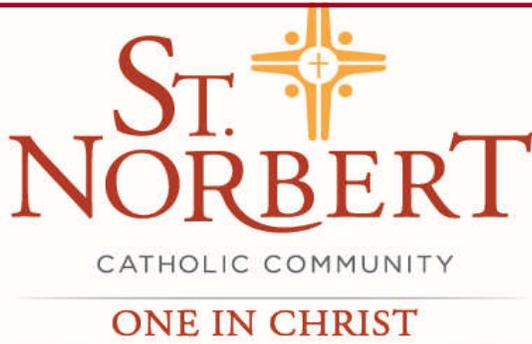


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MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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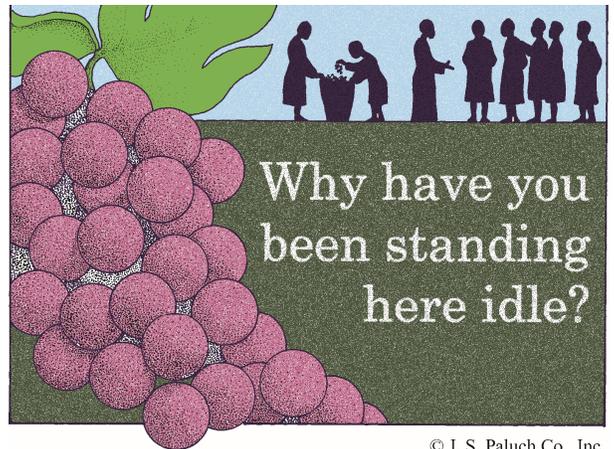
DEACON JOHN P. LOZANO

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter.

The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious, but trustworthy, God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.



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A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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**25ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."
— Psalm 145

Sunday, September 24

Vigil †Betty Sullivan
7:30 Members of the Parish
9:00 †Joseph Stellabotte
11:30 †Maltilda McHugh
1:30 PM †Consuelo Gomez de Ocana
6 PM Special Intention

Monday, September 25

6:30 †Julia & Michael Valyo
8:00 †Thomas Fisher

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 †Catherine & Matt Yelovich
8:00 †Elizabeth Layfield Baker

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 †Karen Valyo
8:00 †LaVerne Shuty

Thursday, September 28

6:30 †Jill Reilly
8:00 †Charles Young

Friday, September 19

6:30 For all battling addictions
8:00 †Helen Wilcox

Saturday, September 30

8:00 †Lawrence Schwartz

Sunday, October 1

Vigil †Margaret DiPietro
7:30 Parishioners
9:00 †David Pearce, Jr.
11:30 †Edward McCarthy
1:30 PM †For deceased members of the Bruniard Blanco family especially Jorge Pedro Bruniard
6 PM †Jane Kovanic



**Friday, Nov 17
ABBEY DINNER
DANCE**

Save the date for the
Daylesford Abbey
Annual Dinner Dance

CONTACT: Mike Sanderson at
msanderson1462@msn.com

Stewardship

First & Last

In our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, God reminds us that He does not think in the same way that we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts." That is quite clear in our Gospel today from Matthew, which relates the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.

In the Gospel parable, God (who is represented by the landowner) does something which from our human perspective may seem unfair and unjust. What we must keep in mind is that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly. He may have seemed more generous to some than to others, but again that is from our perspective.

We can be absolutely certain that God will never be unfair to us. The Lord may bestow greater blessings on others, some of whom again from our perspective may seem less deserving. God is a righteous God.

Through stewardship we acknowledge that everything comes to us from God. All our blessings



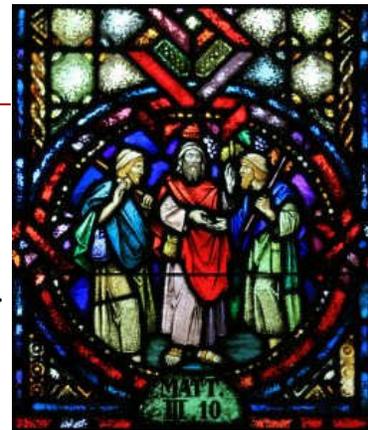
PRAYERS & READINGS

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 Sasaman, Clare Rossmeisl, Diana Reyes, Frank Henriquez, Phyllis McCullough, Lonzo Baldino, Patricia Boyce, Frank McMahon, Louanne Armstrong, Joan Schauble, Ruth Chavez, John Francis Erickson, Jim Cleary, Trudy DiNardo, Marie Gavula

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



may seem to be more or less than we deserve, but if we are grateful for what we have and what we are, we will then recognize

God's generosity and His grace.

