



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

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



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:

For those in the armed forces: Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Sean Sylvester-Army; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conway-Navy; Jen Hutz-Air Force; 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 December 26, 2022**
8:00 James O'Donnell req. by Joan O'Donnell
- Tuesday December 27, 2022**
8:00 James Watkins req. by Bielowski Family
- Wednesday December 28, 2022**
8:00 Joseph C. O'Neill, Sr req. by Suzanne O'Neill
- Thursday December 29, 2022**
8:00 Grant P. McDermott req. by Graham Family
- Friday December 30, 2022**
8:00 Jim McFadden req. by Betty Fischer
- Saturday December 31, 2022**
8:00 Nicholas Ferrante, Jr req. by Angela/Brett Morrow
5:00PM Joan Babowitch
- Sunday January 1, 2023**
6:30 Teresa Convey req. by Husband Bill
8:00 Tony Clark req. by Fran & Ed Kubala
10:00 Janine Swift req. by M/M Michael Golden
12:00 George Dwyer req. by Gonzaga Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1, 2023

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	A. Bell
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Robbins
8:00AM	A. Lozada M. Bloesch	R. Rysak
10:00AM	M. Bateman J. Hopkins	D. Makowiecki P. Kolman
12:00PM	J. Spear R. Spear	J. Spear





*Peace on Earth
Jesus comes back as a baby
to tell us that God
is not far away.*

*The angels are still singing:
peace on earth
to people he loves*

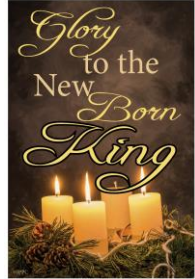
*Let us ask your defenseless omnipotence
to bend down and to snuff out the arrogance of
violence,
to remove hatred from all hearts
and to put love there,
to make it so that soon no nation in the world
will remember
what war is.*

-Chiara Lubich, *Christmas Joy*

BLOCK COLLECTIONS – Annual Appeal

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Annual Block Collection. We are very grateful for your generous contributions which are used for the upkeep of our parish.

Calvary Seniors meet every Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall, 9617 James Street, 19114. Doors open at 9:30AM – meeting starts at 10:30AM.



On behalf of Sister Mildred, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Mrs. Costello, OLC Teachers, OLC Rectory Staff, Deacon John Teson, Deacon Mike Bell, Father Kirk, Father Monica and Myself we would like to wish our Parish Family and Friends a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Merry Christmas!

New Year's Mass Schedule –

New Year's Eve – 5:00 PM

New Year's Day – 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM.

MASS during the week of December 26th are at 8:00AM only. Regular schedule will return on January 2, 2023.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS for the New Year Holiday: We are closed on Friday, December 30 and re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00AM.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LADY OF CALVARY CASH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER FOR 2023.

Purchase a \$40 calendar and be entered to win daily prizes throughout the entire year of 2023. That's 365 chances to win for \$40! There is a total of \$10,000 in cash and prizes available throughout the year. Winners are based on the evening Pennsylvania Lottery Drawing. Numbers are as signed on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at the back of the Church and in the Rectory. Submit a completed form and payment to the Rectory. Please contact the Rectory with any questions.

BLESSED AMONG US

Mrs. Barrett – Mother and Witness to the Faith (Twentieth Century) The great saints and witnesses of history are widely remembered; less so the “ordinary saints” of everyday, those who, in an anonymous fashion, bear silent witness to their faith. Dorothy Day, cofounder of the Catholic Worker has memorialized one such witness. In an early memoir of her conversion, she recalls “Mrs. Barrett”, a neighbor and the mother of a childhood playmate, who provided her with “my first impulse toward Catholicism”. She recalls how, one morning, she burst into the Barrett’s Chicago apartment, looking for her friend Kathryn, only to find Mrs. Barrett on her knees saying her prayers. After telling Dorothy that Kathryn was out, Mrs. Barrett went on with her prayers.

End of story. Yet, Day writes, “I felt a warm burst of love toward Mrs. Barrett that I have never forgotten, a feeling of gratitude and happiness that still warms my heart when I remember her. She had God, and there was beauty and joy in her life.” Day’s own conversion to Catholicism came much later, following years when the thought of God was far from her. And yet the memory of Mrs. Barrett remained with her. Even as she “groaned at the hideous sordidness of man’s lot...still there were moments when in the midst of misery and class strife, life was hot through with glory.”

Behind many a great saint lies such a witness. There is no calculating their power and influence.

“Mrs. Barrett in her sordid little tenement flat finished her breakfast dishes at ten o’clock in the morning and got down on her knees and prayed to God.”
-Servant of God Dorothy Day

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Which Word Would He Be?

In the beginning was the Word, but what kind? Today the metaphor leaps to life. If we borrowed a page from language textbooks, which Word would Jesus be?

- He is a noun: solid and concrete, personal and present.
- He is a verb: active in our world, always on the move.
- He is adjective and adverb: enriching and describing how to live.

This Word is also punctuation, every exclamation mark of joy, every question mark of mystery. He is thought and pre-thought, present to the non-verbal and the pre-verbal, He is in our ears, lips, eyes, and hands -every why language is expressed. He is Alpha and Omega, every letter in every language, even the silence and space between words, where possibility dwells among us.

If scripture is a library of divine love, then today is the birthday of the Great Book, the Word written across every page.

Today is born to us a savior, the newborn babe who cries and cannot speak, whose first words are yet to come, whose teaching and preaching will change the world. If we are words within the Word, what will we speak in his honor? What will we become in his name?

Laura Kelly Fanucci is a writer, speaker, and retreat leader. She is author of Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting and To Bless Our Callings: Prayers, Poems, and Hymns to Celebrate Vocation.



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