



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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

Monday January 6, 2025

6:30 Nora Serpente req. by John Mirkil
 8:00 Ryan Comas req. by D. Haag & J. Burke

Tuesday January 7, 2025

6:30 Regina McMahon req. by Natalie Romani
 8:00 Casey Driscoll req. by O'Neil Family

Wednesday January 8, 2025

6:30 Mrs. Tornari req. by Doreen & Dan Ragucci
 8:00 Daniel DiSalvio req. by Eileen DiSalvio

Thursday January 9, 2025

6:30 Matthew Kelly III req. by Tom & Sharon Bartol
 8:00 Michael R. Kling req. by Parents

Friday January 10, 2025

6:30 Lorraine A. Rayca req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Bud Girton req. by Seamus & Cathy Bonner

Saturday January 11, 2025

8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John
 5:00PM Garofolo & Deperissa Fam req. by L. Lepre

Sunday January 12, 2025

6:30 Stephen Gagajewski req. by Duggan Family
 8:00 Mary Kolod req. by Fran & Ed Kubala
 10:00 Marily Della Pia req. by Mother
 12:00 Theresa M. Haggerty req. by Ciampoli Family



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:
Donald Burke – cousin of Len & Joan Bernstein
Ed Murray – husband of Marianne Murrah

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:
Phil Catagnus – father of Debra Petratos

For those in the armed forces: 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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12, 2025

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	
6:30AM	S. Brown	
8:00AM	J. Klady J. Robbins	
10:00AM	D. Makowiecki L. Makowiecki	
12:00PM	B. Richmond D. Bores	

Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to service Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

- Pope's Prayer Network
 (Apostleship of Prayer: popesprayerusa.net)





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.

CASH CALENDARS are being sold in the OLC Rectory during regular business hours. This is a very important fundraiser for our Parish – please support us if you are able. The cost of each calendar is \$40. Thank you!

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. Meetings resume JANUARY 7, 2025.

Malvern Retreat St. Joseph in the Hills – January 24-26, 2025 – Holy Spirit Group Retreat - It is a Traditional Men’s retreat, including daily Mass, conferences, all meals and overnight accommodations at a cost of \$ 275.00. Our weekend begins 5:00PM on Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26. Please consider coming out for this retreat. During this time, you will experience prayer, meditation, reconciliation, group discussions, Eucharistic liturgies and special speakers. The retreat director is Fr. William Cocco of St. Edmonds Parish, and speakers are Deacon Tom McGovern of St. Josphe Parish. Email Carlo Borgia at cab58@verizon.net for more information.

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

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center – Stone Harbor, NJ is offering the following:

Wednesday, January 22 – 10AM-4PM \$25

Private Day of Prayer – On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend fa quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch and Mass provided.

Friday, January 31 – 8:45AM-2:15PM - \$60*

Arise and Call her Blessed presented by Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM – Come to celebrate God’s gift of his mother, Let’s “push pause” and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive “Blessed” as well as our everyday “go to” prayer: the Hail Ma ry. Coffee and check-in beings at 8:45AM. The day includes Mass and lunch - *you may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an addition \$95.

For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com

Catholic Housing and Community Services – Archdiocese of Philadelphia – Community

Resources – Do you need information about home care services, transportation options, financial benefits, health insurance, legal documents, social activities, home-based therapies, housing, etc..?

ST. KATHERINE ELDERCARE PROGRAM –

There are a variety of community resources available that provide services to seniors and disabled adults. If you are interested in finding out what community resources are available for your, your family, or your friend, please call Lisa Shousky at 267-251-7766.

Epiphany of the Lord – *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

It truly is “the most wonderful time of the year” and this story of the Visit of the Wise Men is yet another lyrical element of the Christmas story. Into the drab stable cave come these Gentile visitors from the Orient richly dressed in vibrant colors. Whatever is of gold in their garb catches the light of the fire there. We can also hear the tinkling of the bells on the camel harness as the stately animals make their moves. They are a stark contrast to the locals gathered.

Analyzing Matthew’s story, a bit makes us wonder. How many visitors were there? Three or thirteen? After all, it’s the number of gifts they brought that makes us compute the group size. Along the way, these exotic visitors became the Three Kings. Tradition further conferred names on them” Caspar (who is made black), Balthazar and Melchior in the Western Church.

Their gifts became highly significant. God highlights the kingship of Jesus. The frankincense His divinity. The Myrrh, an embalming fluid no less, stands for Christ’s redemptive suffering. We can see that this story is more than meets the eye.

Remembering that Matthew wrote his gospel for Jewish converts to Christianity, we must recognize his main point: Jesus came for Gentiles as well as Jews. He is the designated Savior of all mankind.

This last aspect of the story had to be a challenge for Matthew’s readers. They had a long tradition behind their generally accepted belief that Yahweh God had chosen them as His people. That is true even in our own time. But this was a choice that had to call for expansion. Otherwise, God is rendered too small. Believers in the myriad Gentile gods had to know that paradise was an option for them that entailed belief in the one supreme Lord.

We contemporary believers must maintain an immense respect for the children of Abraham. After all, as the Roman Canon declares: “Abraham (is) our father in faith,” The baby Jesus came to us as a Jew. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were good practicing Jews. So were most of Our Lord’s closest early followers. Anti-antisemitism has no place in a Christian heart. That evil threatens the beautiful poetry of this feast on this first Sunday of the new year. The axiom is true: “Wise men still seek Him.’

“We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we travers afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.”

Reading & Gospel Summary

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

All parts of the world will process to Jerusalem. There they will rebuild the city in prosperous times.

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The author recounts Paul’s role in announcing the divine plan. Its main point is the new inclusion of the Gentile world.

The Gospel:” Matthew 2: 1-12

Jesus’ birth is inserted into the political and social context. The wise men represent the Gentile world coming to Christ.