



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

7:30PM Fr. John
 6:30AM Fr. Monica
 8:00AM Fr. Kirk
 10:00AM Fr. John
 12:00PM Fr. John

Monday March 25, 2024

6:30 Albert Mercadante req. by Lucy DiDonato
 8:00 Colleen Everly req. by Grassi Family

Tuesday March 26, 2024

6:30 Robert Kennedy req. by Janda Family
 8:00 Edward Murray req. by Ed & Maryann Murray

Wednesday March 27, 2024

6:30 Joe Kientzy req. by Bob & Kathy Kientzy
 8:00 Trudy Gaughan req. by Podsiedlak Family
 7:00PM Tenebrae Service

Thursday March 28, 2024 – Holy Thursday

7:00PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday March 29, 2024 – Good Friday

9:00 Morning Prayer
 3:00PM Passion of Our Lord
 7:00PM Living Stations

Saturday March 30, 2024 – Holy Saturday

8:00 Morning Prayer
 12:00PM Blessing of Food
 7:30PM Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31, 2024 - Easter

6:30 OLC Parishioners
 8:00 OLC Parishioners
 10:00 OLC Parishioners
 12:00 OLC Parishioners



On Sunday, March 17, 2024, one boy received the sacrament of Baptism by which he was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Thomas Jerald Price III – son of Thomas Price, Jr & Alexis Dahl



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Albert Ulrich- husband of Rita Ulrich

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Marilyn DellaPia- daughter of Dorothy DellaPia
Cavan Cantagallo- husband of Krysten Cantagallo

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.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 31, 2024

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
7:30PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Robbins
8:00AM	R. Juliano J. Teson	R. Rysak
10:00AM	M. Weiss G. O’Brien	N. Burnosky P. Cummings
12:00PM	B. Richmond P. Cargan	D. Bores





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday – March 27, 2024

Penance Service – Our Lady of Calvary 1PM-2PM
Christ the King 7:00PM

7:00PM – Tenebrae Service – Blessing & Preparing
of the Cross for Good Friday

Holy Thursday – March 28, 2024

7:00PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
11:00PM – Night Prayer

Good Friday – March 29, 2024

3:00PM – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
(The collection will be for the Holy Land)
7:00PM – Living Stations

Holy Saturday – March 30, 2024

8:00AM – Morning Prayer
12:00PM – Blessing of Food
7:30PM – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024

Mass is 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM.
There will be no overflow Masses scheduled.

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

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.

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

**ATTENTION ALL YOU PHILLIES FANS!!! Our Lady
of Calvary Home & School Association** is sponsoring a
Sunday season package for 5 People! Wheel raffle tickets
are \$25.00 each for a chance to win tickets for 14 Sunday
games for 5 people. Cut off to purchase tickets for the
wheel is March 24, 2024. Please Venmo OLCHands or
contact us at Homeandschool@olcalvary.org

BLOOD DRIVE at Our Lady of Calvary will be on
Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM in the
Meeting room in the lower church. Please call 1-800-RED
Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and
enter OLOC to schedule an appointment.

The Parent Auxiliary of Troop/Cub Pack 460 is holding an
ADULT SOCIAL NIGHT FUNDRAISER on Friday, April 12,
2024. All proceeds benefit Troop/Cub Pack 460. The Adult
Social (21+) is from 7:30PM -11:30PM at St. Dominic’s Marian
Hall located at 8532 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136.
Tickets are \$45.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door unless sold
out. Tables can be reserved with the purchase of 10 tickets.
Food, beer, wine, and soda are included. There will be a DJ,
games, raffle baskets, and a 50/50. For tickets, questions, or if
any business or person would like to donate to our basket raffle,
please text or call Stephanie West at 267-688-5334, Marisa
Johnson 267-216-4653 or Beth Molloy 215-281-3365. Tickets
can also be purchased in the OLCY gym on Thursday nights
from 7PM-8:30PM

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 Picinic at
s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org for more information.

