

 *Mass Intentions*

- Monday January 8, 2018**
 6:30 Eugene Devlin req. by M/M R. Colaberdino
 8:00 Herb Schwank req. by Steich Family
- Tuesday January 9, 2018**
 6:30 Thomas Sutter req. by Duggan Family
 8:00 Michael R. Kling req. by Parents
- Wednesday January 10, 2018**
 6:30 Antoinette Pirelli req. by Rossi Family
 8:00 Bob Murphy req. by Lorraine & Al Oscilowski
- Thursday January 11, 2018**
 6:30 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad & John
 8:00 Catherine Hondros req. by Maureen & Rich Trzaska
- Friday January 12, 2018**
 6:30 Terence Graham req. by Denise Herens
 8:00 Marie McCausland req. by Donna & Leon Makowiecki
- Saturday January 13, 2018**
 8:00 Jack McLaughlin req. by Family
 5:00PM Sonia Joerger req. by Joyce Rainier
- Sunday January 14, 2018**
 6:30 Shafer Family req. by Alger & Dale Shafer
 8:00 John Thompson req. by Dick & Irene Kirchner
 10:00 Dec'd Mem of Seeber Family req. by Cummings Fam
 12:00 Bonnie Rowan req. by Steich Family
 6:00PM NO MASS

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14, 2018

Mass	Communion	Lector	Altar Server
5:00PM	R. Rebstock	V. Haggerty	
	F. Rebstock	E. Turzanski	
	D. Haggerty		
	V. Haggerty		
	J. Teson		
6:30AM	E. Petrosky	J. Robbins	
8:00AM	R. Juliano	R. Rysak	
	J. Sweeten	R. Juliano	
	J. Robbins		
	J. Fowlkes		
	W. Wesolowski		
10:00AM	C. Comly	C. Comly	
	Norm Burnosky	P. Cummings	
	Nick Burnosky		
	R. Bell		
	M. Ciampoli		
12:00PM	J. Wojtkielewicz	A. Formaggiu	
	R. Wojtkielewicz	A. Broscius	
	B. Richmond		
	M. Costello		
	D. Bores		

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2018

- 5:00PM
 6:30AM
 8:00AM
 10:00AM
 12:00PM



On Sunday, December 31, 2017, two boys received the sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Carter Edward Robertson – son of Brandon Robertson and Justine Braciszewski
Shane Boe Robertson – son of Brandon Robertson and Justine Braciszewski



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Joseph Field – husband of Lorraine Field
Tina Dunleavy – daughter of Maryann Zegarski

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Dolores Lorenc – sister of Thaddeus Lorenc
Anna Lorenz – parishioner
Ricardo Moreno – husband of Ellen Moreno
Anne Yager – former parishioner
Evelyn Johnson – mother of Joanne Zmuida
Joan MacPherson – friend of Frank & Lillian Daley
James Drea – brother of Mary Anne Mikula

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



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 *Agnes Walker*.

Thank you to the following for their donation in memory of *Anna Lorenz*: Fisher & Goodwin Families, Ruth Starnes, Dot & Jack Dillon, Amanda & Mike Grossman, Cathy & Frank Pfeiffer, Anna & John Doody, Christopher & Yuriko Nay.

SECOND COLLECTION - the weekend of January 13/14, 2018 will be for Our Lady of Calvary TUITION ASSISTANCE. This collection assists those families with children in our school who are having financial issues. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

What are devotions? Popular devotions are expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Saint John Paul II said in 2001: "Genuine forms of popular piety, expressed in a multitude of different ways, derives from the faith and, therefore, must be valued and promoted. Such authentic expressions of popular piety are not at odds with the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy. Rather, in promoting the faith of the people, who regard popular piety as a natural religious expression, they predispose the people for the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

The correct relationship between these two expressions of faith must be based on certain firm principles, the first of which recognizes that the Liturgy is the center of the Church's life and cannot be substituted by, or placed on a par with, any other form of religious expression. Moreover, it is important to reaffirm that popular religiosity, even if not always evident, naturally culminates in the celebration of the Liturgy towards which it should ideally be oriented. This should be made clear through suitable catechesis" (Address to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, September 21, 2001).

-2017 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

PARISH EVENTS

Happenings Around the Parish

Monday, January 8, 2018

8:30AM	Rosary Prayer Group (M-F)	LC
7:30PM	Legion of Mary	LC

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

10:00AM	Calvary Seniors II	AA
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Saturday, January 13, 2018

7:00PM	AA Meeting	Rectory
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Sunday, January 14, 2018

1:15PM	Baptism	UC
7:00PM	AI 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 are January 9 and 23, 2018. 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.

