

 *Mass Intentions*

- Monday March 19, 2018**  
 6:30 Souls in Purgatory  
 8:00 Edward Mulligan, Sr. req. by Fr. Kevin
- Tuesday March 20, 2018**  
 6:30 Deacon Charlie Pavonarius req. by Teson Family  
 8:00 Celeste Moy req. by Donna & Rick Coppola
- Wednesday March 21, 2018**  
 6:30 Francis Dougherty req. by Rich & Maureen Trzaska  
 8:00 Patrick Corcoran req. by Family
- Thursday March 22, 2018**  
 6:30 James Weltz req. by McVey Family  
 8:00 Theresa Dzwoniarek req. by Family
- Friday March 23, 2018**  
 6:30 Francis Dougherty req. by RJ & Brandy Trzaska  
 8:00 Edith Spera req. by Spera & Lucarini Families
- Saturday March 24, 2018**  
 8:00 Joe Caven req. by M/M Charles Caputo  
 5:00PM Catherine Sutter req. by Duggan Family
- Sunday March 25, 2018**  
 6:30 John & Marion Matecki req. by Family  
 8:00 Mary & Anthony Testa req. by Duggan Family  
 10:00 Donald Benson req. by Family  
 12:00 Ralph Daley req. by Pat Mandolla  
 6:00PM Danny Laverty req. by Family

**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 25, 2018**

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



On Sunday, March 11, 2018, one girl and five boys received the sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:  
*Sean William Heineman* – son of M/M William Heineman  
*Gianluca Luigi Bellicini* – son of M/M Dominick Bellicini  
*Frankie Stanley O’Neil-Piorkowski* – son of Kyle Piorkowski & Erin O’Neil  
*Chase William Witmayer* – son of Matthew Witmayer and Ashley Connor  
*Andrew Joseph DeFlavis* – son of Andrew DeFlavis & Laura Blaszczyk  
*Gia Elizabeth DeFlavis* – daughter of Andrew DeFlavis & Laura Blaszczyk



**All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:**

**All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:**  
Kathleen Scarengelli – mother of Marion Scarengelli  
Stanley Myers – father of Karen Haag  
Theresa Gribben – wife of Christopher Gribben

**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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 25, 2018**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Altar Server</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	J. Teson A. Bell C. Gola S. Michielli	V. Haggerty E. Turzanski	B. Norton J. Gontz
<b>6:30AM</b>	S. Krause	J. Hopkins	J. Swift L. Pagano C. McGuigan
<b>8:00AM</b>	M. Bloesch W. Wesolowski R. Johnson J. Sweeten M. Hatfield	A. Sysol M. Hatfield	M. Davies C. Kushnerock G. Most
<b>10:00AM</b>	C. Gonzaga G. O’Brien B. Wagner C. Coyle P. Hutz	P. Cummings C. Comly	A. Reynolds B. Milligan J. Dunne
<b>12:00PM</b>	C. Pfeiffer B. Richmond M. Costello J. Wojtkielewicz R. Wojtkielewicz	A. Broscius A. Formagiu	J. Gizzi S. Gizzi
<b>6:00PM</b>	J. O’Malley T. O’Leary D. Fox	J. O’Malley	J. Cunningham G. Dumond M. Smith



### PARISH MISSION

**Sunday, March 18 to Thursday, March 22**

Our theme for this Mission is *From Ashes to the Living Font* – Our homilist is Reverend James Bessert - a presbyter of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw having been ordained on September 27, 1980. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities from St. Mary's Seminary College, Baltimore, MD, a Master of divinity degree from St. John Provincial Seminary Plymouth, MI and a Master of theology degree (Liturgical Studies) from the University of Notre Dame. Presently, Father Bessert serves as the Director of the Office of Liturgy and Principal Master of Ceremonies for the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and as Sacramental Minister to Saint John Paul II Parish.

The schedule for our Mission is as follows:

Sunday – March 18 – Opening of Mission at the 6:00PM Mass

Monday – March 19 – 7:00PM Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation (and Divine Mercy Chaplet)

Tuesday – March 20 – 7:00PM Mass with Communal Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday – March 21 – 7:00PM Mass with the Veneration of the Cross – followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (and Divine Mercy Chaplet)

Thursday – March 22 – 7:00PM Mass – Closing of our Parish Mission

**Second Collection** – on March 17 / 18, 2018 will be for *Church in Africa*. This fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help “the salt of the Earth” Churches in Africa realize its potential as a “light of the world”. Thank you for your support – it makes a real difference.

### MASS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Monday to Friday – 6:30AM and 8:00AM

Saturday – 8:00 AM

Sunday – 5:00PM (Vigil), 6:30, 8:00, 10:00AM, 12:00PM and 6:00PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will take place on all **Fridays of Lent after 8:00AM Mass**. (Father Babowitch or Father Kirk) and at **7:00PM with benediction** (Deacon John Teson).

