



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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

Monday April 1, 2024

8:00 Helen Davis req. by Robert Davis

Tuesday April 2, 2024

6:30 Valentino DiGiorgio req. by Mansfield Family
 8:00 Dec'd Mem of Mills/Holden Fam req. by J.Holden

Wednesday April 3, 2024

6:30 William P. Reimel req. by Cistone Family
 8:00 Sr. Justine Miller req. by L. Donohue/M. Azzolina

Thursday April 4, 2024

6:30 Raymond Patrick req. by Campagna Family
 8:00 Bette & Bill Kramer req. by Bonner Family

Friday April 5, 2024

6:30 Maguire Family req. by Family
 8:00 Anne O'Shea req. by Jane McGee
 9:00 Nadine McKeown req. by Kathy Reilly

Saturday April 6, 2024

8:00 Carmela Grassi req. by Palumbo Family
 5:00PM Mary & Anthony Testa req. by Duggan Family

Sunday April 7, 2024

6:30 Dominic Venezale req. by Fran Brennan
 8:00 Colleen Everly req. by Anusky Family
 10:00 Joe & Marge Kilian req. by Wierzbicki Fam
 12:00 James Trinacria req. by Joanne Trinacria



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

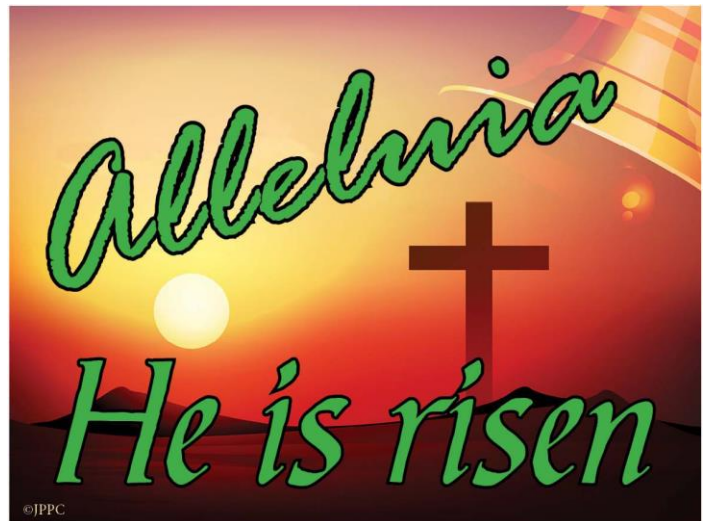
For those in the armed forces: Joseph Pitts-Air Force; Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Ryan Sylvester-Air Force; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Christopher 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 APRIL 7, 2024

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
7:30PM	H. Conway M. Derbyshire	
6:30AM	L. Knopka	
8:00AM	J. Klady J. Salvo	
10:00AM	T. Cullen N. Burnosky	
12:00PM	M. Stanish G. O'Brien	





On behalf of Sister Mildred, Mrs. Costello, Our Lady of Calvary Staff, Sisters of the Holy Family, Deacon John Teson, Fr. Monica, Fr. Kirk, and Myself we would like to wish our Parish Family and Friends a Very Blessed and Happy Easter. God Bless all of you and your families during this Easter season.

Novena for Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung after the 12:00PM
Mass

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.

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. 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 OLC 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.

CARING FOR FRIENDS FROZEN MEALS – drop off at Our Lady of Calvary – if you are looking to donate meals please abide to these guidelines: We only accept Frozen Prepared Meals. (No can goods, box cereals, non-prepared frozen dinners.)

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.

FREE COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT – Saturday, April 13th from 9AM to 11AM at Maternity BVM Church lower parking lot, 9220 Old Bustleton Ave. Sponsored by Ed Neilson, State Representative. To ensure all attendees have the opportunity to shred their documents, you are asked to lime what you bring for shredding to three bags. For additional information, please contact Rep. Neilson’s office at 215-330-3714.

The Ladies of the Knights of Columbus #4765 are sponsoring a DESIGNER BAG BINGO on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. Thoms Aquinas Parish, Father Crehan Hall, 121 Belmont Avenue, Croydon. Doors open at 5:30PM and games start at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$30/pp. BYOB and BYOS. For more information and/or tickets contact the Parish Office at 215-788-2989.

