



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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

Monday January 27, 2025

6:30 Jean Perkins req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Kathy Lewis req. by Seamus & Cathy Bonner

Tuesday January 28, 2025

6:30 Gordon Jones req. by Kathy Reilly
 8:00 Alice Broscius req. by Irene Kirchner

Wednesday January 29, 2025

6:30 Kevin Davis req. by Gonzaga Family
 8:00 Patricia Kramer req. by Gonzaga Family

Thursday January 30, 2025

6:30 Alice Broscius req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Dec Mem of Legion of Mary req. by Queen of the Holy Rosary Praesidium

Friday January 31, 2025

6:30 John & Lucy Olimpo req. by Son John
 8:00 Toni Bird req. by Dominic DiStefano

Saturday February 1, 2025

8:00 Alice Broscius req. by Seamus & Cathy Bonner
 5:00PM Bobby Dinmore req. by Mom & Dad

Sunday February 2, 2025

6:30 Connie Douris req. by Gina & Kevin Reilly
 8:00 Francis White req. by Peggy Knox
 10:00 Seeber Family req. by Gene & Peg Cummings
 12:00 Elaine M. Ramirez req. by Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2025

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	R. Hill C. Hill	S. Donohue
6:30AM	L. Konopka	A.M. Coyle
8:00AM	J. Sweeten J. Teson	R. Johnson
10:00AM	C. Mulray M. Bateman	C. Comly J. Lynch
12:00PM	M. Stanish G. O'Brien	D. Bores



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Frank Pfeiffer – husband of Cathy Pfeiffer
Elizabeth Hannum – mother of Brian Hannum
Caroly McCann – mother of Alicia Graham
Dorothy Dillon – wife of John Dillon
Lela Grusdis – mother of Annie Sobieski

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 Rosemaire Farrell for her donation in memory of *Theodore Tarasiewicz*.



While remaining as Pastor of Our Lady of Calvary, Fr. John will be also be assuming the duties as Pastor at Christ the King. Fr. John will continue to reside at Our Lady of Calvary Parish. This will take place on Monday, February 3.

Care of Aging & Inform Priests will be the second collection on the weekend of February 1 and 2, 2025. We ask that you remember the priests who have offered their lives in the service to the Church in Philadelphia. Many retired priests continue to help parishes with their pastoral ministry. Others, due to advanced age and declining health, have had to withdraw from active ministry. These priests now need care themselves. Your financial support us urgently requested at this time of their live. This annual collection is an opportunity for the faithful to express their gratitude for the many blessings received through the lives of these good priests. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

SUPERBOWL MANIA TICKETS are being sold after Masses and in the rectory office during regular business hours. The cost is \$5.00. Any student who sells 10 or more tickets will be entered into a special drawing for \$100.00 of Scrip to the store of their choice.

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.

Please know how deeply appreciative we are for your contribution to our blanket drive for St. Francis Inn. St. Francis In ministers to the homeless in the Kensington section of Philadelphia and your contribution will certainly help to spread warmth to these less fortunate people. It is so heartwarming for us to know that there are so many caring people in Our Lady of Calvary. We are filled with pride to say that we are a part of this amazing parish. Thank you and may God bless you. The Viscontto Family

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.

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@stmmayfair.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: _____

The Morality of Vaccinating Our Children

Making Sense of Bioethics – Fr. Tad

Many parents wonder whether they should be vaccinating their children if the vaccines are produced in ways that involve the use of cells derived from an abortion performed 30 or 40 years ago. The Pontifical Academy for Life in Rome has addressed this topic in one of its documents from 2005.

To make a vaccine, it is often necessary to use a *cell line*; these are special cells that can be grown endlessly in the lab. Cell lines are different from regular body cells which may grow for a total of 70 or 80 doublings during a person’s lifetime before they run out of steam and die. Because cell lines grow practically forever, they are widely used in many research labs around the world. These lines can be obtained in morally acceptable ways, or in immoral ways.

In most cases, the use of these cells is not controversial. As a graduate student, I used a cell line obtained from a cancer that had been surgically removed from a four year old girl in 1970. The use of these cells did not raise any moral red flags, since the cancer had been removed for medical reasons, and since informed consent could be obtained from the girl’s parents to use the cells for research. On the other hand, using cell lines derived from fetuses after an induced abortion raises vexing moral problems.

Informed consent cannot be validly obtained. It’s clearly not possible to ask fetuses themselves whether their tissues may be used after they are terminated, and the parents cannot give valid consent either. Parental consent given on behalf of a child always implies that parents have the best interests of that child in mind. Parents who choose abortion prove by that very fact that they no longer have the best interests of their child in mind, and they consequently lose the ability to give valid informed consent for the use of their own child’s organs or mortal remains.

Thus vaccines should not be prepared using cell lines from aborted fetuses. Nevertheless, a number of vaccines have been prepared in this way by various pharmaceutical companies, using cell lines from abortion that happened 30 or 40 years ago. In some cases, these vaccines are the only ones available to inoculate against particular disease, for example, chicken pox and rubella.

Some parents worry that it seems immoral to vaccinate their children using vaccines made in this way. The Pontifical Academy of Life document reaches a different conclusion, namely, that even when a vaccine is made from aborted material, and when no other form of that vaccine exists, parents may indeed vaccinate their children. In fact, in

many instances, parents should feel a strong obligation to do so, considering the gravity and severity of the diseases involved. The document also stresses that parents and others must apply pressure to pharmaceutical companies to reformulate their vaccines in lines from non-objectionable sources. If such alternatives already exist, parents should request that their doctors try to use those vaccines instead. Why, then, may parents morally choose to vaccinate their children with vaccines derived from aborted material if this is the only source available?

1. Because by doing so, they are not involved in any illicit form of cooperation with the original abortion. Many Catholic experts concur that cooperation today is not really possible in an event that was over and done with many years ago. Because the abortion occurred long ago, and for reasons completely unrelated to vaccines, it is untenable to conclude that vaccine recipients today somehow cooperate in the original abortive event.

2. Because any risk of scandal which may arise when Catholics use these vaccines can be reasonably minimized by various steps. Scandal can be caused by doing something which has the appearance of evil, even if it is not in fact evil. Those who choose to be vaccinated may provide the appearance of evil because of the remote abortion link, and others may take scandal from their decision. Traditionally, the remedy for this has involved educating those who might take scandal by, for example, explain:

- *the facts about vaccines
- *the lack of any illicit cooperation on the part of the parents
- *the parents’ frustration (even anger) regarding the lack of alternative, morally-derived vaccines
- *the upright intentions of the parents and their concern for their children’s health

When this education is coupled with efforts to pressure pharmaceutical companies to reformulate their problematic vaccines in morally acceptable ways, the issue of scandal diminishes and moves into the background.

3. Because vaccinations are critical to preventing very serious, life-threatening diseases, and to safeguarding large segments of the population from cataclysmic outbreaks and epidemics.



For further information, please view the website of the **National Catholic Bioethics Center: www.ncbcenter.org**