Pray the Rosary with the Knights - Help us end ABORTION – The Knights of Columbus Regina Coeli 4921 will be hosting a rosary along with Our Lady of Calvary Parish on January 18, 2018 as we ask for help from our Blessed Mother. Rosary stars at 7PM and light refreshments will be served after. For more info contact – Mike Ciampoli at 215-605-2857 or Mikeciampoli@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received honors on the First Quarter Report:

Archbishop Ryan HS

First Honors: *Ryan DiMaio, Paige Lampe, Kevin Neilson, Brian O’Leary, Kayla Parkinson, Philip Pierce, Brendan Scanlon, Patrick Hasson, Valerie Kelly, Jaclynn Novak, Stephen DiBello, Alyssa Graham, Alyssa Miller, Olivia Reynolds, Abigail Woods, Emily Deluisi, Megan Lyons, Brion Milligan, Kathryn Wall.*

Second Honors: *Hailee Brooks, Ryan Clerkin, Nicholas Dauber, Alexis Formagiu, Jason Keen, Virginia Quinn, Taylor Cruz, Erin Hoey, Lauren Lenherr, Sean Lopez, Madeline McNally, Ashley Paslay, James Shissler, Dillon Smith, Donald Wall, Abigail Catania, Gabriella Deluisi, Hannah Dunne, Kelsey Erwin, Taylor Hawthorn, Anthony Hearn, Christan Isopi, Mollie Milligan, Steven Neilson, Grace Scanlon, Joseph Smarr, Amanda Trinacria, Matthew Weinberg, Luke Arpino, Francisco Calderon, Grace Lampe, Matthew Lyons, Ashley Prior, Conchetta Quinn, David Sims, Kevin Szychulski.*

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.

24th 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 ProLife 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

Father Judge HS Winter Open House – Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM. Pre-register @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 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 7th & 8th 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.

CALVARY SENIORS II – Trip to TROPICANA CASINO on Wednesday, April 18 – Cost \$47.00. Lunch at Carmine's Coin package T.B.A. Payment due February 27. Depart 10AM – Return 7:00PM.

VENDORS WANTED – St. Hubert High School Flea Market – Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 8:30AM to 1:30PM in the St. Hubert cafeteria at Ditman and Bleigh Streets. Tables available: \$30.00. For information contact 215-624-6840 ext 335 or email shfleamarket@gmail.com

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 or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available.

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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your contributions to Our Lady of Calvary Church, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory via the collection basket mail or drop it off at the rectory. This request must be returned no later the January 22, 2018 in order to have your statement available for pick up on January 31, 2018.

ENVELOPE # _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Blessed Among Us

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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”.

The story of these wise men, sometimes depicted as kings, has blurred with other familiar elements of the Christmas story – the manger, the shepherds, etc. But this story appears only in Matthew, where it is entwined with a story of political violence, omitted from most Christmas pageants. When the wise men – possibly astrologers from Persia – arrive in Jerusalem inquiring about a newborn “king of the Jews” their question disturbs the incumbent King Herod. He orders them to report back once they have found this new king. But the Magi are warned in a dream to return home by a different route. Enraged, Herod orders the massacre of every young male child in Bethlehem.

Numerous legends and works of art have elaborated on the story. T.S. Eliot imagined the Magi returning “to our places, these Kingdoms, / But no longer at east here, in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods.” Whatever their fate, the Magi stand as mysterious witnesses to the birth of a new dispensation, which they mark prophetically in their gifts; gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, myrrh for one who is going to die.

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they found the child with Mary his mother, they fell down and worshipped him.”
Matthew 2:10-11

Meeting the Holy

The Magi’s search takes them through places both unfamiliar and dangerous. Driven to carry on through unknown terrain, they are guided only by a mysterious light and their own interior trust that a momentous meeting awaits.

The journey of the Magi has all of the elements of any vision quest or spiritual search: Changing light in an otherwise dark sky. Unrelenting persistence toward an uncertain destination. Detours and altered paths. Bewildering dreams. Moments of overpowering joy. Meeting the holy. Offering the gifts of the journey. Going home again – to wherever it is that the inner landscape of our souls call us.

According to Matthew, Jesus had his very own star, a bright globe in the sky that guided those who wanted to meet him. Stars are glimmers in the darkness, shimmering bits of radiance that draw others forward. The same light that helped the Magi find Jesus is part of a mystery that illuminates all significant relationships. Over the course of our lives many people will come our way, sometimes led by curiosity, sometimes by happenstance. But often, attraction will beckon them, a light inside that is hard to explain – a brightness that can only be followed by those willing to make a journey and offer their gifts. We do the same in relationship to them. As sons and daughters of God we too have our very own star – our personal appeal, our individual influence, our unique way of incarnating the holy. We have gifts to offer. Some of us travel a long way to find the reception that the Magi found.

Frank Ferder, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, is a clinical psychologist and author of Enter the Story and Words Made Flesh.

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