



**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**

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



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

John Gault – uncle of Debra Fox  
Carly Jacobs – daughter of Marie Jacobs

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

**For those in the armed forces:** Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Sean Sylvester-Army; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Tyler Jernigan-Army; 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, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient or family.



**Monday August 7, 2023**  
 8:00 Rabuck & Connors Families req. by James Holden

**Tuesday August 8, 2023**  
 8:00 Jack Hepp req. by Joan Hepp & Joanne Zeas

**Wednesday August 9, 2023**  
 8:00 Shannon Traynor req. by Family

**Thursday August 10, 2023**  
 8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John

**Friday August 11, 2023**  
 8:00 Viola Rota req. by Children

**Saturday August 12, 2023**  
 8:00 Edward Pinkowski req. by Melania Obst  
 5:00PM Dec'd Mem of Sutter Fam. req. by Duggan Fam

**Sunday August 13, 2023**  
 6:30 Doreen Ekanstam req. by Gonzales Family  
 8:00 Leon Flanagan req. by Ed & Maryann Murray  
 10:00 Thomas Laughlin req. by Friedrich Family  
 12:00 Janet McNesby req. by Ron Ditzler

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 13, 2023**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	V. Haggerty
<b>6:30AM</b>	S. Brown	M. Konopka
<b>8:00AM</b>	J. Robbins J. Salvo	M. Hatfield
<b>10:00AM</b>	T. Cullen M. Ciampoli	C. Comly J. Lynch
<b>12:00PM</b>	D. Bores M. Hall	J. Spear



### FOOTBALL MANIA

Football Mania Tickets are on sale today, August 6. for \$20.00 per ticket after mass and in the rectory office until September 8. Thank you for your help with this important Parish fundraiser.

### OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest is October 14, 2023 from 12:00PM to 7:00PM in the OLC Parish Parking Lot and school gym. More details to follow.

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

Night at the Races will be in the Fall. More details to follow.

**Caring for Friends** is in need of shelf-stable dry goods for their food bank. Donations of canned goods, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, rice, pasta, crackers and breakfast items can be dropped off at 12271 Townsend Road. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday – 9AM-5PM and Saturday – 9AM-12PM. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you need food picked up, please contact Denis Cockerham at 215-208-3980.

**Catholic University Collection** will be August 12/13, 2023. Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to this collection support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE** – Daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM only beginning on Monday, July 3. The 6:30 AM Mass will begin again on Tuesday, September 5.

**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](mailto:deaconjpteson@gmail.com)

**The National Polish Apostolate Committee** invites the faithful to the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa to the National Shrine in Doylestown on Sunday, August 27. This feast coincides with the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla's election to the Sea of St Peter. The event begins at 11:00AM, followed by a solemn Mass at 12:30PM celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

**Separated/Divorced Monthly Support Group** will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 121 Belmont Ave, Croydon on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7PM in Father Crehan Hall. For information, contact Peg Duffy 215-788-1947.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** presents *CASH & GIFT CARD BINGO* on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Father Crehan Hall, 121 Belmont Avenue, Croydon. Doors open at 5:30PM- Games starts at 7:00PM. Tickets \$30/person (over 18 years of age only). BYOB and BYOS – to purchase tickets contact Marie Kelly at 215-788-3331 or the parish office at 215-788-2989. This event is sponsored by The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus 4765 – proceeds benefit St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

**Retrouvaille: Rediscover the love in your marriage** – Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crisis. Upcoming program will be held August 18-20 and October 6-8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Angelorum** is a choir of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena of Allentown, PA. A group brought together and fueled by a strong faith and love for God and our beautiful gifts of music. We desire to use our talents in order to spread the “message” of God’s endless love, presence, and mercy to those who listen. Find us on  
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BLESSED AMONG US

**St. Mary MacKillop** – Founder (1842-1909) With her beatification in 1995, Mary MacKillop became the first recognized saint of Australia. She was the founder of a remarkable congregation, the sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who devoted themselves to providing free education and other services to the poor in the rugged conditions of rural Australia. She had given great thought to the type of congregation suited for these needs. They would adhere to a strict vow of poverty; there would be no social distinctions within the order; and the congregation would be subject to an elected mother general, rather than the local bishop. This latter provision became a source of grave tension between the congregation and the Australian bishops.

Mary's congregation was approved by Rome and quickly attracted scores of young women. At a time when almost no public services were available for the poor, the work of the sisters was widely admired. But the harassment from local bishops quickly reached extraordinary lengths. Mary was subjected to a shameless campaign of vilification and at one point was excommunicated. Nevertheless, Rome supported her constitutions and she was completely vindicated. Throughout her sufferings she remained free of bitterness. Innocent suffering, she believed, was an opportunity to shoulder the cross and grow closer to God. Those who caused this suffering were thus her "most powerful benefactors". When she died on August 8, 1909, her passing was mourned throughout Australia. Mary was canonized in 2010.

*"Care and perplexities form part of my life but I am learning to loop upon them as I think God wishes and so I am happy."* -St. Mary MacKillop

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

**In Torrents of Light**

For a fleeting moment the heavens open, and God's glory spills forth. Time itself gives way, the ancient prophets Moses and Elijah come to converse with Jesus. Hearing this account two millennia later, I feel as if the entirety of the Gospels has collapsed into this one moment in time, fragments of encounters swirling in torrents of light.

Hovering behind Peter's wild desire to hold on to the moment, I see Jesus in a garden gently telling Mary Magdalene not to cling to him. Listen to my Son, says a voice from a cloud, and I see spit and mud and a deaf man who can suddenly hear and be heard. *Ephphatha!* Be opened! Rise, says Jesus, and Peter comes to him across the water, a paralyzed man rolls up his mat, and a young girl gets up from her death bed.

And always, do not be afraid. Resounding over and over. On a storm-wracked sea. To a worried father. To his disciples gathered for one last meal. To the multitudes. To all of us.

I wonder what the conversation was as Jesus walked Peter, James, and John down the mountain. Or perhaps I don't, for all these Gospel stories end the same way. We want to cling to the God of glory, to fall at the feet of the divine. Instead, Jesus reaches for us in the dust and says, get up. Be opened, that you might hear my voice, and you might be my voice. And above all, do not fear. Walk with me and be transfigured. Walk with me and transfigure the world.

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