

September 7, 2014

MASS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 AM;

1:30 PM **Spanish**; 6:00 PM **Youth Mass**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30 AM **Saturday** 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday** 4:00-5:00 PM

or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **Thursday**

8:30 AM- 3:30 PM and **Saturday** 4:00-5:00 PM

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MARY KAY HENNESSY, PRINCIPAL

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he, too, will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

A TOUGH, COMPASSIONATE LOVE

The model of fraternal correction described by Jesus and enacted in the early church is often paralleled today in the ways that family members and friends respond to loved ones who abuse drugs.

First, there is a private encounter in which a family member or friend implores the abuser to recognize the destructive behavior and take the first steps toward seeking a new way. Should this step fail, an "intervention" takes place. More friends and acquaintances intervene and compel the abuser to seek professional treatment. Unfortunately, this step, too, sometimes fails. It is only then, when "tough love" takes over, that the abuser is left to hit bottom, in the hope that he or she can begin the climb to recovery.

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Today's Gospel gives Jesus' directions for correcting a member of the community who has sinned. Its three-stage process was likely practiced in the early church. The first step is private correction, to tell the person his or her fault so there is no chance for public humiliation. If this fails, the matter is to be brought before the assembled church. In the third step of this process, when the person does not listen to even the church acting in Jesus' name, then the sinner is to be dismissed from the community.

Even this dismissal is a qualified one. Jesus ministered to the most despised of society. And the church continues to offer pastoral care to all in need. More telling is Jesus' invitation to pray, that "if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:19). Through prayer, we can be assured that even those whom we expel in the name of "tough love" will be treated mercifully and compassionately by our loving God.



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TODAY'S READINGS: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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— Matthew 18:19

Sunday, September 7, 2014

Vigil Penza Family
7:30 Members of the parish
9:00 †Paul, †Mary and
†Joseph Nguyen
11:30 †Ruth Brickley
1:30 PM †Jeffrey McQuiston
6 PM †Frank Chikos

Monday, September 8

6:30 †Keith Perrymore
8:00 †Reenie Nourie

Tuesday, September 9

6:30 †John Cavallaro
8:00 †Louis Morelli

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 †Joseph Nguyen
8:00 †Mildred and †Nick
Parise

Thursday, September 11

6:30 †Joseph Nguyen
8:00 †Edmund Armstrong

Friday, September 12

6:30 †Joseph Nguyen
8:00 †Sam Cimino

Saturday, September 13

8:00 †Lauretta Reagan

Sunday, September 14

Vigil Lahiff-Brady Family
7:30 Members of the parish
9:00 †John Savoy Sr.
11:30 †Yanni and Curtis
Families
1:30 PM Spanish Mass
6 PM †Edward Wilf

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.

PRAYER & HEALING NIGHT

Do you, or someone you know, need to be set free spiritually, physically, psychologically, relationally, or in any other way? Join us Thursday, Sept 11 at 7:30 PM

Stewardship

Laboring In God's Field

We are all unique human beings created by God with special talents and gifts that no one else possesses. A crucial part of our responsibility to God, as baptized members of his Body the church, is to discover and develop the gifts God has given us and to return these gifts to him in joyful and faithful service. In so doing we will be happy and fulfilled and we will build up the human community and our church.

Jesus, like other child prodigies, seems to be clear when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah in the Labor Day Gospel last Monday that his talent is to be a liberator and healer. Even with this clarity of purpose, Jesus experiences rebuke and disapproval from many people in the unfolding of the gifts and the mission God gave him.

Our church celebrates Labor Day to raise up the value and dignity of human work. Certainly this work supports the fulfillment of our basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, education and healthcare. But more importantly, we celebrate the effort each of us must make to discover, develop and devote our gifts to God throughout our lives so that our deepest purpose and God's deepest desire may be realized in us. This is



Prayers & Readings

PRAY FOR HEALING:

Especially Corinne Kerrigan, William A. Ross, Anne Sullivan, Steve Siple, George Barnett, Kathleen Paleudis, Eleanor DeGrandis, Patty Kundert, Rose Ruscitto, Jennie Schnitzer, Joe Monte, Pedro Sotorrio, Brad Moser, Vera Valyo

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS:

Capt. Dan Kohli, USMC
Sgt. Justin Lansford, USA
Maj. James Merenda, USAF
Spc. R. J. Paski, USA
A1c. Matthew Paski, USAF

no easy task and we can be easily discouraged or think we do not have any significant talent.

