

*Mass Intentions*

**Monday January 1, 2018**  
 6:30 Ryan Reed req. by Maureen & Rich Trzaska  
 8:00 Michelle Long req. by Cathy Harland  
 10:00 James Winters req. by Marcellino Family

**Tuesday January 2, 2018**  
 6:30 Genie Devlin req. by Brian & Vickey Reilly  
 8:00 Aiden Ryan req. by Jackie & Joe Roth

**Wednesday January 3, 2018**  
 6:30 Philomena Stendardo req. by Janda Family  
 8:00 Theresa Dzwoniarek req. by Maryanne & Paul Klein

**Thursday January 4, 2018**  
 6:30 Berenice Bojanowski req. by Husband  
 8:00 Fred Crown req. by John Zagrab

**Friday January 5, 2018**  
 6:30 Terence Graham req. by Kathy & Joe Reilly  
 8:00 Jane Cunningham req. by Fred & Monica Bloesch  
 9:00 Helen Lachowicz req. by Hank & Joanna Sobieski

**Saturday January 6, 2018**  
 8:00 Frank Steich req. by Wife  
 5:00PM Robert Carpinello req. by Family

**Sunday January 7, 2018**  
 6:30 Joe Landgraf req. by Dining Car Staff  
 8:00 Genevieve & Stanley Genitz req. by Fran & Ed Kubala  
 10:00 Bernadette Reynolds req. by OLC Rectory Staff  
 12:00 Virginia Kueny req. by Maryanne & Frank Benner  
 6:00PM NO MASS

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7, 2018**

Mass	Communion	Lector	Altar Server
<b>5:00PM</b>	M. Wood	D. Haggerty	
	M. Bell	A. Bell	
	R. Hill		
	C. Hill		
	L. DeLisi		
<b>6:30AM</b>	J. Graham	A.M. Coyle	
<b>8:00AM</b>	M. Stanish	F. Pfeiffer	
	J. Salvo	W. Wesolowski	
	M. Hatfield		
	J. O'Donnell		
	M. Bloesch		
<b>10:00AM</b>	M. Weiss	P. Kolman	
	TJ Fluehr	P. Cullen	
	P. Cummings		
	B. Wagner		
	C. Coyle		
<b>12:00PM</b>	J. Spear	J. Wojtkielewicz	
	R. Spear	J. Spear	
	D. Bores		
	C. Pfeiffer		
	G. Ginter		

**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,**  
**JANUARY 7, 2018**

5:00PM Fr. Kirk  
 6:30AM  
 8:00AM  
 10:00AM  
 12:00PM



**All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:**  
Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – those involved in a car accident

**All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:**  
Agnes Walker – mother of Megan Walker  
Evelyn Burgman - parishioner

**For those in the armed forces:** Joseph Erbrick, III –Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Brad Matz –Army; Tyler Jernigan-Army; Liam Herron-Navy; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex Mcaneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines, Dan O'Brien-Air Force; Ashley O'Brien-Air Force; Daniel Patty-Navy, Michael Sheppard- Air Force, Hoku Teson – Army, John McFillin-Navy, Trevor O'Malley-Army, Daniel DiGiuseppe-Marines, Daniel Taylor-Air Force, Stephen Winther-Marines, Bobby Winther-Navy, Amanda Smith-Navy, Joseph Patti-Army, Christian Curtis-Marines, Thomas Campbell-Marines, Michael Bones, Jr-Navy, Brandon Fox-Navy



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



On behalf of Sister Mildred, Mrs. Costello, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Father Kirk, Deacon Teson, Deacon Bell, the OLC Staff and Myself, we would like to wish all our Parishioners and their Families a Blessed and Happy New Year!

**THANK YOU** – Father Kirk and Myself would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful gifts and baked goods. We appreciate all that you do for us.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in anyway in making our Christmas Liturgy a special day - Dave & Greg Hatfield for building a magnificent manger, Mary Hatfield, Andrea Sysol and their crew for the great job they did decorating the Church; Sara Volpe and the Choir, Amanda Gentile and the Children's Choir, the cantors and organist for the inspiring music for each Mass; our Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Ushers who served during Mass. Our Parish greatly appreciates all that you do to make Our Lady of Calvary the great parish that it is.

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### Holy Family – December 31

Sunday, December 31 – 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM and 12:00PM (No Evening Mass at 6:00PM)

#### Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31 – 5:00PM

Monday, January 1 – 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM

**PLEASE NOTE – NO 6:00PM MASS on Sunday, January 7 and January 14, 2018.**

**Hospital Visits** - If you are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515. Due to HIPPA laws we are unable to get information from the hospital, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient.

### MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you to Betty & Bob Fischer for their donation in memory of *Paul Farnan*.

### PRAYERS and DEVOTIONS

How do I Pray? Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

What is meditation? Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC2705-2706).