The important thing to us should not be and cannot be whether we are first or last. What is central is that we are part of the Kingdom of God. That should be sufficient for us. We get into trouble when we conclude that God should think the way we do. ©catholicsteward.com

EMAILS?

If you aren't receiving a weekly Thursday email from St. Norbert's, we don't have your email address.

Use the Kiosks in the Narthex or email
asimpson@parish.stnorbert.org

ST. NORBERT
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FERVENT DISCIPLES

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefgh, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

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

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Pastor's Pulpit

WE ARE THE . . .

BODY OF CHRIST

Some time ago I was given pictures of the Crucifix that is now above the main altar of our Church. The pictures were interesting because the Crucifix, as it arrived here from Spain, was in several pieces. Those pieces were laid out on the floor of the Church, down what would become the main aisle of Sanctuary.

Then, through the efforts of some parishioners and the artist who created the figure of Christ, the pieces were assembled on the cross. In so many ways as the church was being built, the parishioners had a part in joining together and being with Christ.

As believers in Jesus Christ, and as the fervent disciples of Jesus, we continue to support others in the crosses they carry. Very much like those former parishioners who constructed the Crucifix hanging above our altar, we all make up the Body of Christ.

In our ministries we support one another. We especially help those in our Outreach Ministry with the generous contributions made by you, our parishioners, who help in so many known and unknown ways to assist those in need.

I think of the pieces of that Cross on the floor of our Church from our beginnings and now as it hangs behind our main altar. As we reach out to those in need we make up the Body of Christ and in so many ways build up the Body of Christ.

We see the Cross as a sign of contradiction. It was seen



Top 3 photos above right of our Cross being assembled and hung in the Church. Bottom photo from Eucharistic procession for Adoration at AbbeyFest

centuries ago as an instrument of pain and death. Christ has made it a sign of victory over sin and death.

As a parish, we lift high the Cross of Christ. We sincerely believe that we are the Body of Christ made up of so many pieces. Those pieces are brought together here at Saint Norbert's and we rejoice in the victory Christ has won for us.

In older times, we had many more priests, brothers and religious sisters who carried more of the burden. Now, with vocations ebbing, Jesus is calling even more on all of us to become his Body and even more, his Fervent Disciples.

It is also so amazing what the Body of Christ can do when it comes together. This was very much in evidence last weekend at AbbeyFest. Over 4,000+ Christians gathered together at Daylesford Abbey.

Many volunteers from St. Norbert Parish and other parishes combined with our Norbertine Community to celebrate our faith. In spite of many obstacles, including the weather, it was truly the Body of Christ in action.

So in good times or distress, when the going gets tough for either you, a family member, friend, our country, our Church, you name it, remember that we are the Body of Christ. Unless we gather together and take up our crosses together, it won't be done. — Father Mike



ST. NORBERT'S RESPONSE . . .

DISASTER RELIEF

The devastation of the two latest hurricanes on Texas and Florida has been heartbreaking. Tens of thousands of people have been made homeless and others are in dire straits trying to put their lives back into some semblance of order. This weekend, Sept 23-24, our St. Norbert Parish will take up a collection to help those in need. Our donated funds will support disaster response and recovery efforts, including direct assistance, rebuilding, and health care services through Catholic Charities USA. Individuals can also make a credit card donation on the [Catholic Charities USA website](https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/efforts/disaster-operations).

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— Fr. Mike

News & Events

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

UPCOMING EFFORTS

FALL VIGIL: The 40 Days for Life Vigil for our parish, outside West Chester Planned Parenthood, will be on Wed, Oct 11 from 8 am to 7 pm. **SIGNUPS:** Sept 30 & Oct 1 and Oct 7 & 8 in the Narthex. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com or 610.296.0288

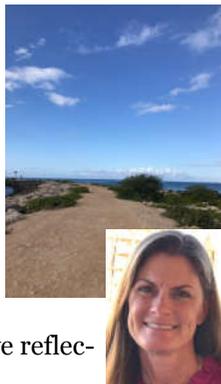


FORMULA DRIVE: The Respect Life ministry is having a formula drive, again this fall, for the benefit of Birthright of Coatesville. The Drive will be the weekend of Oct 7 & 8 in the Narthex after all the Masses. Preferred formula, as before, is Similac Advanced. **CONTACT:** Honora Jackson at jacksonhonora@gmail.com or 610.296.0288

WANT TO GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUALITY?

