



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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

Monday August 26, 2024
 8:00 Eileen Hauser req. by Shawn Schofield

Tuesday August 27, 2024
 8:00 James Faran req. by John Gormley

Wednesday August 28, 2024
 8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John

Thursday August 29, 2024
 8:00 Ann E. Henderson req. by Makowiecki Family

Friday August 30, 2024
 8:00 Dorothy Nichols req. by Susan Shebby & Sons

Saturday August 31, 2024
 8:00 Joey Jordan req. by Shawn Schofield
 5:00PM Deanna Lynch Sampson req. by Loving Family

Sunday September 1, 2024
 6:30 Dominic Campagna req. by Cistone Family
 8:00 Dec. Mem of Marvel Fam req. by Family
 10:00 Thomas Walsh req. by Szychulski Family
 12:00 Andrew Suchodolski req. by Walter family



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

For those in the armed forces: Joseph Pitts-Air Force; Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Ryan Sylvester-Air Force; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; 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 Taylor-Air Force; Stephen Winther-Marines; Bobby Winther-Navy; Amanda Smith-Navy; Joseph Patty-Army; Christian Curtis-Marines; Thomas Campbell-Marines; Michael Bones, Jr-Navy

Divine Mercy Prayers are on the third Sunday of each Month after the 10 AM Mass. All are welcome.

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 - we must hear directly from the patient/family.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	V. Haggerty
6:30AM	S. Brown	M. Konopka
8:00AM	J. Robbins M. Bloesch	R. Rysak
10:00AM	T. Cullen N. Burnosky	P. Kolman D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	B. Richmond D. Bores	J. Spear





FOOTBALL MANIA is back at Our Lady of Calvary – Each ticket is \$20. With each Football Mania game card, you can win \$1,000s in prize money just by sitting back. The more points your teams score each week, the better chance you have to win! This sweepstakes makes football games exciting for even the most casual fan. No knowledge of football is needed to play or win. We will contact all winners. **Tickets will be sold after each Mass on the weekends and in the Rectory until Friday, September 6, 2024.** Any questions, please reach out to Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org

SAVE THE DATE – October 12, 2024 from 12PM to 7PM is OUR LADY OF CALVARY OKTOBERFEST. This will be a Family Friendly Event in the church parking lot and school gym. Come out and enjoy food, beer, entertainment and shopping. No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted. Please contact Sheil Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org with any questions.

LUNCH MONITOR OPPORTUNITY – If you are available from 11:45AM-12:45PM daily, please consider becoming a lunch monitor at OLC School! Full and parttime paid positions are available. If you have a child or grandchild attending OLC. Additional benefits are available. Contact Mrs. Costello at j.costello@olcalvaryschool.org or 215-637-1648, ext. 201.

Save the Date – The Philadelphia Chapter Knights of Columbus is proud to announce their Catholic Man and Woman of 2024 – and we are proud that the Catholic Man Award goes to TJ FLUEHR – join us in our celebration on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at Twining Hall. For further information contact Rich Konstance at 215-637-5834 or rkonstance@aol.com

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE - daily Mass (Monday-Friday) will be at 8AM ONLY. This will continue until Tuesday, September 3, when the 6:30AM will resume.

FATIMA HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE at St. Katherine of Sienca Church, 9700 Frankford Avenue on Friday, September 13 at 7:00PM. All are welcome to participate in the devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. Devotions include procession with Fatima statue, rosary and benediction. Sponsored by World Apostolate of Fatima/Philadelphia Archdiocesan Division

AI Anon meeting at 7:00PM on Sundays (in person) in the lower church meeting room.

RCIA – (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – RCIA is the vehicle that the Church uses to bring adults into full communion through theological teaching, education, prayer, and community. Are you or do you know someone who is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation? Our Lady of Calvary has our own Christian initiation group. If you have questions, but are not sure what the next step should be, contact the office at 215-637-7515 or stop in any day from 9AM to 3PM or email Deacon John at deaconjpteson@gmail.com

CALVARY SENIORS - The next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Have a good summer, see you in September for refreshments, card games and Bingo.

SOCKS for the STREETS & 8th PDAC COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR – Connect with local organizations, discover valuable resources, and enjoy a day of community fun and support on September 7, 2024 from 10AM until 2PM at Christ the King School, 3205 Chesterfield Road. Contact info – 8THDISTPDAC@gmail.com

St. Hubert Alumnae Association is hosting their 3rd annual 5K Run/1 Mil Family Walk/Virtual 5 K on Saturday, September 28th to benefit the students of St. Huberts. Register at SHAArace@gmail.com for more details.