Nazareth Academy High School is sponsoring SPRING OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Any prospective students and their families are welcome to attend! Pre-registration is required – NazarethAcademyHS.org/Admissions/visit-us. Or Contact Ashley Figaniak at 215-268-1026.
BEACH BAG BINGO is Friday, May 3, 2024 from 6:30PM to 9PM for girls in 7th grade – this is a free event with bingo, prizes, pizza and refreshments. Must register for this event at the above email address.

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Making Sense of Bioethics**Powerlessness, or the Hidden Power in Our Suffering?**

Even when those disintegrative forces become extreme and our suffering may seem overwhelming, however, a singularly important spiritual journey always remains open for us. This path is a “road less traveled,” a path that, unexpectedly, enables us to achieve genuine control in the face of death. The hallmark of this path is the personal decision to accept our sufferings, actively laying down our life on behalf of others by embracing the particular kind of death God has ordained for us, patterning our choice on the choice consciously made by Jesus Christ. When asked about the “why” of human suffering, Pope John Paul II once stated, with piercing simplicity, that the answer has “been given by God to man in the cross of Jesus Christ.” He stressed that Jesus went toward his own suffering, “aware of its saving power”. The Pope also observed that in some way, each of us is called to “share in that suffering through which the Redemption was accomplished”. He concluded that though his only-begotten Son, God “has confirmed His desire to act especially through suffering, which is man’s weakness and emptying of self, and He wishes to make His power known precisely in this weakness and emptying of self”. The Holy Father echoes St. Paul’s famous passage: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” The greatest possibility we have for achieving control, then, is to align ourselves in our suffering and weakness with God and his redemptive designs. This oblation of embracing our particular path to death, actively offered on behalf of others and in union with Christ, manifests our concern for the spiritual welfare of others, especially our friends and those closest to us. We are inwardly marked by a profound need to sacrifice and give of ourselves, a need that manifests our inner capacity to love and be loved. As no one had ever done before, Jesus charted the path of love-driven sacrifice, choosing to lay down his life for his friends. He was no mere victim in the sense of being a passive and unwilling participant in his own suffering and death. He was in control. He emphasized, with otherworldly authority, that,

“nobody takes my life from me: I lay it down, and I take it up again. “Yet we see that his life was, in fact, taken from him by those various individuals and groups who plotted his death and sought his execution. His life was taken from him by evil men, even though, paradoxically, nobody took his life from him, because nobody had power over his being, unless granted from above. We experience a similar paradox in our own deaths: while it may seem that our life is being taken from us through the evil of a particular ailment or the ravages of a particular disease, we can reply that nothing takes away our life, because nothing has power over our being, except what is ordained from above. In his providence and omniscience, years before the fact, God already knows and foresees that unique confluence of events that will constitute our death, whether it be by stroke or cardiac arrest, liver failure or Alzheimer’s, or any other means. By spiritually embracing in God that specific path to death, our freedom is elevated to new heights: indeed, we “achieve control” in the most important way possible, through willed surrender and radical gift in our innermost depths. Jesus foresaw that his greatest work lay ahead as he ascended Calvary to embrace his own powerlessness and self-emptying. Although we may feel condemned to our powerlessness as we receive help from others in our sickness, and although we may feel supremely useless as we are “nailed” to our hospital bed, our active, inward embrace of the cross unleashes important graces for ourselves and others, and reveals a refulgent light beyond the obscurity of every suffering. Jesus’ radical embracing of his Passion – and our radical embracing of our own – marks the supreme moment of a person who achieves control over his or her destiny through immersion into the hope-filled and redemptive designs of God.

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. Father Tad writes a monthly column on timely life issues. From stem cell research to organ donation, abortion to euthanasia, he offers a clear and compelling analysis of modern bioethical questions, addressing issues we may confront at one time or another in our daily living. His column, entitled “Making Sense of Bioethics” is nationally syndicated in the U.S. to numerous diocesan newspapers, and has been reprinted by newspapers in England, Canada, Poland and Austria.