Let us remember that before we can labor well for God's Kingdom as Jesus did, we must strive to know and grow our own special gifts. I know God wants to continue to use your gifts to build up our parish community so I encourage you to check out the **Living Your Strengths** program to help you discover your talents that can be used to serve God and others. Please visit the tables at this weekend's Adult Formation Sign-ups in the Narthex and live your strengths here at St. Norbert's.

— Fr. Carl

*Adapted from Homily, Monday, Sept 1



POPE FRANCIS' TOP 10 SECRETS TO HAPPINESS

#7: RESPECT & CARE FOR NATURE:

"I think the question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

From Our Pastor

HEALING, REPAIR, RESTORATION . . .

LOVE CORRECTION

Several weeks ago, we read about how Jesus started his Church by giving Peter the “keys” to the kingdom. Today, Jesus prepares the disciples and us for the challenges we face in our community the Church.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells us what we should do if a brother or sister in Christ sins against us. Our natural instinct is to recoil, withdraw, tell someone else how we have been hurt and then get even. But Jesus says to do the opposite. We should approach that brother or sister one-on-one in love to quietly resolve the conflict. Jesus wants us to be just as concerned for the offender’s welfare as we are for our own.

What if that doesn’t work? “If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” (Matt 18: 16-17).

This is pretty strong medicine. As one commentator writes, “With this three-step prescription, Jesus wants

“...If he listens to you, you have gained your brother”

— St. Augustine, Sermon 82.7

His followers to do everything in their power to effect reconciliation so that harmony and love will prevail among themselves and within their Christian community. ...Perhaps we are hesitant to carry out this Christian responsibility because we feel that we ourselves have our own weaknesses and faults. If this was the case, then no parent can correct his child, no teacher can straighten out a troublesome student, no judge can pass a sentence, no priest can advise a penitent. But the issue here is not about who is morally upright but about being a caring

person to one another. And this is because of the realization that a person’s spiritual integrity is just as important – if not more so – as his physical well-being.¹

Thus, it is with love that we correct a brother or sister. It is also with love that if our approach is rejected, we may need to be like

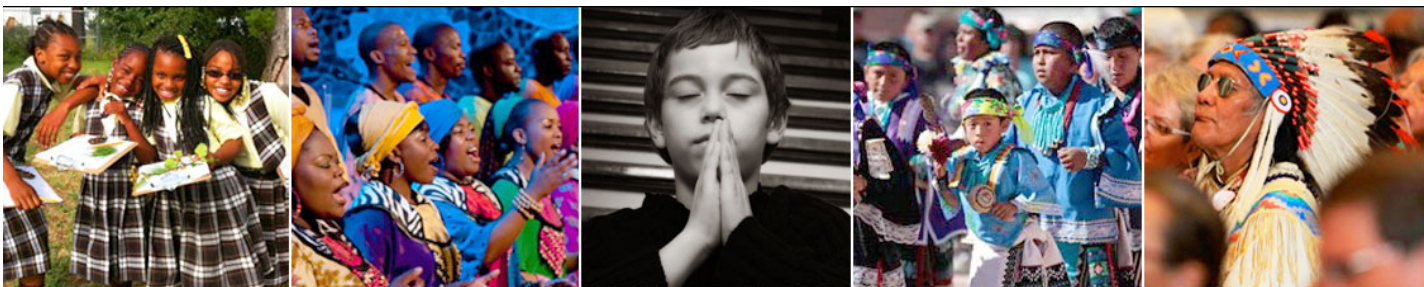
the Father in the parable of the Prodigal Son who prays and waits watching hopefully for the return of his wayward son.

