



**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

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

**Monday February 10, 2025**

6:30 Mildred Goneau req. by Family  
 8:00 Maureen Grier req. by M/M A. Meehan

**Tuesday February 11, 2025**

6:30 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John  
 8:00 Joseph Costello req. by Kathy Reilly

**Wednesday February 12, 2025**

6:30 Joe & Rita Waller req. by Family  
 8:00 Michael F. Contino req. by Craig Sullivan

**Thursday February 13, 2025**

6:30 Edward & Catherine Elmer req. by Family  
 8:00 Connie Douris req. by Parkinson Family

**Friday February 14, 2025**

6:30 Kathleen Fanning req. by Fran & Ed Kubala  
 8:00 Joseph Costello req. by Graham Family

**Saturday February 15, 2025**

8:00 Sheila Malone req. by Vicki & Brian Reilly  
 5:00PM Dec Mem of Marucci Fam req. by John & Mary

**Sunday February 16, 2025**

6:30 Patrick Boyle req. by Nora Kramer  
 8:00 Pasqualina DeMaio req. by Fred/Monica Bloesch  
 10:00 Stasia & Charles Bechtle req. by Son  
 12:00 Joanne & Tom Kilian req. by Joan Schaffling



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

Tom Hoban – friend of Bernadette Richmond  
Theresa Fochtman - friend of Kilrain Family  
Janine – parishioner  
Frank Daley - parishioner

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

Bernard Slowinski - nephew of Michael Bechtle  
Michael Olsen – friend of Kilrain Family  
Pater Emery - partner of Maryanne Murray

**For those in the armed forces:** Jacob Gizzi-Marines; 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

**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.

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Thank you to David, Dave and Shannon Miller for their donation in memory of the mother -*Beryl Miller*.

**FAMILY MATTERS**

Oh God, unite our hearts to the never-ending bond of pure love. May our children bring You happiness and may Your generous love for them be returned to you many times over.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	V. Haggerty
<b>6:30AM</b>	L. Konopka	J. Hopkins
<b>8:00AM</b>	J. Robbins M. Hatfield	M. Hatfield
<b>10:00AM</b>	D. Makowiecki L. Makowiecki	D. Makowiecki P. Kolman
<b>12:00PM</b>	B. Richmond D. Bores	J. Spear



## GO EAGLES!!!

**PALM** – if you have any palm from last year that you would like burned for Ash Wednesday, please bring it to the rectory.

**Cub Pack 460** is holding their annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL on February 28, 2025 in the school gym from 6:30PM-8P. All are invited and the cost is \$8.00 per person. Children 4 and under are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**ALL AGES COMEDY SHOW** featuring Steve Simeone on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Regina Coeli Hall – 9617 James Street at 1:30PM. Must register to attend. **Event sponsored by TJ Fluehr.** Please call Korinne at 215-637-7373 by February 21<sup>st</sup> to register.

**TEMPORARY ENVELOPES** – Please remember before placing a temporary envelope in the Offertory basket at Mass to write your name and address on the front of the envelope. Temporary envelopes are located right inside the front doors of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Calvary Parish.

**CALVARY SENIORS** meet every Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall (across from Torresdale train station), 9617 James Street. Doors open at 9:30 and the meeting starts at 10:30.

**Calvary AA** will be hosting FAMILY BINGO on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 6:15 and games start at 7:00. Come out for a night of fun, this is open to all ages and the cost is \$10.00 per player. Light snacks and refreshment included. Email [CalvaryAAmothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryAAmothersclub@gmail.com) for more details on how to register.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Cash Calendar Winners for January: #319, 103, 717, 829, 225, 670 and 236.

There is a part-time or full-time Home Health Aides or CNA position for the second shift available at Mount Nazareth Convent located at 2755 Holme Avenue. This position entails activities of daily living (bathing, grooming, serving of meals, etc.) Salary and hours are negotiable. If interested in scheduling a time for a personal interview, please contact: Yanina or Marina 215-396-8252.

**Archbishop Ryan 2025 Winter Social** Party with a Purpose! Saturday, March 29, 2025 (7PM to 12AM), 2014 Hornig Road, Phila., PA 19116. Tickets include live entertainment, top shelf open bar, dinner buffet and desserts – [www.arhs.me/wintersocial](http://www.arhs.me/wintersocial) email [friendsofryan.team@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofryan.team@gmail.com) for questions.

**Respect, Develop, Compete (RDC) Girls Basketball Camp 2025** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade as of September 2025 – Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – \$160/camper, \$140 -2<sup>nd</sup> camper & \$130 -3<sup>rd</sup> camper – 8:30AM-3:00PM @ Calvary Athletic Association Gym – Register at [http://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp\\_id=397459](http://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=397459) – email questions to [rdcjstbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:rdcjstbasketball@gmail.com)

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

St. Matthew Parish will hold an Archdiocesan information session regarding pastoral planning on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30PM-8:30 PM. The session will be held in the school auditorium which is accessible from the parking lot off of Wellington Street. You must register for this session at [www.trustandhope.org](http://www.trustandhope.org).