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture? Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1-The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

2-The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

3-The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Saturday, January 1, 2018**

7:00PM AA Meeting Rectory

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

10:00AM Calvary Seniors II AA

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

7:00PM AA Meeting Rectory

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

1:15PM Pre-Jordan Class LC

7:00PM Al Anon Meeting LC

**THE SCRIP OFFICE** is open 7 days a week - Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00PM to 3:00PM and 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Friday, Saturday/Sunday from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

Elizabeth Ministry responds to the needs of women during their childbearing years by offering like to like ministry through personal visits. Follow-up contacts are made in person, by phone, and by mail. Please feel free to take a rose for your personal intentions that are in the Adoration Chapel.

**PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS**

All parents are required to attend this class in order to have their child baptized. The next **January 7, 2018 at 1:15PM** in the lower church. Thank you for registering in advance to this class by calling the rectory at 215-637-7515.

**Men of Calvary Night** – The Men of Calvary will meet at 7:00PM in the rectory meeting room on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meetings is December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All men of the parish are welcome.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** “Community of Hope” invites you to Rejoice in your Baptismal Gifts from the Giver of All Good Gifts on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. All are welcome in the lower church at Our Lady of Calvary.

**PRAYER LIST** – If you are calling in prayers for the sick/deceased for Sunday, please do so by Friday Noon. Requests received after Friday Noon will be prayed for the following Sunday.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS** – we have Divine Mercy Prayers every third Sunday after the 10AM Mass in the Adoration Chapel.

**Happenings Around the Parish**

**OLC Mercy Ministry Group**

**In Support of Young Women Who Have Chosen Life You can become a part of this life-changing OLC Mercy Ministry by donating monthly Scrip gift cards purchased only for the following Stores:** Acme, Burlington Coat Factory, CVS, Kmart, ShopRite, Target, Walmart. SEPTA token packs also can be donated. If you need more info or would consider volunteering, please contact Barbara Janiszewski 215-219-1430 or John Robbins 215-637-3876.

**St. Katherine of Siena** – 9700 Frankford Avenue will have *Wednesday Prayer* at 7:00 PM. Rosary. Chaplet and Divine Office by Deacon Robert H. Hall.

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers** –the morning of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Sponsored by the National Pro-life Religious Council on Friday, January 18, 2018 at historic DAR Constitution Hall from 8:30-10:30AM.

Free admission, no tickets required. Homilist: Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Special Guests: The Benham Brothers. Email [Christ@nprcouncil.org](mailto:Christ@nprcouncil.org)

**COME JOIN** – Consider becoming a member of the **Northeast Serra Club**. The group meets on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 9AM at Our Lady of Ransom. Refreshments are served. For more details call Joann at 215-941-4583. All are welcome!

**Retrouvaille....a lifeline for Marriages** – Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples than can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. The next program is February 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. For information call 1-800-470-2230 or go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

The Path of Discipleship: Orienting Everything in You Parish to the Formation of Disciples of Jesus Christ. This workshop is designed to help parish leaders put order and purpose into the activities and events in a parish so that everything has a common goal and direction: the formation of authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. Friday, February 2, 2018 from 9:30AM to 2:30PM (Snow date – February 16). Speakers: Jason Simon, Executive Director, Evangelical Catholic; Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Director, Vocations Office; Meghan Cokely, Director, Office for the New Evangelization. The event will be at St. Charles Seminary College Auditorium – to register - \$25 per person at [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events).

**Father Judge HS Winter Open House** – Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM. Pre-register @[fatherjudge.com](http://fatherjudge.com) for a free gift. *Mandatory 8th grade placement test* – All students applying for Father Judge must take the Placement test – pre register at [fatherjudge.com](http://fatherjudge.com) Test dates are January 13 or January 20 at 8:00AM.

**The Blessed Margaret Castello Home for Crisis Pregnancies** is currently seeking help for a house sitter on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as possibly some fill in days here and there on a volunteer basis from 7:00PM to 7:00 AM. Duties include but aren't limited to: Making sure chores get done, rules are followed, collection electronic devices, (phones, tablets, etc.). Of course, the volunteer will be sleeping at the home. There is a staff bedroom with a private bathroom. Volunteers need to have their PA state criminal and child abuse clearances. Help with obtaining clearances if needed, will be provided. Please contact Jennifer Sedo or Jamie Henson at 215-245-8039 if seriously interested.

**Archbishop Ryan High School 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** – January 20, 2018 from 7-10 PM. Permissions forms available online – appropriate dress required. No backpacks allowed. Cost: \$5.00 at the door. DJ – Raffle Prizes – Giveaways – Meet your new classmates – water/soda/snacks provided – fun – games – activities. In order to register/complete the online permission form, please go to the Archbishop Ryan website. For questions/additional information

call Mr. Matt Beyerly (Assistant Principal for Student Affairs) at 215-637-1800, ext. 210.