**Message from Sister Mildred:** *On behalf of my Dad and our family, we are deeply grateful for the prayers, Masses, and expressions of sympathy offered for my Mom. They are greatly appreciated, and like yourselves, will always be remembered.*

### MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you to Dot & Jack Dillon, Ron & Anne O'Shea and Frank & Cathy Pfeiffer for their donation in memory of *Bob Fischer*.

**GOLD LEAFS** – we still have some LEAFS available that are located on the back wall in the upper church. If you would like to buy a leaf in memory of a family member or you would like more information, please call the rectory office at 215-637-7515.

**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.

**Catholics Returning Home** – Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? If so, we would like to welcome you back to St. Cyril of Jerusalem Parish. We have a special ministry for people just like you who have been away from the Church. Please join us for a six-week series that begins Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:30PM at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, 1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison, PA. We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call 215-343-1288.

**A Baby's Breath Rune for Life 2018** – will be April 7, 2018 at the Norristown Farm Park, East Norriton, PA. 1 Mile Fun Run at 9AM and 5K run at 9:30 AM. Please register online at

<http://www.ababysbreath.org/events> An enjoyable morning for the family supporting moms and their babies! For more information, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski, Race Director at 610-316-6281.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday, March 10, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

10:00AM Calvary Seniors II AA

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

7:00PM AA Meeting Rectory

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

1:15PM Baptism UC  
 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 **APRIL 8, 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 March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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***

**Pre-Cana (Marriage Prep) Team** – Our Lady of Calvary Pre-Cana team is comprised of married couples who are registered parishioners, living in a Christian marriage who enjoy sharing their marriage with engaged couples as they prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

This is a heart-warming ministry which helps engage couples comprehend the meaning of the commitment of married love and the necessity of enhancing the skills to share, listen, accept, and grow further in their life together.

If you and your spouse are interested in becoming a part of this dynamic and vital team sharing some aspects of your marriage, please contact: Deacon Michael Bell at [deaconmike2015@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmike2015@gmail.com)

**Pre-Cana Classes** will be held at Our Lady of Calvary on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, 2018. If you would like to register for this class, please come to the rectory during regular business hours. The fee for this class is \$135 due upon registration.

**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.

**THANK YOU** ...While Lent is a Season for alms-giving, it is also a time for Thanks-giving. The OLC Mercy Ministry wishes to acknowledge the ongoing generous support of our parishioners through the Scrip Program in providing aid to women and families in need who have the courage to choose life over abortion. Your continuing care and support of this Ministry helps improve the lives of women, children and families and is greatly appreciated.

**Host Families Needed** – Nacel Open Door needs several families to host international students who want to attend Archbishop Ryan for the 2018-19 school year. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous stipend. Please contact Renee Lopez at 267-538-1222 or [Rlopez@team.nacelopendoor.org](mailto:Rlopez@team.nacelopendoor.org)

**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.

**WOMAN'S RETREAT** – Friday, April 20 to Sunday, April 22 at Mother Boniface Spiritual Center. Theme: Missionary Disciples: Beloved, Called & Sent. Cost: \$165 – Enjoy a spiritual weekend meeting the needs of woman of all ages who gather to share so many life experiences. If interested, please contact Monica Bloesch at 215-632-9327 or email [dorothydevlin6@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothydevlin6@yahoo.com)

**Girl Scout Troop 9744** wants to prove that even the smallest act of caring, like donating diapers and baby wipes can help make a huge difference for those parents that are less fortunate to provide for their babies. The St. Francis Inn tries to help provide baby supplies and are always in great need of diapers (esp. 3T-4T- & 4T-5T and baby wipes). The girls chose St. Francis because they have been going there on a regular basis and saw first hand what it is all about. There will be a bin in the back of church for any generous donations during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Designer Bag Bingo** hosted by The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus – Council 4765 on Saturday, April 7, 2018 – doors open at 5:30PM-games start at 7:00PM. Raffles, 50/50, door prizes- \$25.00 per person (must be 18 years of age or older) light refreshments. To purchase tickets, contact the Parish Office at 215-788-2989. Bingo will be at Father Crehan Hall, 121 Belmont Avenue, Croydon, PA.

**Archbishop Ryan HS Field Hockey Association** presents *Lunch with the Easter Bunny*. Please join us on March 24 from 11-2PM in the North Cafeteria. The cost is \$7.00 per person and includes: lunch, egg hunt, games, face painting and more! You can have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny at an additional charge and all proceeds benefit the Archbishop Ryan Field Hockey Team. For tickets please call Student Affairs Office at 215-637-1800 ext 211 or Sue Cerruti 215-432-3636. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

**Reach Higher at St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls** – you are invited to these upcoming events –  
SPRING OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, March 18 from 1PM to 3PM [www.huberts.org/openhouse](http://www.huberts.org/openhouse)  
7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRACTICE TEST – Saturday, March 24 at 8AM. [www.huberts.org/practice](http://www.huberts.org/practice)  
BAMBIE FOR A DAY SHADOWING PROGRAM – ongoing – [www.huberts.org/shadow](http://www.huberts.org/shadow)  
Please come and see how St. Hubert has been bringing forth brilliance in young women for more than 75 years. For further information please call 215-624-6840, x 258.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Regina Coeli 4921 – will be on Palm Sunday, March 25 following the 10AM Mass at Our Lady of Calvary– Breakfast will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 9617 James Street. Cost is \$7 per person – family of 4 is \$25. Please call Mike Ciampoli 215-605-2857 if interested in attending.