*“Lord, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.”*²

— Fr. Mike

¹ Fr. Al Carino, Home: Nursery of Vocations, http://www.lifeissues.net/writers/car/car_8ghomenurseryvocation.html

² Don Schwager, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault,” <http://www.rc.net/wcc/readings/matt1815.htm>



YOUR SACRIFICE PROVIDES . . .

A FUTURE OF HOPE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We invite you to support the **2014 Black and Indian Mission Collection Sept 13-14.**

Your support places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, MS; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM; to the far reaching villages of Alaska; and so many other places.

Pope Francis reminds us in Lumen Fidei (51), “Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope.”

Your prayer needs to be constant as together we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator above. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

— Sincerely in Christ,

† **Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap**

14 DAYS TILL ABBEYFEST

Order your tickets now for the 1st

Annual Abbey Faith & Music Fest **Saturday, Sept 20.**

Co-sponsored by St. Norbert Parish, this Fest promises to be a faith filled day of Catholic Christian music and more at Daylesford Abbey. For information, go to:

TheAbbeyFest.com



News & Events

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE . . .

MAKE PLANS NOW

CONFIRMATION 2015:

It's time to register student candidates for 2015 Confirmation at St. Norbert's. If your child is in **sixth grade (or older)** this year and is eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation please submit a Confirmation registration form to the Director of Religious Education **by Sept 12th**. Please note that the archdiocese requires that to be eligible for the sacrament, a child needs to have been participating in a Catholic religious education program for a minimum of the immediate two years before the sacrament (inclusive). Confirmation forms are available on the parish website, in the narthex, and from the religious education office. Confirmation this year will be on **Saturday, Feb 21, 2015**, at 10 AM.



CLASSES START: Religious Education (PREP) standard program classes begin today, **Sunday, Sept 7th**. Children who registered later than Sept 1st will start attending class until **Sept 14**. All children who attend PREP must be registered. **The family program** will meet for the first time on **Sept 14th**. See the parish web site for registration information.

CONTACT: Scott Johnston, Director of Religious Education at scott@stnorbert.org or 610.644.1670 ext. 122

FUN, SERVICE, FAITH & FRIENDS . . .

ATTENTION ALL TEENS

HIGH SCHOOL

All 9th-12th grade students are welcomed (and encouraged) to join us for a fun night to learn more about our very active high school youth ministry **this Sunday night, Sept 7**, from 7-9 PM in the St. Norbert School



St. Norbert Community Golf Outing



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

GOLF, LUNCH, DINNER, PRIZES & AUCTION

Benefits St. Norbert School and Parish

CONTACT: Ed Morris for tickets at 610.909.8947 or eddiemo@comcast.net

Order Tickets NOW!

ABBEY FAITH & MUSIC FEST 2014

matt maher

audrey assad

greg and lizzy

saturday, september 20, 2014

daylesford abbey, paoli, pa

220 s. valley road paoli, pa 19301

kara klein

bill donaghy

Outdoor Catholic music fest for all ages including great music, speakers, Mass, Confessions, Eucharistic adoration and more... Tickets available online now at...

theabbeyfest.com

Youth & College group discounts available now!!

DAYLESFORD ABBEY

ST. NORBERT

Dining Hall and PAC Center. Meet other teens in our community and find out how you can be more involved in the life of our awesome parish. Dinner will be served, so come hungry! Feel free to bring a friend. The more, the merrier.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: THE EDGE

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to our Middle School Ministry on **Thursday** night, **Sept 25** in the Youth Room (lower level of the Parish office building) from **7-8:30 PM**. This group is ALL ABOUT growing in faith, friendship and service. Registration forms will be given out at the first meeting and can be found on our website.

CONTACT: Mark Griswold mark@stnorbert.org

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR THE . . .

"MOSES" THEATRE TRIP

Join the 50+ Group for the greatest Old Testament story "**Moses**" at the Lancaster Sight & Sound Theatre **Tuesday, Oct 14** from **8:45 AM—5 PM**. Cost is \$99 per person. Registration form and itinerary at <http://parish.stnorbert.org/pdf/Moses-Ad-08-21-14-Color.pdf>

Deadline for Registrations is **Sept 20**.

