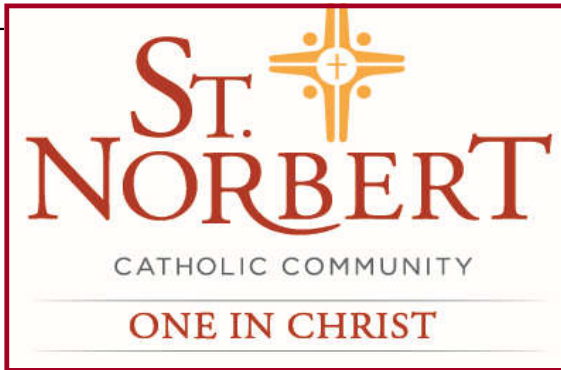


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One can always be amazed by the prophets and the wisdom books of the Old Testament. A hundred years or so before Christ, the Book of Wisdom points to the kind of teachings a just person such as Jesus would produce and the death that would result at the hands of the wicked. "Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us" and "Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him."

When we are feeling set upon, we can cry out with Psalm 54, "O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause." With Jesus, we often suffer from the contempt of others, and here we have assurance of God's help in our need. "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." When the situation in our country and the world seems difficult or even hopeless, we cry out to God for help and salvation for ourselves, for others in need, and for the Earth itself.

WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?

The letter from Saint James is quite explicit about the problem of war and peace. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." So then, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? . . . You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war." War is an evil and never to be the first resort in settling conflicts.

SIMPLICITY AND LOVE

As Jesus walks along with his disciples, they are talking and arguing. Jesus asks them what they are discussing, but he knows. They are arguing about which of them will be greatest in the reign of God. He tells them that whoever wishes to be first must take the last place and be the servant of all.

Then he takes a little child and places it in their midst. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Sometimes it is assumed that small children are incapable of understanding the teachings of the Gospels and the sacraments of the Church. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which has its roots in the Montessori method of pedagogy, allows even very small children as young as three to experience the life of Jesus and the liturgy of the Church through materials such as the altar, small vestments in seasonal colors, and wooden maps of the Holy Land where Jesus lived and traveled, as well as other materials related to the Gospels and the liturgy. People who observe the children at their work using this method of catechesis are amazed at their understanding of the Gospels and especially the parables. Most importantly, the children develop a genuine love for Jesus that is deep and touching.

There is a lesson here for all of us, as Jesus pointed out. We must have the same simplicity and love for Jesus as these little children in order to enter the reign of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16 -- 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

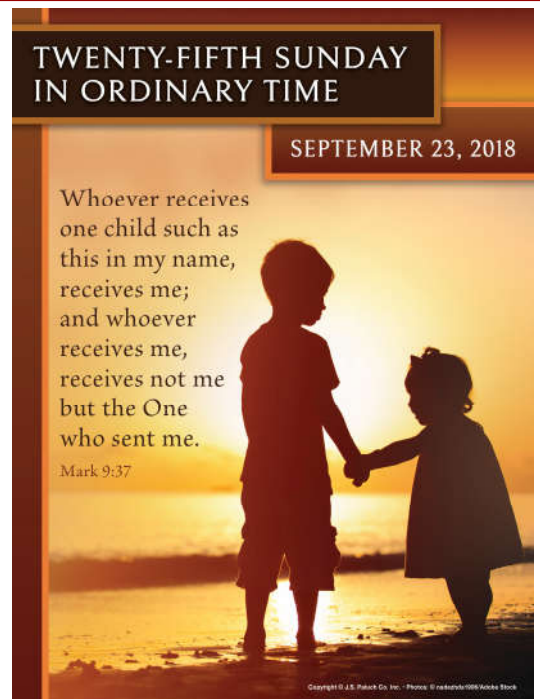
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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

—James 3:18

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

Monday, September 24

6:30 AM †Rafael Valdivieso
 8:00 †Mary Ann Whalen

Tuesday, September 25

6:30 Sr. Caritas Schafer
 60th Jubilee
 8:00 †Thomas A. Fisher

Wednesday, September 26

6:30 Mark McDaniel
 8:00 †Elizabeth Layfield Baker

Thursday, September 27

6:30 †John T. Miller
 8:00 †Richard Masapollo

Friday, September 28

6:30 †Marilyn Hart
 8:00 †Marie Gavula

Saturday, September 29

8:00 †Silvia Springer

Sunday, September 30

Vigil Living & Deceased Members of Young & O'Donnell Family
 7:30 Parishioners
 9:00 †Lewis & Camille Beebe
 11:30 †Margaret DiPietro
 1:30 PM †Luis Gayoso
 6 PM †James Wilcox

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Gratitude**Against The Tide**

This week's readings teach us that living as Christian stewards requires us to swim against the tide of our "me-first" culture and stake out a path for our lives that may be different from that of our neighbors, friends or co-workers.