**Calvary A.A. Mother’s Club 3rd Annual Easter
Eggstravaganza** sponsored by TJ Fluehr on Saturday,
March 30th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the upper fields
outside gym doors - \$25/child – Bunny photos, face
painting, crafts, snacks, goody bags...All included -PreK-
6th Grade. Cash or Venmo @CalvaryAA include names,
ages, contact info. Questions – Amber Simone at
Mrssimone0514@aol.com – Register no later then 3/27.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Our Lady of Calvary appreciates
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Bioethics – Nutrition and Hydration

Last week, we examined the concepts of *proportionate and disproportionate* means of treatment. A specific topic that often arises among families caring for their ill loved ones is that which concerns *nutrition and hydration*. Below is a summary of facts provided by the *National Catholic Bioethics Center* which is a very summative and insightful means of ascertaining proper Church teaching regarding this human right and means of care.

“In principle, there is an obligation to provide patients with food and water, including medically assisted nutrition and hydration for those who cannot take food orally. This obligation extends to patients in chronic and presumably irreversible conditions (e.g., the ‘persistent vegetative state’) who can reasonably be expected to live indefinitely if giving such care. *Medically assisted nutrition and hydration become morally optional when they cannot reasonably be expected to prolong life or when they would be ‘excessively burdensome for the patient or [would] cause significant physical discomfort, for example resulting from complications in the use of the means employed.’*” – USCCB, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed., n. 58 ^Summary

General Rule on Food and Water * The Catholic Church teaches that life is an intrinsic good. Even when a person is afflicted with illness, that value remains intact. In fact, the sick and the elderly deserve our special care. * The default position for the care of those who are suffering from diminished consciousness and have not begun the death process, as well as for those at the end of life, should be in favor of providing food and water even by artificial means. If the provision of food and water proves to be useless (if they are not being assimilated by the body) or if it causes serious complications (such as aspiration pneumonia or infections), it can be stopped.

Confronting the Culture * Unfortunately, the removal of nutrition and hydration from patients who are incapacitated but not dying is fairly common. Often, a patient who has suffered a stroke, or is otherwise unable to communicate his desires, is characterized as having a “poor quality of life” or as suffering from “a burdensome life.” * Whenever a recommendation is made to withhold food and water, one should ask, “What will be the cause of death?” If the answer is dehydration or starvation, and assisted nutrition and hydration can be easily supplied and assimilated, then not supplying them is a form of euthanasia. Unconsciousness is not a fatal disease. No one dies from unconsciousness. * Another question to ask is whether the dying process has begun. If death is imminent, the provision of assisted nutrition and hydration is not necessary.

Advance Directives (or Living Wills)

***Many advance directives invite patients to forgo food and water provided by artificial means if the patients become mentally incapacitated. Catholics should not sign such documents; if they have signed them, they should rescind them *POLSTs (physician orders for life-sustaining treatment) and MOLSTs (medical orders for life-sustaining treatments) are also problematic. These physician orders cannot take into account the particular condition and needs of the patient at the time of a medical crisis. They often authorize the removal of food and water when this is clearly inappropriate.**

Nutrition and hydration – FAQ

Question 1. My mother is still able to swallow, but she does not consume enough to maintain her weight. Should she receive tube-feeding?

Reply: Not necessarily. The patient should receive food and water by mouth for as long as this is possible. Once tube feeding is initiated, it is difficult, and often impossible, for the swallowing mechanism to return. If swallowing is no longer possible, then the least invasive means of providing food and water should be used, so long as it will be of physiological benefit and will prevent the suffering or death of the patient.

Question 2. I have asked that food and water be given to a loved one by artificial means, but my relatives tell me that I am only prolonging his death and causing needless suffering. What should I say in response?

Reply: The teachings of the Church on the provision of food and water are not meant to be a burden for us to bear but express a general humanitarian concern. We should provide food and water, even by artificial means, to all who are in need of them and can physiologically benefit from them without suffering from the means used. Food and water are not the cure for any disease but are bodily necessities. They are not medical treatment, but basic care. When they are removed, death is caused by an omission, not any disease.

Question 3. My loved one is no longer able to assimilate food and water by tubes. If we remove them, won’t he die because of an omission of our part?

Reply: There is no need to provide tube feeding to someone who is near death. The cause of death in this case will be the underlying disease, not the lack of food and water.

Resources Richard P. Becker, “Hypodermoclysis and Proctoclysis as Basic Care: Avoiding Unnecessary Terminal Dehydration,” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 11.4 (Winter 2011): 649-659. Reproduced by permission. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Responses to Certain Questions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration, with Accompanying Commentary (August 1, 2007), reprinted in *Ethics & Medics* 32.11 (November 2007): 1-3.