CONTACT: Sandy Ryan at 610.296.1238 or sjbeckermid@verizon.net

For more **50+ events** and activities, check out

StNorbert.org





Register Now for Adult Formation . . .

SAVE THE DATES

Make sure you leave time on your busy schedule for the upcoming line up of Adult Formation offerings:

DISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY

Sept 30 (Tues) Alpha; then Mondays Oct 6-Dec 8, 7-9:30 PM, Sue & Mark Steciw 610.644.5328 or suesteciw@gmail.com or Ed & Lorrie Grady 610.644.4999 or Grady-006@comcast.net

EXPANDING SCRIPTURAL DEPTH

Sept 25-Nov 13 Mary: A Biblical Walk Thursday Morning Study, 9-11 AM, Mark Christmyer, 610.644.1655 ext. 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

Sept 23-Apr 7 Dawn Seekers Bible Study: Luke Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 8:30 AM, JoAnn Gregg grammygregg@gmail.com or Jeff Daily jxdaily@ix.netcom.com

Oct 5-Nov 23 Mary: A Biblical Walk Sundays, 10:15-Noon, Mark Christmyer, 610.644.1655 ext 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

Nov 15 Quick Journey Through the Bible in a Day Saturday 8 AM— 4 PM, Mark Christmyer, 610.644.1655 ext. 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

SHARING OUR FAITH

Sept 9 Word of Life Women 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7-9 PM, Maria O'Connell 610.731.9402 or msoakie3@comcast.net

Sept 25 Word of Life Men 4th Thursday of the Month, 7-9 PM, Mike Piccioni 610.648.0512 or amedeo.piccioni@yahoo.com

Oct 1 Catholic Book Club 1st Wednesday of the Month, 9:30-11:30 AM, Mary Lucks 610.644.5305 or malucks@gmail.com or Elaine Kicak 610.647.1562 or elakicak@gmail.com

Sept Small Groups Faith Sharing various dates and times, Ed Grady at EGrady@StNorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 115 or Ceil Knies 610.316.0140 or ceilknies@me.com

DEVELOPING PERSONALLY

Sept 25 & Oct 2 Living Your Strengths Introduction 7-8 PM followed by optional 4 week small group study. Moira Murphy mmurphy@stnorbert.org or 610.644.1655 ext. 122

Thinking about being Catholic? RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for those interested in being Catholic, Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com

Register This Weekend and Next

† 50 Leopard Road
Paoli, PA 19301
610.644.1655 †
www.stnorbert.org

SAVE THE DATE . . .

ST. GABE FUNDRAISER

Join us Saturday, **Nov 15** for a **Wine Tasting Benefit for St. Gabe's Food Cupboard** in the St. Norbert Dining Hall. Sample 16 red and white wines (90+ points) from France, Italy, Spain and the US West Coast. Our servers from **WineauxU Wine Club** will pair your vintages with outstanding finger foods and desserts. Silent auction of wines, other items, a 50/50 and light Jazz. Join us for this unique and intimate social gathering.

CONTACT: Forrest Fisher at boskiwood1@aol.com



DIVORCED & SEPARATED MINISTRY

STARTING NEXT WEEK

A free Catholic ministry offering welcome, support and direction in navigating this most stressful, confusing and painful time begins on **Sundays, Sept 14-Dec 14, 7:15-9 PM**, Daylesford Abbey. Topics include anger, depression, loneliness, forgiveness, finances and more. **CONTACT:** Deacon John Lozano at John@stnorbert.org or Daylesford Abbey 610.647.2530, 221 South Valley Road.