Jesus illustrates in today's Gospel. "Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

In this context, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations — the brothers and sisters St. Teresa of Calcutta would call "Jesus in distressing disguise." †

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 Rossmesl, 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 Morelli, Gerry Hughes, James Buroker, Fr. Ted Antry, Rafael Valdivieso

REST IN PEACE: Mary Chera

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



They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel

some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them.

Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand our actions. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life.

This week, ask the Lord for the wisdom to see the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself.

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TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Small Groups & Walking With Purpose

SIGN-UP WEEKENDS

Sept 29-30 & Oct 6-7

ST. NORBERT

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES



Online Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Pastor's Pulpit

FROM AUSTRALIA . . .

THE HURT

Once again, I share with you a VERY prayerful and powerful reflection on the scandal by Fr. Alejandro Lopez, OFM Conv, who left his job as a graphic designer to join the Conventual Franciscans. He was born in Cuba and grew up in St. Louis and Sarasota. He is now a parish priest in Australia. For more on Fr. Alejandro go to <https://catholicoutlook.org/fr-alejandro-answers-gods-call-i-want-all-of-you/>

Pay attention especially to the **highlighted** words.
— Fr. Mike

The word “Christ” is Greek for the Hebrew word “Messiah.”

Literally, it means “Anointed.”

The term referred to **a king**.

For **ancient** rulers were **anointed** with sacred oil.

But the term **also** had **religious** connotations.

Like today, priests, **too**, were “set apart” and **anointed** to perform sacred duties.

Yet, **like today**,

Many of the Lord’s anointed (kings **and** priests) **woefully failed!**

And so, speaking for God,
prophets promised the poor an “Anointed One,” or “**Messiah**,”
who’d set things **right**.

Restore the glory of Israel
and **the justice** for which they **hungered**.

This is the **backdrop** of Simon Peter’s **loaded** confession.

They’d witnessed his **miraculous feedings** and **healings**
and so wondered whether **Jesus** might be **the One**.

Like **them**, we, **too**, await the Christ.

Returning in **majesty** and **power** to set things **right**.

But if we’re honest we **have** to admit
that we **don’t really want** the Lord.
Rather, we **await** an “**Avenger**.”

A **mighty** Messiah!

A **conquering** Christ!
Who’ll swoop down and “save the day!”

Putting **tyrants** (and **all** who abuse little ones) **in their place**...

that is, sending them all **to Hell**.
But Christ **won’t** do that!

He **didn’t** do it while he walked the earth.

And he **won’t** do it on his **return**.

Instead, he takes the Way of the Cross.

And he puts **us** in **our** place.

“**Shut up!**” he tells Peter and others
and “Get behind **me**
for what **you** want is **not** of God...but **of Evil!**”

You see, might will **never** “make right.”

And God **refuses** to use force.



(That is what Evil does.)

So what do we do with abusers **today**?

With “anointed” **rulers** who selfishly abuse their power
at the expense of the poor?

Or **priests, bishops** or **cardinals**,
who **commit atrocities**?

First, we do **everything** to keep innocents **safe**.

And keep such people from **ever harming** again.

And **then**, where we can,

we put rules in place that prevent “anointing”
Any who’d **abuse** a powerful office.

And we pray and fast for **healing**.

We walk with those **who’ve been hurt**.

Hear **their** stories in truth commissions.

And let them break open **our hearts**.

That we might recommit **ourselves anew**

to **never** abuse **whatever** power **we** might
have...

to never, **never again** hurt innocent little ones.

By **our** sins...by the sins of those **we’ve** put in power.

And then...and this is the **hardest of all**...

we **also** must **pray** and **fast**

for **those who’ve hurt us**.

Even for those who’ve hurt **our children**.

For **that** is what **Christ** did from the Cross!

He prayed, “Father, **forgive them**...”

Forgiveness **doesn’t** mean

allowing another to hurt us again!

That must never, **never happen!**

Forgiveness helps us **all** heal.

By **not** allow **our** suffering to cause **more** evil
...**more hurt**

Through wanting to “make them pay”

for the terrible pains they caused **us**

...**our little ones**.

In the end, we realize that we are **all** sinners.

Perhaps **broken and twisted** by the hurts
that have happened to us.

Hurts that, sadly, **even priests** might have caused.

And so we **all** turn to the Lord.

Like Peter and the others, we must

get **behind him**.

With **all, other** disciples.

