



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

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

Monday January 20, 2025

6:30 Joseph Venneri req. by Susan Wilson
 8:00 Pat Stailey req. by RuthAnn McCann

Tuesday January 21, 2025

6:30 Marie Meyer req. by Natalie Romani
 8:00 Michael Gardane req. by John Mirkil

Wednesday January 22, 2025

6:30 Eric Stempinski req. by Pat Murray
 8:00 Joseph Venneri req. by Parkinson Family

Thursday January 23, 2025

6:30 Vincent Aucello req. by OLC 6th Gr. Teachers
 8:00 Margaret Hartman req. by Jane McGee

Friday January 24, 2025

6:30 Maria Janco req. by McHael Family
 8:00 Pat Stailey req. by Wanda Wesolowski

Saturday January 25, 2025

8:00 Jim Fleming req. by Carol O'Neill
 5:00PM Dominic & Lucy Michielli req. by Son Stephen

Sunday January 26, 2025

6:30 Carmen Ramirez Melecia req. by Son
 8:00 Caroline DiCicco req. by Monahan/O'Donnell
 10:00 Jeanne Armstrong req. by Linda Dzwoniarek
 12:00 Helen Kan req. by Susan Vass



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

John & Betty McGinley - grandparents of Piper & Matthew McGinley
Maryann Zegarski – parishioner
Teresa Fochtman – friend of Kilrain Family
Edward Jacob – husband of Marie Jacob

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Rev. Michael Vogt, OSFS – son of Mary Vogt
Theodore Tarasiewicz – husband of Barbara Tarasiewicz
Geraldine Palinski – friend of Kilrain Family

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 Carmel Pine and Family for their donation in memory of *Alice Ott*.

Thank you to George & Kathleen Laigaie for their donation in memory of George and Peg Laigaie.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 26, 2025

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	H. Conway M. Derbyshire	H. Conway
6:30AM	S. Brown	K. McNab
8:00AM	M. Bloesch R. Johnson	R. Juliano
10:00AM	M. Ciampoli B. Wagner	D. Makowiecki P. Kolman
12:00PM		J. Guiffre



GIVING TREE THANK YOU – On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you to our OLC family who again helped to surpass our goals for the GIVING TREE! As a parish, we put a smile on the faces of many young people in our parish and in the area to St. Martin of Tours. Your generosity and kindness helps more than 45 families and over 200 children in our Catholic community. Alos, purchasing your gift cards in our rectory helps our parish financially. May God bless you and your families during this Christmas season and the year ahead!

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 and can be used if you forgot your envelope or did not receive your regular mailing envelopes or if you are a visitor. Putting cash in an envelope and not identifying yourself is the same as simply putting loose cash in the basket which is fine, but does not require an envelope. If you are attending and contributing to the Church regularly, please call the Rectory Office to pursue being added to your membership files and receive pre-printed envelopes which can be used to record your offering and produce a tax statement of your charitable contributions. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Calvary Parish.

SUPERBOWL MANIA TICKETS are being sold after Masses and in the rectory office during regular business hours. The cost is \$5.00.

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 start at 10:30.

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

The Parent Auxiliary of BSA Troop 460 is holding their annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST on February 2, 2025 in the school gym. Breakfast will be from 7:30AM - 12:30PM. All are invited and the cost is \$8.00 per person for all you can eat. Children 4 and under are free.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following winners for our December Calendar Lottery: #740, 222,314, 329, 717, 686, 419, 456.

And Football Mania Winners: #2754, 2583, 3369.

St. Matthew Parish will offer *Mass for the World Day of Prayer for Sick* on Sunday, February 9th at 11AM. During the Mass, those that wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can do so. Please join us to pray for the physical and mental health of the sick. For planning purposes, if you or your love one would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please email us at events@stmfair.org

St. Matthew Parish will hold an Archdiocesan information session regarding pastoral planning on Thursday, February 27th, 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.

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 24, 2025 in order to have your statement available for pickup by January 31, 2025.

ENVELOPE # _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Living Radical Solidarity

Most Reverend Michael F. Burgidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe V. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

While we thank God that the terrible reign of Roe has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with lifegiving support and personal accompaniment. This is radical solidarity.

St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women...The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone."¹

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset," a transformation within our own hearts. ²

This new mindset requires that we come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It means addressing the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her.

This includes collective efforts within our dioceses, parishes, schools and local communities, engagement in the public square, and pursuit of policies that help support both women and their preborn babies. It all the more so requires our individual, personal commitment to helping mothers in our own communities secure material, emotional, and spiritual support for embracing the gift of life. Radical solidarity means moving beyond the status quo and out of our comfort zones.

God has given each of us particular gifts, and with those gifts He entrusts us with a role and duty within the Body of Christ. Embracing an attitude of radical solidarity calls us to honestly reflect on some challenging questions and to consider specific actions we can take to foster an authentic culture of life.

Some questions we might ask ourselves could include: Do I know what efforts are happening in my area to help women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? What are the needs? What are my gifts and talents? How can I adjust my schedule or budget to assist efforts to help moms in need and their children? Radical solidarity can be lived out in countless ways, including volunteering at your local pregnancy center helping an expectant mother find stable housing; babysitting so a mom can work or take classes; providing encouragement and a listening ear to a mom without a support system; or speaking to your pastor about beginning *Walking with Mom in Need* at your parish.

In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.

And so, I invite all Catholic to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

For more information on how to celebrate, please visit respectlife.org/celebrate

- 1 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207
- 2 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 188