renewal being offered to men and families through an encounter with Our Lady.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

September 13, 2018 – 10 Week Program
St. Norbert Church, Parish Center
6:00am-7:30am

SCHEDULE

6:00am Light Breakfast
6:15am Video Presentation
7:00am Small Group Discussion
7:30am Sessions Ends

Contact Tom Cancelmo
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Even if you have registered for TMIY already
you must register for the Fall 2018 again.

Register at WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG

News & Events

SAVE THE DATE...

FR. MIKE'S PARTY

As part of our Fall Transition and to honor Fr. Mike on his retirement as Pastor of St. Norbert Parish, please save the date of **Saturday, Oct 27**, immediately following the **5:30 PM** vigil Mass for our tribute to his shepherding of our church. Be on the lookout for the RSVP to this event early in October.



Be sure to introduce yourself to **Fr. Arul** who joined us Sept 1 as our new Parochial Vicar.



There have been several random "sightings" of **Fr. Steve**, but be assured he really is on sabbatical. He will return for Fr. Mike's retirement party and



become our new pastor on Nov 1. You might see him this **Saturday, Sept 22** at **AbbeyFest** at Daylesford Abbey starting at noon.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY...

EXPERIENCING LOSS?



The Fall sessions start on **Tuesdays, Oct 9, 16, 23, 30** and **Nov 6 and 13, 7-8:30 PM**, at **St. Patrick's** in Malvern.

CONTACT: Pat at 610.647.8280 or Sharon at 301.775.5709 for more information.

GETHSEMANI PRAYER NIGHT...

DID YOU KNOW?

Drug overdose-related deaths in the USA claimed over **64,000** of our brothers and sisters last year far out passing firearm-related deaths (39,000) and car accidents (40,000). Addictions affect almost every family. Join us this **Thursday, Sept 20**, at **7 PM**, to pray for those struggling with addictions, their loved ones and friends. **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at mchristmyer@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext 131



THIS FALL...

WALKING WITH PURPOSE



Please join us for **Walking with Purpose** (WWP) starting **Tuesday, Oct 9** at **9 AM** in the St. Norbert School cafeteria. For the 4th year of WWP at St. Norbert's, we will be offering two courses:

- 1) **Opening Your Heart, the Starting Point** which is our foundational Bible study recommended for all new participants to WWP.
- 2) **Keeping in Balance, Creating Order Within** for those that have completed the our first study. **Childcare provided.**

CONTACT: Lisa McGowan at mcgowanlh@gmail.com

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A JOURNEY OF FAITH

“Come and see:” Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Whether you are an adult who has never been baptized, you were baptized in a different faith community, you have been away from the Church, or you are an adult Catholic who doesn't feel they had a solid faith formation, we invite you to journey with us!



All inquirers are welcome: NO COMMITMENT is required to come and explore the faith. This is a time to ask questions about “all things Catholic.” Explore Catholic spirituality in community and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. After a couple of months, there is the opportunity take further steps to continue the journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

Starting in October: RCIA weekly sessions will begin on **Monday, Oct 1**, at **7 PM**, in a relaxed, conversational setting. Join us on this journey of faith! **CONTACT:** Lorie Grady at 610-405-0610 lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610-513-9768 HankFila@gmail.com

ST. NORBERT FAMILY LIFE PRESENTS . . .

DATE NIGHTS

Want to strengthen and invigorate your marriage? Just want more time alone together?

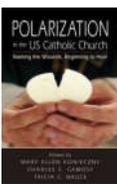


Consider the **Alpha Marriage Course** for seven Thursdays starting **Sept 27** at **6:30 PM** for dinner, 6:45 PM for program, 8:45 PM wrap-up in the St. Norbert Dining Hall. **Cost:** \$110 per couple (covers food and materials). Limit: 25 couples. **Register:**

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=79be09>

DAYLESFORD ABBEY OFFERS . . .

HEALING POLARIZATION



A faith sharing experience around the book **“Polarization in the US Catholic Church: Naming the Wounds, Beginning to Heal”** begins at Daylesford Abbey at **7 PM** on **September 27**, and for four alternating Thursdays (**9/27; 10/11; 10/25 and 11/8**). **Cost:** \$20 for the book and a free-will donation to the Abbey. **Registration:** <http://daylesfordabbey.org/occasion/polarization-in-the-us-catholic-church-naming-the-wounds-beginning-to-heal/>

FAST FACTS:

NYC BUS TRIP: Save the date for the next **50+ Group** bus trip to New York City, Wednesday, **Oct 17**. **Contact:** Marianne O’Neill at marriano219@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL:

St. Norbert School is looking for enthusiastic and caring individuals to help monitor and direct activities for our after-school program. Must complete Safe Environment Training and state and FBI ID clearance. **CONTACT:** Geraldine Donaher at gdonaher@stnorbert.org



ATTENTION GUYS: THE FAITH PLAYBOOK: Conversations about Life and Faith

is a special Thursday Night Football & Faith evening on **Oct 11** prior to the Eagles-Giants game. Carson Wentz, Nick Foles and other current and former Eagles witness the role faith played and plays in their lives. Homes in our area are currently signing up to host a viewing of the Eagles talking about their faith on streaming video. Consider hosting this evening with family, friends, neighbors or fellow parishioners. Then watch the Eagles demolish the Giants. This is an outreach of our **That Man Is You** sessions starting Sept 13. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at tcancelmo@btcmktg.com on how to register and host this evening.

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