



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

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

Monday March 11, 2024

6:30 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John
 8:00 Steven O'Keefe req. by Mike & Kathy Lamb

Tuesday March 12, 2024

6:30 Joel, Lorena, Joelito, Danny req. by Pinkl Fam
 8:00 David Delp req. by Jane McGee

Wednesday March 13, 2024

6:30 Michael Rossi req. by Lina Rossi
 8:00 Anne O'Shea req. by Lillian Steich

Thursday March 14, 2024

6:30 Don Rossi req. by Lina Rossi
 8:00 Edward Morris req. by Fran & Ed Kubala

Friday March 15, 2024

6:30 Jeanne DeGeorge req. by Lina Rossi
 8:00 Mrs. Ponce req. by Cushman Family

Saturday March 16, 2024

8:00 Matthew R. O'Brien req. by Mom & Dad
 5:00PM Lepre & DeLisi Family req. by Lepre Family

Sunday March 17, 2024

6:30 Margaret Herin req. by Joan Farrell
 8:00 Bob McHale/Carol McCloskey req. by Family
 10:00 Stacey & Charles Bechtle req. by Michael Bechtle
 12:00 Maureen Vetter req. by Family

P R A Y E R
for the infirm of our parish

All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Adele Catagnus- former parishioner
Anne Marie Cavalcanti- mother of Sara Cavalcanti
Edward Jacobs- parishioner

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Lorraine Fields- parishioner
Joanne Dayle- relative of Teson Family
Martin Golden- father of Michael Golden

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the SUPERBOWL MANIA FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER. Our Lady of Calvary had 109 winners.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 17, 2024

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	D. Haggerty R. Gola	R. Gola
6:30AM	S. Brown	K. McNab
8:00AM	A. Lozada R. Johnson	R. Johnson
10:00AM	B. Wagner C. Mulray	P. Kolman P. Cullen
12:00PM	P. Cargan M. Hall	B. Gibbons





Stations of the Cross

7:00PM with Benediction on Friday during Lent with Deacon John Teson.

Lenten Holy Hour with Benediction – 7:00PM

Tuesday, March 12 – The Story of The Eucharist
Tuesday, March 19 – Bread for the Journey



EASTER LILY SALE –

you can purchase a Lily Plant for your home or to decorate the altar for Easter until March 13, 2024. Forms can be dropped off to the rectory or they will be sold after each Mass. Any question, please contact Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org

Novena for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin on Good Friday – March 29 immediately following the 3PM service

Holy Saturday- March 30 – 6:00PM (before the Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday – March 31 – after the 10AM Mass During Easter Week April 1 thru April 5 at 6:00PM in the Chapel or the back of church

The **SECOND COLLECTION** for the weekend of March 16 / 17, 2024 will be **OLC FUEL COLLECTION**. This collection helps our parish with the cost of heating the church and snow removal. We appreciate your generosity in supporting us.

The Catholic Preaching Institute – The CPI at Saint Charles Seminary again invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation! Tell us what you think in a 10-minute online survey at <https://catholicsleaders.online/phillypreaching>. Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input...to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling!

Our Lady of Consolation is sponsoring their annual Palm Making on Monday, March 18 thru Friday, March 22 from 3PM-8PM. All help is greatly appreciated/we will teach you what to do. To volunteer call Tony at 215-837-7666 or email tonyvolpe22@hotmail.com

GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS – Every year at this time we ask parishioners and friends of OLC to consider a donation of any amount toward a Memorial Scholarship for a deserving OLC 8th Grader to assist with their high school tuition. The Class of 2024 has many deserving students that would benefit from your generosity- if you are able to do so. Checks may be dropped off at the school or rectory and made payable to Our Lady of Calvary School. Any consideration to invest in their future Catholic education would be greatly appreciated.

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. Come join us and enjoy playing cars and bingo.

VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR – sponsored by St. Hubert High School Parent Association on April 6, 2024 from 9AM to 2PM. Contact Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org for more information.