FLASH NOTES

CHRISTIAN PRACTICE OF YOGA: Parishioner Suzanne Schoenhut will introduce a gentle restorative yoga

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practice with a Christian perspective staring **Wednesday, Sept 24, 11 AM – noon** and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month in the Parish Office Lower Level. **CONTACT :** Suzanne Schoenhut at Suzbill427@gmail.com or 610.416.1072

WALK FOR LIFE: Join us **Sunday, Sept 28, at 3:30 PM** for the **Because Every Life Matters Walk** at Love Park Philadelphia followed by 6:30 PM Mass with Archbishop Chaput at the Basilica. **CONTACT:** Ron Pollack at Rap76@comcast.net

WHAT MARRIAGE IS AND ISN'T: Professor Robert George of Princeton University speaks on one of the most important questions of our times: What is Marriage? Learn the compelling reasons why the Church teaches what she does at the Archbishop's Lecture Series, **Tuesday, Sept 30, 7 PM**, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Register at <http://www.phillyevang.org/lectures/>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Mark your calendars for St. Francis Feast Day, **Saturday, October 4, at 9:30 AM** for a special blessing of animals at Daylesford Abbey. Invite your friends and family along with your pets.

URGENT BABY DIAPER NEEDS: Birthright of Coatesville is in desperate need of #4 and 5 diapers. Please drop diapers off in the Narthex Outreach closet in Church. Thanks for you help and generosity.

TEACHERS NEEDED: Teachers (Catechists) are needed for our Religious Education classes. **CONTACT** Scott Johnston, Scott@StNorbert.org or at 610.644. 1670 ext. 122 if you want to share your faith with our children.

BETHESDA BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Consider joining our once a month Tuesday morning bingo ministry at Bethesda Project. **CONTACT:** Sy Hayes 610.425.7846, Linda Schiavone 610.240.8858, or Cristina McLachlan 610.220.3951 to learn more.

50+ Group 1st Anniversary Social

Sunday, Sept 21

12:30-1:30 pm

(after the 11:30 am Mass)

St. Norbert School Dining Hall

Learn About This Year's Events

Bring an appetizer or salad to share
Dessert & Beverages provided

Name(s) _____

Phone or Email _____

I will bring: Appetizer _____ Salad _____

NOTE: Please include list of ingredients for those with dietary restrictions/allergies

Please return to Parish Office, ATTN: Carol or call Carol Coyne Shannahan 610.296.8019 **by Sept 15**

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY:

Sundays Becoming Catholic **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**, **Starting Oct 12, 10:15-11:15 AM**, Parish Office, **CONTACT:** Lorrie Grady at 610.644.4999 or lhg905@verizon.net or Hank Fila at 610.513.9768 or hankfila@gmail.com; **Youth Group** following 6 PM Mass
Tuesdays **Young Adults** Sunday Reading Faith Sharing, Parish Office Lower Level, 7:30-9 PM
Wednesdays **JCREW** Youth Group, 7-9 PM, Youth Group Room

Thursdays **The EDGE** Middle School Youth Group will reconvene Sept 25

Saturdays **Reconciliation** 4-5 PM or by appointment;
Adoration 4-5 PM

UPCOMING:

Sept 9 **Word of Life Women** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-9 PM, **CONTACT:** Maria O'Connell 610.731.9402 or msoakie3@comcast.net

Sept 11 **Prayer and Healing Service, 7:30 PM**

Sept 14-Dec 14 **Divorced & Separated Group, Sundays** at Daylesford Abbey, 7:15-9 PM, **CONTACT:** Deacon John Lozano at 610.644.1655 ext. 119 or John@StNorbert.org

Sept 16 **Dawn Seekers Bible Study**, Tuesday mornings, 8:30 AM, **CONTACT:** JoAnn Gregg grammygregg@gmail.com or Jeff Daily jxdaily@ix.netcom.com

Sept 20 **1st Annual Abbey Faith & Music Fest, Daylesford Abbey, CONTACT:**

TheAbbeyFest.com



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Oct 3 **Festival of Praise**, Oratory, 7:30 PM

Oct 3-12 **Abbey 42nd Annual Art Show, Noon-5 PM**, **CONTACT:** 610.647.2530 ext. 150 to volunteer or for questions



Oct 5-Nov 23 **Biblical Walk with Mary, Sundays 10:15-Noon**, **CONTACT:** Mark Christmyer at 610.644.1655 ext. 131 or mchristmyer@stnorbert.org

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