**Aid for Friends** is hosting *DESIGNER BAG BINGO* on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at St. Dominic's Marian Hall from 1to 4PM. Tickets \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. 12 games of bingo, snacks, beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea. Gift baskets, Mystery Box Drawing, Beer Wall chances and 50/50 available for purchase: For tickets and information call 215-464-2224.

**“Little Flower Alumnae Association’s”** *Kick off for the Spring Season* at Maggie's on the River on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 7 to 10PM. Cost \$40 in advance \$45 at the door. Contact Barbara McGovern a [babica.mcgovern@gmail.com](mailto:babica.mcgovern@gmail.com) for additional information.

**St. Hubert Class of 1958** would like to invite you to come and reminisce with them on their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion at St Hubert HS on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 12:00pm. Tickets \$40.00 Contact: Carolyn Kennedy at [ck10294oken@gmail.com](mailto:ck10294oken@gmail.com)

**St. Hubert Alumnae Association** presents COACH BINGO! On Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 1PM-4PM in the school cafeteria. Tickets \$35.00 – Advance purchase only – assigned seating. Must be 18 to attend – contact [SHAACoachBingo@gmail.com](mailto:SHAACoachBingo@gmail.com) or 267-205-0675. All proceeds will benefit the St. Hubert High School Scholarship Fund.

**Archbishop Ryan HS – Upcoming Events –**  
*Spring Open House* – Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30PM

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test – Saturday, April 21  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Entrance/Placement Test – Saturday, April 21  
Scholarship Test Prep Course – August 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> – open to all current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students (register online)  
*Summer Camps* – dates and information will be available online by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Cheerleading Tryouts** at St. Anselm CYO for the upcoming 2018-2019 season on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information email [mjmurphy910@gmail.com](mailto:mjmurphy910@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** to Aidan O'Neill for receiving second honors for the first semester at St. Joseph's Prep.

**Blessed Among Us**

**St. Joseph – (First Century) – St. Joseph’s part in the nativity story is a familiar feature of every Christmas pageant. But for many centuries the Church paid him scant attention. Only in the sixteenth century did the Church officially encourage his cult, as St. Joseph began to figure as an ideal “provider and protector” of the Holy Family. In 1870 Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church. Besides his feast day on March 19, an additional feast for St. Joseph the Worker was assigned by Pope Pius XII on May 1.**

**Joseph and Mary were betrothed when she was discovered to be pregnant. Matthew’s gospel relates the story from Joseph’s perspective. Here, the discovery of Mary’s pregnancy precedes any divine reassurance, thus presenting Joseph with a terrible dilemma. According to the law Mary should be stoned to death. But Joseph, “being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame,” resolves to divorce her quietly. Fortunately, an angel appears in Joseph’s sleep to explain the source of Mary’s condition, and he is apparently satisfied. After Jesus’ birth, Joseph is alerted in another dream to the threat from King Herod, and so leads his family to safety in Egypt.**

**Aside from his virtues as a father and man of faith, Joseph is also a poor working man – a detail not without significance in the Gospels. Though linked to the house of David, he remains a carpenter from a Galilean town so miniscule that it serves as the butt of jokes. Thus, while Joseph recedes from the Gospel story, he remains a reminder of Jesus’ humble origins – and an enduring reminder of his humanity.**

***“Is this not the carpenter’s son?” - Matthew 13:55***

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**SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

**And the Stalk Said...**

How does a grain of wheat feel as it is planted in the soil? To answer that, I imagine interviewing a stalk of wheat, for every stalk was once a grain. Here is what the stalk might say...

“I liked being a grain of wheat. I was proud of who I was: Golden. Smooth. Perfectly intact. But then some farmer dug a hole and tossed me into it. “What’s going on?” I asked. But my question was met with silence. Then the dirt came pouring down upon me. I protest, ‘Hey! You’re burying me alive! Stop?’ But no one heard me.

“I sat in total darkness. Afraid. Then I felt something. Moisture. At first I thought, ‘Good. I won’t die of thirst.’ But soon I began to get soggy. I sensed my golden color was fading. My smooth exterior became wrinkly. My intactness was breached as I was split asunder. I whimpered, ‘I’m dying...This is the end of me.’

“Then something amazing happened. Out of my shriveled, broken, dying self, two shoot emerged. One began pushing upward, the other downward – both powered by a force within and beyond me. As my root went down, my shoot went up until it broke through the soil and into the brightness of the sun. I was no longer a grain of wheat-but something better: a *stalk* of wheat. From me would come forth many, many grains of wheat that would help feed the people of the world.”

In closing, the stalk said: “Trust the Farmer...Befriend silence and darkness...Embrace transformation...Willingly relinquish your intactness...Believe...For the Ending is really the Beginning.

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