



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

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| 5:00PM | Msgr. Flanigan |
| 6:30AM | Fr. Kirk |
| 8:00AM | Fr. Kirk |
| 10:00AM | Fr. Monica |
| 12:00PM | Fr. Monica |

P R A Y E R
for the infirm of our parish ©JPPC

All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:

Thomas Loughlin – father of Chris Pagano
Ryan Alburger – son of Karin & Richard Alburger
Margaret Yacovett – grandmother of Lauren Salera

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 January 2, 2023

6:30 Mr. Stella req. by Cistone Family
8:00 William Stardt, Jr req. by Annette Batteselli

Tuesday January 3, 2023

6:30 Linda Sams req. by Friends at Lima
8:00 Carol McTague req. by Lillian Steich

Wednesday January 4, 2023

6:30 Fr Kirk & Family
8:00 Carmen Melesio req. by Leo Melesio

Thursday January 5, 2023

6:30 Adelaide Schwank req. by Susan Wilson
8:00 Carmen Melecio Ramirez req. by Leo Melecio

Friday January 6, 2023

6:30 Frank Steich req. by Wife
8:00 Joseph Reilly req. by Colleen & Mike Frisco
9:00 Dorothy R. Devlin req. by K. Reilly/A. Graham

Saturday January 7, 2023

8:00 Betty Wixted req. by O’Neil Family
5:00PM Joseph Reilly req by Christine winski

Sunday January 8, 2023

6:30 Antoinette Barra req. by Palumbo Family
8:00 Daniel DiSalvio req. by Kloepfer Family
10:00 Dec Mem of Seeber Fam req. by Cummings Fam
12:00 Andy Jardine req. by Debbie Kleneski

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 8, 2023

| <i>Mass</i> | <i>Communion</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
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| 5:00PM | R. Hill C. Hill | V. Haggerty |
| 6:30AM | L. Konopka | J. Hopkins |
| 8:00AM | R. Johnson J. Sweeten | R. Juliano |
| 10:00AM | M. Ciampoli B. Wagner | P. Cullen C. Comly |
| 12:00PM | D. Bores M. Hall | J. Wojtkielewicz |



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 Happy and Safe New Year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tuition Assistance Collection is the second collection on the weekend of January 7 / 8, 2023. This collection helps those families in the parish who are struggling to pay their child's school tuition. Thank you for your generosity

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.

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.

*Prayer for a New Year
O God of ages past and present,
you bring us comfort
and bless our days, nights, months, and years
with your goodness.*

*Bless us as we receive the gift of this new year.
May we be open to your Spirit
with the hope and promise each day brings.*

*Keep us holy, healthy, and safe
so that each day we may praise you with joy.*

Through Christ our Lord.

-Fr. John Thomas Lane, SSS

LAST CALL to Claim your prize from our **Christmas Bazaar!!!** Following are the prize numbers that have not yet been claimed –

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| 1806775 | 1804178 |
| 1804277 | 1806867 |
| 1806880 | 1806937 |
| 1806761 | 1804500 |
| 1804157 | 1806593 |
| 1804951 | 1806623 |
| 1804077 | |

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a statement for your contributions to Our Lady of Calvary Church, please complete the form below and return it to the rectory via the collection basket, mail or drop it off at the rectory office. This request must be returned no later than January 23, 2023 in order to have your statement available for pickup by January 30, 2023.

ENVELOPE # _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BLESSED AMONG US

Holy Magi – First Century – January 6 is the traditional feast of Epiphany, commemorating the visit of three Magi, or wise men, from the East. Guided by a star, they came to Bethlehem to present precious gifts to the newborn “King of the Jews”.

The story of these wise men, sometimes depicted as kings, has blurred with other familiar elements of the Christmas story – the manger, the shepherds, etc. But this story appears only in Matthew, where it is entwined with a story of political violence, omitted from most Christmas pageants. When the wise men – possibly astrologers from Persia – arrived in Jerusalem inquiring about a newborn “king of the Jews”, their question disturbed the incumbent King Herod. He ordered them to report back once they had found this new king. But the Magi were warned in a dream to return home by a different route. Enraged, Herod ordered the massacre of every young male child in Bethlehem.

Numerous legends and works of art have elaborated on the story. T.S. Eliot imagined the Magi returning “to our places, these Kingdoms, / But no longer at east here, in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods.” Whatever their fate, the Magi stand as mysterious witnesses to the birth of a new dispensation, which they mark prophetically in their gifts: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, myrrh for one who is going to die.

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with a great joy; and going into the house they found the child with Mary his mother, they fell down and worshipped him.” -Matthew 2:10-11

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

She’s Our Mother Too

As we celebrate the beginning of a new year, the Church gives us a solemn feast, *Mary, the Mother of God*.

But God has no beginning, so how can God have a mother? Well, there’s always been a Catholic logic in response to that. Here’s the syllogism: Mary is the mother of Jesus. Jesus is God. Therefore, Mary is the mother of God.

Who, really, was Mary? Christian spirituality offers us two complementary versions of the Blessed Virgin – one from *Piety*, the other from *Scripture*.

The Mary of Piety is the Mary of devotions: Mary of the rosary (which is grounded in Scripture), of Guadalupe and Lourdes and Fatima, of pilgrimages and shrines, of litanies and Marian devotions everywhere. She is the one whom millions upon millions turn to in their need, seeking the guidance, comfort, and sympathy of a mother. *The Mary of Piety* is a rich mysticism of the poor – and of the poor in spirit.

The Mary of Scripture comes to us in two forms. In Matthew and Luke, she is presented as the model of discipleship. Yes, Mary is Jesus’ mother, but she is *the* exemplary disciple, the one who is pregnant with God’s Word and who most faithfully carries the tension inherent in discipleship. Moreover, in Luke’s Gospel, she gives voice to how God ultimately responds to the powerlessness and oppression of the poor. Outside of the Lord’s Prayer, her *Magnificat* is the most precious prayer we have in the Gospels.

But John’s Gospel gives Mary a different role. Here she is never called by her name but is always called “the mother of Jesus”. For John, Mary is the new Eve, the mother of everyone; Jesus, the beloved disciple, you, me and the world itself. And that is truly something to celebrate.

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