Special Notice – **St. Dominic Parish** is pleased to announce a new opportunity. Our cemetery is now offering a new place of rest for the cremains (cremated remains) of our loved ones. Our new columbarium, a name which means “a place for doves,” is located on the main pathway behind the convent. The structure will hold 72 niches (compartments). Each of these niches will hold two sets of cremains. These sacred spaces are available for sale. You may purchase a space or spaces by stopping in or calling the cemetery office. This price of each niche is \$3,000 at this time. This offer is for both parishioners and people in other parishes. Please stop by and view our new columbarium. We hope it meets your approval and will provide some peace of mind for you and your family.

**Young Adult Retreat** – February 9-11, 2018 at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ – Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost \$130 per person, double occ. Register at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available.

**Christ the King Parish** is offering the Pre-Cana Program on Friday, January 26, 2018 and all day Saturday, January 27, 2018. Engaged couples of neighboring parishes, who are planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony are welcome. For information, please contact [rgreen@christthekingparish.net](mailto:rgreen@christthekingparish.net)

**Maternity B.V.M. Pre-Cana Session** – is required for all engaged couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. Maternity B.V.M. Parish, located at 9220 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115 will be holding their Spring Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Advance registration is necessary. To register, call 215-673-8127.

**This Week with the Saints**

**Wednesday, January 3 – St. Genevieve – Patron of Paris – she became the protector of Paris when her prayers successfully averted a siege by Attila the Hun. Devotion to St. Genevieve increased following her death. Centuries later her relics were credited with ending an epidemic in Paris.**

**Friday, January 5 – St. Gerlach – Hermit – St Gerlach spent his early life as a soldier of fortune and brigand. Following the death of his wife he changed his life. Following an audience with the pope, he received permission to adopt the life of a hermit. He continued his life of prayer and penance. AS he lay dying, the monks refused him the last rites; but when water from his well turned to wine he took it that his sins were forgiven.**

**Saturday, January 6 – Holy Magi – January 6 is the traditional feast of Epiphany, commemorating the visit of three Magi, or wise men, from the East; guided by a star, they came to Bethlehem to present precious gifts to the newborn “King of the Jews”.**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

OLC would like to thank  
**SHOP RITE MORRELL**  
for advertising in our weekly bulletin.

**New Year’s Blessing**

O God of ancient blessing,  
your servant Mary pondered in her heart  
the treasured words spoken about her Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless us, as we gather in his name,  
and prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,  
that our tongues may confess him Lord,  
every day of this new year,  
and for ever and ever. Amen

*-Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

**Holy Enough**

One Saturday in December, when our kids were between the ages of five and twelve, or thereabout, we had a plan. We’d take them to the mall to do Christmas shopping in the afternoon, go to Mass at a nearby parish, and then out for supper. From the perspective of our youngsters, they got to go shopping, *had* to go to Mass, and *got* to” so as to dispel any illusions of four kids excitedly grabbing their rosaries and Children’s Missals before jumping in the car, eager for what would surely be the high point of their day. Once they got that dreaded shopping out of the way.

Too bad they didn’t sell haloes at the mall...

Truly too bad. Had I known the presider at Mass would be a high school classmate, I’d have prepped all of us to play the part of holy, and haloes couldn’t have hurt. But by the time I caught sight of the cleric, it was too late to lean over and whisper, “I know that guy. Act like you want to be here. And save your surreptitious sibling punches for later.” In other words, don’t act like a bunch of hellions, and that will be holy enough.

When you set the holiness bar so low, you stand a better chance of clearing it! Mission accomplished, as I recall. But there was more to come.

“What brings you here?” Father Former Classmate asked after Mass. “We took our dear angels Christmas shopping and they really wanted to celebrate the Lord’s Supper, and now we are going out for a much more ordinary supper.” Okay, so I didn’t say that. I just told him where we’d been and where we were headed. And to my surprise, he asked, “Do you mind if I join you?” Of course we didn’t mind.

But we’d never dined out with a priest before. How to do this? The Father and the father sat across from each other, with the messiest eater strategically placed as far away from them as possible. All very good. Until the server brought our food and it occurred to me that though we always, always prayed before meals at home, we never, ever prayed in a restaurant. But there was a priest in our company now. So as the last plate was served I awkwardly said, “We should pray.” The astonished reply from across the table couldn’t have been swifter: “In a *restaurant*?! Get *real*!”

Too bad we didn’t buy a muzzle at the mall.

Or good thing we didn’t. Our eight year old had just provided the holiest – and most humbling and humorous – moment of the day. Because being holy is nothing if it isn’t about getting real – like the God who 2,000 years ago, or thereabout, had a plan to become really and truly human.

God in a *human* body?! Get *real*! Yes, Jesus humbled himself, was born of Mary, and entered the reality of family life with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. His parents were holy nobodies! So on this feast of the Holy Family, let’s keep it real.

Holiness is more about honesty and humility than it is about haloes. Because in the Incarnation, our infinitely wise God set the holiness bar low enough for everyone to reach.

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