PRAYER WALK

Are you looking for more meaning in your life? In all your busyness, did you ever wonder about your purpose and what God is doing with you? Do you desire a deeper, more intentional relationship with God, yet aren't sure how to start? This fall, 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 with morning 9:30-11 am and 7:30-9 pm sessions – Heather Makowicz, MSW and certified Spiritual Director, will lead five reflections and sharings on:



- 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
- These mornings and evenings of reflection will include a time of formation, silent reflection, and sharing. **RSVP** Heather Makowicz at hjm41370@gmail.com or 484.919.9808 **NOTE** space is limited to a smaller group.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE . . .

BUSY FALL AT ST. NORBBS

INTERESTED IN BEING CATHOLIC?

Special "Come & See" evening **Oct 2** at **7 PM** at the Parish Office. Then 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**). Invite a friend or a loved one. **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lh905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com



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

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 or 610.644. 1655 ext115



HOMEBOUND VISITORS NEEDED

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 (weekly to monthly) 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 with any questions.



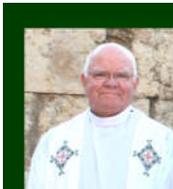
MARY & RELIGIOUS ART TOUR

Join the 50+ Group for a tour of the Miraculous Medal Shrine, lunch and the Shrine 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 or Carol Shannahan at coy498@aol.com



Name: _____
Email: _____
Cell: _____

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 Office, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Father Mike
Monday, Sept 25
 May the Lord bless you with happiness and health.

Wine? NOT!

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

Expand your wine knowledge and taste
10-20 different wines,
all with a *rating* of 92 points or above.

#10

Event Contact

Marianne O'Neill; 215 817 4900 cell: marianne.oneill@foxroach.com

Cost

\$60 per person, \$75 at the door. Table of 8 \$425
Make checks payable to St Norbert/St Gabe
and mail to 50 Leopard Rd Paoli, Pa 19301



November 11, 2017
immediately following
5:30 mass

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Tapas and light
dishes will be served.



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 St. Norbert class. **CONTACT:** Ed Grady at egrady@parish.stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext115



Keeping Children & Youth Safe
Safe Environment Program

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

THAT MAN IS YOU!
Still Time to Register
StNorbert.org



HEY MOMS AND DADS . . .

KINGDOM JUNCTION

Join our exciting new **Kingdom Junction** for 1-5 year-olds during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. "This new ministry for our youngest parishioners includes drawing, coloring, playing, storytelling and cute Bible stories," said Kim Savage who is heading up this effort. All volunteers working with **Kingdom Junction** are cleared through the Archdiocesan safe environment process.

Contact: Mark Griswold caffedirector@stnorbert.org or Kim Savage at k7savage@gmail.com for more info or if you would like to volunteer.

D Y L E S F O R D
A B B E Y

Presents its 2017
45th Annual Art Show

Opening Reception
Friday, October 6
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Donation

October 7 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 8 - 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.
Free Admission

ART SHOW



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: **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:

Sept 25 Marian Consecration Mornings **9:30-11 AM**; Evenings **7-8:30 PM**. **CONTACT:** Mary Galloway Mornings 610.356.8916 or maryggalloway@aol.com or Peggy Kravitz Evenings at 610.644.6538 or p.kravitz@comcast.net

Sept 28 That Man Is You! **6-7:30 AM**, School Dining Room. **CONTACT:** Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmktg.com

Sept 28 Alpha for Marrieds, **6:30-9 PM**, School Dining Hall, register online at StNorbert.org **CONTACT** Mark Griswold, caffedirector@stnorbert.org

Sept 30-Oct 1 Outreach Food & Clothing Collection, **7 AM-noon**, Narthex (food) & Parish Activity Center (clothing/house items)

Oct 2 Come & See About Catholicism — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) **7 PM**. **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, **Sept 24 6 PM** after Youth Mass with pizza provided.

Tuesday, **Sept 26, 6:30 PM**

CONTACT: Paul Lavalley at palavalle@msn.com
Training held in the Church



Share the Bounty

BETHESDA PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Save the date for the Bethesda Project Fundraiser on **Thursday, Oct 12, 6-9 PM**, at Pomme, King of Prussia Road, Radnor. Our former Pastor and Bethesda Founder **Fr. Domenico Rossi, O Praem** (above left), will be presented with the Lifetime Inspirational Leadership Award and parishioner **Ed Morris** (above right) with the First Annual Domenico Award. Tabled in the Narthex this weekend. Still time to get tickets.