Archbishop Ryan High School – 30 Year Combined Reunion 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 – on Saturday, April 13 (7PM to 11PM) Philadelphia Ballroom – FOP Lodge 5 – Full appetizers and premium open bar – Tickets on Sale at www.arhs.me/90sreunion or email friendsofryan.team@gmail.com for questions

Nazareth Academy HS will be hosting **SPRING OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Pre-registration is required – NazarethAcademyHS.org/admissions/visit-us. Or call Ashley Figaniak at 215-268-1026.

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Making Sense of Bioethics: How Does the Catholic Church Resolve New Bioethical Questions?

By Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

A number of years ago, I participated in a debate at Harvard on embryonic stem cell research which also included a Jewish rabbi, an Episcopalian clergyman, and a Muslim imam. The debate went smoothly and cordially, although I was the only voice in the group who defended the human rights of individuals who happen still to be embryos. After the debate, the Episcopalian clergyman pulled me aside and told me how he thought Catholics should consider themselves fortunate to have such an authoritative reference point in the Church and the Vatican, particularly when it comes to resolving new bioethical questions. With surprising candor, he shared how he had sat on various committees with others from his own faith tradition where they had tried to sort through the ethics of embryonic stem cells, and he lamented, “we just ended up discussing feelings and opinions, without any good way to arrive at conclusions.”

Many people, indeed, appreciate that the Catholic Church holds firm and well-defined positions on moral questions, even if they may remain unsure about how or why the Church actually arrives at those positions, especially when it comes to unpacking new scientific developments like embryonic stem cell research.

So how does the Church arrive at its positions on bioethics? For one thing, it takes its time, and doesn't jump to conclusions even in the face of media pressure for quick sound bites and rapid-fire news stories.

I once had a discussion with a journalist for a major newspaper about the ethics of human-animal chimeras. He mentioned that a leading researcher working on chimeras had met the pope and afterwards implied that the pope had given his blessing to the project. I reminded him that it's quite common for the pope to offer general encouragement and blessings to those he meets, though that wouldn't be the same thing as sanctioning new and morally controversial techniques in the biosciences. As a rule, the Catholic Church does not address important bioethical questions that way, through chance encounters with the pope as you are strolling through the hallways of the Vatican.

Instead, the church may reflect for months, years, or even decades, to identify important considerations and guiding principles when new moral dilemmas arise in the biosciences. Even with this slow and deliberative process, I think it's fair to say that the Church generally stays ahead of the curve. By the time of the successful cloning of Dolly the sheep in 1996, for example, the Catholic Church had already been reflecting on the question of human cloning for many years, and concluded, nine years prior to Dolly, that human cloning would be morally

unacceptable in an important document called *Donum Vitae* (On the Gift of Life).

This same document also identified key moral problems with doing human embryonic stem cell research eleven years before it was even possible to destructively obtain those cells from human embryos. When the first test tube baby was born in 1978, the serious moral concerns raised by the procedure had already been spelled out twenty-two years earlier, by Pope Pius XII, in his 1956 *Allocution to the Second World Congress on Fertility and Human Sterility* wherein he concluded:

“As regards experiments of human artificial fecundation ‘in-vitro’, let it be sufficient to observe that they must be rejected as immoral and absolutely unlawful.”

Whenever definitive conclusions about medical ethics are reached or otherwise clarified by the Church, they are normally promulgated through official Church documents, like papal encyclicals and addresses, or, with the approval of the pope, documents and commentaries from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF – the Vatican office responsible for preserving and interpreting Catholic doctrine), or other congregations, councils or dicasteries of the Church.

Even today, certain bioethical controversies remain under active discussion within the Church, such as the question of whether it would be allowable to “adopt” abandoned frozen embryos by implanting and gestating them in volunteer mothers. While a 2007 CDF document expressed some reservations and concerns about the proposal, debate continues inside and outside the Vatican.

New medical discoveries and technological developments challenge us to careful moral reflection and discernment. These scientific developments can either be an opportunity for genuine human advancement or can lead to activities and policies that undermine human dignity. The U.S. Bishops in a recent document summed it up this way:

“In consultation with medical professions, church leaders review these developments, judge them according to the principles of right reason and the ultimate standard of revealed truth, and offer authoritative teaching and guidance about the moral and pastoral responsibilities entailed by the Christian faith. While the Church cannot furnish a ready answer to every moral dilemma, there are many questions about which she provides normative guidance and direction.”
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