Allow **the Christ** to lead...and **to correct**...

and **also** to **comfort** us...**every one!**

And change sinful, selfish hearts to be like his!

Just as **the Christ** does at **every Eucharist!**

STILL TIME TO JOIN THURSDAY

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

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.

DISCOVER

- The unique Catholic vision of love and marriage, which is so profound that it spans from the Paradise in Eden through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in Heaven.
- The latest neurological science that harmonizes profoundly well with the Church's vision of love and marriage.
- 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
tcancelmo@btcmktg.com

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.

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>



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.



SIGN UP SEPT 30 & OCT 7 WEEKENDS...

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

Around Our Parish



The **50+Group** Tea and Stoneleigh event attracted 20 people with some additional people attending the tea or touring Stoneleigh. The weather was good for the walk through the paths and trees of **Stoneleigh**, the 42-acre Haas estate that was donated by the family to the Natural Lands conservancy and is now a public garden blending history, horticulture and conservation values. That was followed by a full English afternoon tea at **A Taste of Britain** in Eagle Village, Wayne; guests enjoyed delicious teas, scones, sandwiches and desserts while spending time getting to know others from the parish community in a relaxing, welcoming environment.

RESPECT LIFE . . .

SAVING MOMS

Jessica found herself with an unplanned pregnancy and has been threatened with being kicked out of her grandparents' home if she keeps the baby. Faced with homelessness, Jessica has nowhere to turn. Her family is pressuring her to terminate the pregnancy, and telling her that her life would be far better without another child. They told her: "We don't need any more grandkids." Jessica needs a safe place to stay and take care of herself and the child in her womb. The Legacy of Life Foundation **Bottle Drive** is happening the **weekend of Oct 7**. This will be your opportunity to play a role in Jessica's story! **ACTION:** Please take a bottle Oct 7, fill it with your loose change, cash or checks made out to: **Legacy of Life Foundation**, and **return** your bottle the **weekend of Oct 14**. Your gift saves lives and transforms families!



CONTACT: Joe Maxwell at jfmaxwell@verizon.net

OCTOBER 28 FREE SEMINAR . . .

ARE YOU MEDICARE READY?

*When to enroll? Late penalties?
What's covered and what's not?
How much does this cost?*

What's supplemental insurance and how much do I need?
Bring your questions to this great opportunity to talk to a

Medicare Specialist and those who have navigated these waters. Sponsored by St. Norbert's 50+ Group. **FREE. Sunday, Oct 28**, immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass at **12:15 PM**, St. Norbert School Dining Hall. Refreshments served. Designed for friendly advice and **NO SALES PITCH**. Learn how to get and stay Medicare Insurance ready. **RSVP:** Kevin Horan 610.296.4687



PHILADELPHIA KICK-OFF RALLY

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL



WEDNESDAY, **SEPT 26**, 6:30 PM
OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD
12TH & LOCUST

MORE INFO: PATRICK STANTON 267.718.4851

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

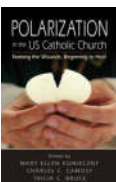
COME AND SEE

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! **NO COMMITMENT** is required. This is a time to ask questions, explore Catholic spirituality and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ in a relaxed, conversational setting. Weekly RCIA sessions start **Monday, Oct 1, at 7 PM.** **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.405.0610 lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 HankFila@gmail.com



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:



HAITI MISSIONARY: Fr. Anacleto, the pastor of St. Jude in Port-A-Price Haiti, will be speaking at all masses **Sept 29-30**. Fr. Anacleto will help us to better understand our parish mission work at his St. Jude's Medical Clinic which is the focus of our St. Norbert's yearly Medical Mission to Haiti. Fr. Anacleto is a very inspiring speaker. God will bless us through him.

THE FAITH PLAYBOOK
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Father Mike
Tuesday, Sept 25
May the Lord bless you with happiness and health.

currently signing up to host a viewing of the Eagles talking about their faith on streaming video. This is an outreach of our **That Man Is You** sessions starting Sept 13. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo to register and host this evening at tcancelmo@btcmktg.com



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 marianne0219@gmail.com

DAYLESFORD ABBEY 2018 Art Show

Friday Oct. 5 - Opening Reception 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday Oct. 6 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday Oct. 7 - 12:00 to 5:00 PM

ST. GABE'S FUNDRAISER
Food Cupboard Outreach
Wine Tasting & Parish Social
Saturday, Nov 10, 6:30 PM
\$50 Per person in advance
20 Highly-rated Wines Paired Finger Foods Smooth Jazz
Socialize & Get Wine Educated
Reservations: See StNorbert.org For Ticket Form

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