NIGHT at the RACES for the Sisters of the Redeemer on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. For more information call 215-914-4106 or mking@holyredeemer.com

NINTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL at St. Bede the Venerable Parish on September 14/15, 2024. The event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. There will be a 5:30PM Vigil Mass followed by blessing with holy relics of Padre Pio. Sunday begins with 12:30PM Solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Pio Mandato, followed by a street procession. For more info go to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com

MARRIED COUPLES - When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-1 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: www.wmme-philly.org.

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National Catholic Bioethics Center
A Statement on Protecting Children from Harm

A remarkable document authored by the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds), *Doctors Protecting Children Declaration*, affirms what should be an evident truth, that transgender interventions on children are harmful. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) and many other groups and individuals are co-signers. It calls for an immediate stop to “the promotion of social affirmation, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries for children and adolescents who experience distress over their biological sex. Instead, these organization should recommend comprehensive evaluations and therapies aimed at identifying and addressing underlying psychological co-morbidities and neurodiversity that often predispose to and accompany gender dysphoria.”

Part of the impetus for this declaration was the Cass Review that came out on behalf on the National Health Service (NHS) in England in April 2024. It confirmed the decision taken in the United Kingdom and many European countries to re-evaluate and suspend transgender puberty blockers and surgeries for minors. More and more studies are showing there are no benefits to transgender interventions on children. The ACPeds declaration adds: “Puberty blockers permanently disrupt physical, cognitive, emotional and social development.” Nevertheless, major medical associations in the USA, like the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Psychological Association, continue to aggressively promote and defend what they call “gender-affirming care.”

A professor of bioethics once told me that certain topics were not worthy of sustained bioethical debate because the answer was so abundantly clear that analyzing the pros and cons was a waste of time. The example he used was the direct abortion of preborn babies. Transgender hormones and surgeries for children is another example of this same idea, I believe. It should be ethically obvious that adolescents and young children do not have the psychological or emotional maturity to make major life-changing decisions, and that their parents should not allow their children to grow up on a medical pathway to lifelong drugs and surgeries. The tremendous inner pain some people go through, especially during the adolescent years, is difficult and requires understanding but generally resolves itself if one waits rather than intervening. If an intervention is needed, it should also be obvious that psychological treatments are the correct approach.

There is a need to fac up to the fact that gender ideology depends on the completely unscientific claim that a person’s sex is only “assigned at birth”. The truth is we are male or female due to our DNA, our objective genetic makeup and the human person is created as a unity of body and soul. There can be genetic anomalies and rare disorders of sexual development that afflict some people, but the idea that a person who is clearly genetically male or female and really be a member of the

opposite sex due to strong inner feelings or beliefs turns objective reality on its head. Pope Francis has spoken out on numerous occasions to denounce gender theory and its associated ideology. He said it is “one of the most dangerous ideological colonizations.”

The ACPeds declaration does a good job pointing out hoe The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is not following the principles of evidence-based medicine. WPATH is an influential body, but it has been exposed as improvising its medical interventions and in effect performing pseudoscientific experiments on children and adults. The accusation that WPATH is really an activist group masquerading as a professional organization was made by an association called Environmental Progress based on leaked internal WPATH files. It is indeed worrying to hear about individuals with severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, being allowed to give “informed consent” to cross-sex hormones and surgeries.

It is notable that many of those who suffer from gender dysphoria, i.e., distress resulting from a feeling that their gender identify differs from their biological sex, have severe underlying mental health issues that really should be the focus of treatment. In bioethics, we know that informed consent is a bedrock principle of medical ethics. If a person struggles with mental illness, he can be declared incompetent to make decisions for himself. Because of the psychological immaturity of children, they too are not considered competent to make medical decisions. Nevertheless, WPATH, it seems does not let these crucial ethical safeguards get in the way of their agenda of “transitioning” people.

The phenomenal growth of transgender activism and gender-confused young people in recent years took many of us by surprise. Now it seems that common sense is coming back. There are times when an ideology expands with frightening speed like a tsunami that does terrible damage, but then recedes back into the ocean. The ACPeds declaration looks like it will be part of the puncturing of the artificial transgender balloon. It has already succeeded beyond the expectations of its authors, Dr. Jill Simmons, President of ACPeds, reports that the document has been shared over 52 million times on social media and thousands have been signing on to it from all over the world. There should be a broad social and professional consensus that gender transitioning should not be affirmed as something positive for children. Hopefully, it will be possible to spare children the dangers and harms of gender theory and its practices soon in the Unites States as is the case in most of the world.

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