



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

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

Monday June 10, 2024

6:30 Marilyn Sandow req. by Maria & Bill Culp
 8:00 Dolores & Patrick Reilly req. by Theresa Reilly

Tuesday June 11, 2024

6:30 Edward Owens req. by Maria Culp
 8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John

Wednesday June 12, 2024

6:30 Moira Peters req. by Vizza Family
 8:00 Donna Lauder req. by John & Eileen Haines

Thursday June 13, 2024

6:30 Samuel Melecio req. by Son Leo
 8:00 Marilyn Della Pia req. by Lillian Steich

Friday June 14, 2024

6:30 Maria Dell Carmen Melecio req. by Son Leo
 8:00 Filomena DiPasquale req. by Guan Family

Saturday June 15, 2024

8:00 Bob McHale req. by Family
 5:00PM Robert Duggan req. by Family

Sunday June 16, 2024

6:30 Tom, Dale, Bill req. by Donna & Dale
 8:00 John Sweeten req. by Wife
 10:00 Thanksgiving to St. Anthony req. by J. Hueber
 12:00 Robert B. Ballentine req. by Karen Boyle

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 16, 2024

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	R. Gola C. Gola	R. Gola
6:30AM	L. Konopka	J. Hopkins
8:00AM	J. Klady J. Salvo	J. Teson
10:00AM	M. Ciampoli E. Taylor	P. Cummings D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	B. Richmond D. Bores	J. Guiffre



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Elaine Ramirez – sister of Michael Ramirez
Edward Quiring – husband of Bonnie Quiring

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Melania Obst – parishioner
Andrzej Zawila – father of Dee Zawila
Timothy Gardner – parishioner

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.





Peter’s Pence Collection will be the second collection on the weekend of June 15/16, 2024. This collection is an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to assist the Holy Father in his emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

FATIMA HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE at Our Lady of Calvary Church on Thursday, June 13 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 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

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

CALVARY SENIORS meet every Tuesday – doors open at 9:30AM and meetings begin at 10:30AM. We meet at Regina Coeli Hall, 9617 James Street.

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

Baseball Camprun by head Coach Bobby Hill from June 24-27 – ages 10-14 at Lackman Playground from 9AM to 1:30PM – Cost \$150. To register contact Coach Hill at 215-913-8852.

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Living a Catholic Life – *Imago Dei* and Human Dignity

Might does not make right. Yet those in power often take advantage of their position and act as if it does. What, then, protects the weak and vulnerable from the predatory action of the powerful? One could say, albeit with some hesitation, that there is a general recognition that every human being, as such, has an inherent dignity that calls forth, from every other human being, a respect for that person’s rights.

But whence comes that human dignity? Is it conferred by the human community? There is, after all, a general recognition of basic human rights worldwide, but alas, this often is recognized more in the breach than in the keeping. Human dignity arises from three sources: “From creation in the image of God (Gen. 1:26), from redemption by Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:10: 1 Tim. 2:4-6), and from our common destiny to share a life with God beyond all corruption (! Cor. 15:42-57)? (USCCB, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, part 2, introduction). That dignity is not granted by the state or any human community but by God who created, redeemed, and graciously rewards us with himself for eternity.

In creating us in his image, God has bestowed on us a share in the dominion which He exercises over creation. That shared dominion is, of course, limited, and equally important, it is a dominion for which we have to give an accounting to God: thus, the charge in Genesis of cultivating the garden and the prohibition of not eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, the search for and use of knowledge is subject to moral judgment, which, in part, “consists in the priority of ethics over technology, in the primacy of the person over things, and in the superiority of spirit over matter” (John Paul II, *Redemptor Hominis*, n.16). Humans’ delegated dominion over nature is accompanied, as it were, by skills which are necessary for the modification of material natures in accordance with their individual properties. These skills, of course, had to be developed over time in the individual as well as in society. Thus, technology developed with ever-increasing speed as humans strove mightily to “fill the earth and subdue it” (Gen. 1:28).

Human dignity has another source, namely, the fact that we are redeemed by Jesus Christ (Catechism, nn. 456-458). When the second Person of the Holy Trinity took on a human nature, our nature was given an incomparable dignity. By sharing our nature, Christ invites to share his divinity. Those who have accepted Christ and live by his teachings share more deeply in that virtue of their being human persons. Hence, human beings enter into a higher circle of being, as it were, and therefore command reciprocal respect from one another.

A third source for the inherent dignity which all human beings share is the fact of God’s invitation to join him forever in a sharing of his unlimited life and happiness. This is a gift which transcends our nature: “Endowed with ‘a spiritual and immortal’ soul, the human person is ‘the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake.’ From his conception, he is destined for eternal beatitude” (*Catechism, N 1703*). While the invitation does not stem from anything we did or do, our response is crucial. The invitation calls for a free, faithful, and persevering response. We recognize one another to be pilgrims with the same destination, one which requires no competition. It is not a zero-sum game, where there must be losers if there are to be winners. The losers are such through their own fault. As strange as it may seem, part of our dignity is that we can lose, that we have been given freedom but coupled to a responsibility with eternal consequences.

These three sources of our dignity as human beings provide us with both a solid basis for recognizing that all human beings-independent of social conditions, age, sex, race, stage of fetal development, religion, or health – are deserving of respect and a compelling justification to protect and promote their basic rights. Ethics is the science which helps to determine the relevant principles to be applied to any intervention made in human lives. Although there may be a natural ethics which works adequately in ordinary human activity, it is not sufficient in the case of the more complex problems which arise in modern society as a partial consequence of technological advances. A Christian ethics is required for their solution.

Christian ethics assumes but does not prove that the human being has a built-in dignity which transcends the goods of this earth. It then proceeds to identify those principles rooted in human nature which promote the human welfare of individuals and of society. It is the task of the individual to ponder the application of these principles to the particular issues at hand. Critical in such an undertaking is the proper formulation of the ethical question, for that will influence the way the answer is shaped and the consequent action. But the dignity and sacredness of the human person always are at stake. All actions done to man, by man, must keep foremost in mind that each human person is called to eternal happiness and that interventions in each person’s life should assist his progress toward that divine goal.

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This column was adapted from Albert Maraczewski, “The Divine Image” *The Foundation of Human Dignity.* *Ethics & Medics* 20.1 (January 1995). For more information on this topic, please visit www.ncbcenter.org