



**PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**

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

**Monday June 17, 2024**

6:30 Cecelia Stratton req. by Daughter  
 8:00 Souls in Purgatory req. by Grace White

**Tuesday June 18, 2024**

6:30 Kathleen Delvisco req. by Heather Cellini  
 8:00 Michael Lenahan req. by Family

**Wednesday June 19, 2024**

6:30 Thomas Creachen req. by Palmer Family  
 8:00 Elaine Girton req. by Rosemarie Farrell

**Thursday June 20, 2024**

6:30 Elsie Maguire req. by Niece  
 8:00 William Seifert req. by Jake & Sean Gizzi

**Friday June 21, 2024**

6:30 Lorraine Miscia req. by Tommy Fitzgerald  
 8:00 Harry Roemhild req. by Fran & Ed Kubala

**Saturday June 22, 2024**

8:00 Doris Birney req. by Chickie & Bob Pacchinelli  
 5:00PM Walter & Jennie Plocharczyk req. by Jean

**Sunday June 23, 2024**

6:30 Eric Stempinski req. by Katie O'Brien  
 8:00 Christopher Reilly/Edmond O'Donnell req. by T. Reilly  
 10:00 Joseph Reilly req. by Kathy Zaremski  
 12:00 Blaise Barnes req. by Sean Young & Family

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 23, 2024**

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
<b>5:00PM</b>	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	C. Gola
<b>6:30AM</b>	S. Brown	M. Konopka
<b>8:00AM</b>	J. Robbins M. Bloesch	R. Rysak
<b>10:00AM</b>	B. Wagner C. Mulray	P. Kolman P. Cullen
<b>12:00PM</b>	P. Cargan M. Hall	D. Bores



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

Lorraine Litvinas – parishioner  
Bob Romano – relative of Frank & Annie Dinmore  
Edward Quiring – husband of Bonnie Quiring

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

Elaine Ramirez – sister of Michael Ramirez  
Jeanne Armstrong – mother of Lorraine Litvinas

**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; 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 - we must hear directly from the patient/family.





Our Lady of Calvary Parish would like to wish all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Guardians a very happy and blessed Father's Day.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of Our Lady of Calvary Graduates – Pre3, Pre4, K and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We wish all these students much success in their future endeavors.

**Memorial Fund**

Thank you to Maryanne & Frank Benner for their donation in memory of *Dolores Chiodo*.

**FATIMA HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE** at Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 2000 Shelmire Avenue on Friday, July 12 at 7:00PM. Sponsored by World Apostolate of Fatima/Philadelphia Archdiocesan Division.

**2025 MASS BOOK OPENING**

The official opening of the 2025 Mass Book is June 23, 2024 – we are accepting *only two (2) Masses per family until then*. Please enclose your stipend of \$10.00 per Mass with the name of your intention and preferred date- include a telephone number where you can be reached in the event of a conflict with your date selection. Mass dedications will be accepted on a first-come, first service basis. Please keep in mind that you are requesting the holy sacrifice of the Mass, which is something to be “shared” by all.

Name of Intentions Date/Time

1- \_\_\_\_\_

2- \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage-** Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9-11, 2024 and again on October 4-6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Philadelphia March for Life** - Collections for Philly's Biggest Baby Shower on Saturday, June 22, 2024

9AM – Mass at Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul

10:30AM – March at Ben Franklin Pkwy & Race St

11:30AM – Rally at Independence Mall

Bring baby items to Cathedral – for details and to register go to [prolifeunion.org](http://prolifeunion.org)

**Caring for Friends** Frozen Meals Drop Off at Our Lady of Calvary – if you are looking to donate meals, please abide to these guidelines:

OLC ONLY ACCEPTS Frozen prepared meals. We do not accept can goods, box cereals, non-prepared frozen dinners. To help prepare meals call the Home Meals Coordinator at 215-464-0392.

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

**RCIA – (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) –**

RCIA is the vehicle that the Church uses to bring adults into full communion through theological teaching, education, prayer, and community. Are you or do you know someone who is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation? Our Lady of Calvary has our own Christian initiation group. If you have questions, but are not sure what the next step should be, contact the office at 215-637-7515 or stop in any day from 9AM to 3PM or email Deacon John at [deaconjpteson@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjpteson@gmail.com)

**CALVARY SENIORS** - The next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Have a good summer, see you in September for refreshments, card games and Bingo.