**St. Matthew Parish** is hosting contemporary Catholic composer, Francesca LaRosa for another Free Concert on Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. A Night of Joy: My Miracle Story! This concert is different from her performance last year. We are requesting an RSVP so that we can prepare for the amount of people we will be welcoming to our church. You can email us at [events@stmmayfaair.org](mailto:events@stmmayfaair.org)

***The Process of Cleaning Up the Federal Ethics Mess Begins*** Joseph Meaney, PhD, KM

On his first day in office, President Donald Trump rescinded a series of Executive Orders from Joe Biden's presidency. The process of rolling back the extremely liberal social agenda the Biden-Harris administration had as their public policy priority will take time. Many federal agency regulations put into place brick by brick over the last few years need to be amended or replaced. In this context, we should be grateful to federal officials for some of their last actions withdrawing several proposed new federal agency regulations that had bad ethical components. I must admit to being quite surprised to be writing this, but after almost four years of non-stop promotion of contraception, abortion, and radical gender ideology, the Biden-Harris administration admitted defeat in the end.

A disheartening fact of modern life in the US is that we are more governed in our professional and private lives by laws enacted by our representatives. Technically, the federal rules are supposed to merely implement laws, but they can and do put a liberal or conservative "Spin" on legislation. Happily, there are some checks on federal rulemaking, including public comment periods and reviews of the expected impact of the proposed rules. Many Catholic and conservative institutions have actively commented on and protested the bad elements of new federal regulations and even, at times, obtained some positive modifications in the final rules.

A key fact here is that the process of making, modifying, and rescinding federal agency rules takes time and effort. The comment period alone can go for 90 days. That is why it is very good news that several federal agencies withdrew over two dozen proposed rules in the final weeks of the Biden presidency.

The Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and Treasury Departments withdrew their proposed rule that would have cancelled the exemptions that companies could use to refuse to comply with the "Contraceptive Mandate" imposed by federal rules. Most will recall this scandalous government mandate that employee health insurance pay for immoral birth control. This was a rule imposed as part of the implementation of the "Obamacare" Affordable Care Act, even though it was not in the text of the law itself. It led to court cases by the Little Sisters of the Poor that went all the way up to the US Supreme Court and went back again over a period of many years.

Similarly, HHS, Labor, and the Treasury Departments withdrew in January their proposed new "Over-the-Counter Contraceptive Mandate Rule." This rule was proposed late last year as part of the political agenda of Vice President Kamala Harris as she ran as the democratic presidential candidate. It would have required health plans, and therefore employers, to provide free coverage of all over-the-counter contraceptives

that can be obtained without a prescription. The Biden-Harris Administration had a real obsession with forcing employers and institutions to pay for artificial birth control.

Several recently withdrawn proposed rules fell in the "Gender Agenda" category. The Federal Department of Education had imposed regulations requiring educational institutions to allow biological males who "Self-Identify" as female to compete in women's sports. They then sought to go further by prohibiting vaguely defined "discrimination" based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Sometimes the craziness reached even more absurd levels, such as the withdrawn proposed federal rule that would have replaced "mother" and "father" with "parent" or "parentage" in every single place the terms occurred in regulations on child support services. From their perspective, it was offensive and discriminatory to refer to parents as mothers or fathers. The "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion," or DEI agenda, which discriminates on the basis of race and gender, caused a backlash from voters and the corporate world. That is now being eliminated.

Seeking every possible way to make life difficult for pro-life women's and pregnancy resource centers, the Biden-Harris administration sought to modify regulations for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The proposed rule deliberately and specifically singled out pregnancy centers as an example of the type of organization that would not qualify for federal funding. The zeal with which the pro-abortion side attacks pregnancy centers and pro-life sidewalk counselors seems demonic to me. They rage that some mothers are saved at the last possible moment from the jaws of the abortion dragon that anticipated devouring the child, to use biblical language.

The above serves to underscore the immense ethical importance of national elections. The person in the White House appoints the heads of federal agencies and over 4,000 other federal employees. They, in turn, largely make the rules and regulations that govern our lives in the US. Thankfully, when particularly egregious violations of the clear intent or scope of laws are attempted, these federal rules can be challenged in court. Many of the Biden regulations were in fact enjoined and prevented from being implemented by federal judges. This important check on raw political power nevertheless points back to the fact that the federal judiciary and Supreme Court Justices are appointed by the president. In many ways the old dictum "personnel is policy" rings true. A key strategic fact is that one can never win a struggle simply by playing defense. Those with ethically sound consciences must not only resist bad regulations but make and enforce good ones. I pray that this process will be successful soon.