**Archbishop Ryan 2024 Summer Social** – Join us at the SEAPORT PEIR to Party with a Purpose on Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 2 to 7PM. [www.arhs.me/summersocial](http://www.arhs.me/summersocial)

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## Making Sense of Bioethcis

“It’s Not Wrong, If It Feels Right!”

**In the following article, Fr. Tad presents the all too common misconception that our feelings are the determining factor with regard to the morality of an action, in other words, morality is subjective.**

Many people today believe that moral judgments and values are merely expressions of sentiment. They deny that moral values are fixed or universally true, and instead, argue that we have changing emotions that may or may not correspond to the moral feelings of those around us.

This can play out in various real-life situations when people say, for example, “You can’t really know what it’s like to have an unexpected pregnancy if you haven’t been in the situation yourself, so you can’t tell me it’s wrong to get an abortion.” The morality of terminating a “problem pregnancy,” according to this view, depends on “being in the moment,” and experiencing the mother’s desperation, fears and sentiments.

Most of us, in fact, have probably granted our emotions leeway to trump our better moral judgment somewhere along the line. We can relate to stories of friends who make various solemn declarations like: “You don’t know how hard it’s been for me in this painful marriage, and you don’t understand how it feels to fall in love with somebody who really cares for you, so you can’t say it’s wrong for me to be in a relationship with someone else.”

Philosopher Alisdair McIntyre notes that this emotive approach to moral thinking has gained broad societal approval: *“To a large degree people now think, talk and act as if emotivism were true, no matter what their avowed theoretical standpoint may be. Emotivism has become embodied in our culture.”*

In light of our tendency to try to justify our misdeeds, it can be appealing to imagine that ethics are always “first person” – from my vantage point – and to suppose that no one else can identify moral obligations regarding another’s situation. “How do you feel about it?” becomes the guiding principle, and leads to the view that morals are relative, context dependent, and subject to emotional confirmation. Reducing ethics to feelings, however, is a seriously deficient approach to thinking about right and wrong. It also, in the final analysis, doesn’t work.

Imagine what would happen to the practice of medicine if physicians could treat patients only if they personally experienced and felt the diseases their patients had. Consider the miscarriage of justice that would occur if judges ruled only when they could feel and experience everything the perpetrator felt and experienced at the time the crimes were committed, and had to decide cases in line with those feelings.

Such sentimentalism completely misses the objective foundations and concerns of morality

Those objective foundations begin with the recognition that all men and women have a shared human nature, so whatever is always morally bad for one of us will also be bad for any of us. If it is immoral for me to steal the electronics out of your house, it will likewise be wrong for you to rob me or anyone else; and it will be equally wrong for the president of the United States or the Pope to do so. If I rob others, it is objectively bad because it harms others by depriving them of their goods, and it transforms me into a thief, the kind of person who cheapens his humanity and degrades his integrity by stealing the good of others. Even those who believe in a “feelings based” morality are quick to decry certain actions as always wrong, at least when it comes to their own vehicles and homes being plundered, irrespective of whether the robbers might have their own moral sentiments favoring the practice.

To think clearly about morality, we need to start by acknowledging that certain moral duties do not depend on context or emotion, but are universally binding on us, having even a “commandment-like” quality. Professor William May, a remarkable teacher of moral theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, had a penchant for choosing clear and memorable examples when he would lecture. He used to tell his students that we all know certain actions are wrong, regardless of circumstances. One of his most graphic examples, recounted by his students even decades later, was his undeniable assertion that we all know barbecuing a baby is wrong. Similarly, he stressed that everyone recognizes the wrongness of adultery, an act, so often shrouded in secrecy, that attacks the good our sour spouse and seriously violates an important and defining personal commitment we have made.

Even if something “feels right” in the moment, it can be very wrong for us to do it. Quite apart from the context or circumstances, certain kinds of acts, without exception, are incompatible with human dignity because, by their very nature, they are damaging and destructive to ourselves and to those around us.

*At the end of the day, we all inwardly recognize the importance of moral absolutes: some kinds of human choices really are wrong, and ethics cannot simply mean what I want it to mean. Each of us must resist the temptation to yield to the tyranny of relativism, a tyranny which encourages us to pursue moral judgements that are convenient, instead of moral judgements that are true.*

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