



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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

Monday November 11, 2024

6:30 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John
 8:00 William, Sr & Matthew req. by Thomson Fam

Tuesday November 12, 2024

6:30 Barbara Campagna req. by Cistone Family
 8:00 Eileen Rullo req. by Monica & Fred Bloesch

Wednesday November 13, 2024

6:30 Edmund Gracey req. by Walush Family
 8:00 Nancy Rymal req. by Arpino Family

Thursday November 14, 2024

6:30 Dolores Chiodo req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Doris Simpson req. by Podsiedlak Family

Friday November 15, 2024

6:30 Dom Campagna req. by Cistone Family
 8:00 Mary McGinty req. by Marge Azzolina

Saturday November 16, 2024

8:00 Patty Nungesser req. by Chris & Suzanne
 5:00PM Joseph Witkowski req. by Maryanne Balkir

Sunday November 17, 2024

6:30 Henry E. Butwel req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Robbin Kientzy req. by Bob & Kathy Kientzy
 10:00 Frank Dzwoniarek req. by Gerard Family
 12:00 Elva Daley req. by Family



Beth Winski & Michael Apice



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Carly Jacobs – daughter of Marie Jacobs
Sue Shebby - parishioner

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

William Kelly – parishioner
Greg Wenclawiak – husband of Sandy Wenclawiak

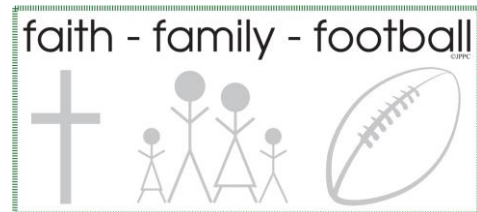
For those in the armed forces: Joseph Pitts-Air Force; Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Ryan Sylvester-Air Force; Kyle Higgins-Army; Justin T. Erbrick-Army; Sean Conroy-Navy; Joseph Erbrick, III-Marines; Joseph Costick-Coast Guard; Christopher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

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Mass	Communion	Lectors
5:00PM	S. Michielli S. Wilson	D. Haggerty
6:30AM	L. Konopka	K. McNabb
8:00AM	R. Johnson J. Sweeten	R. Juliano
10:00AM	M. Ciampoli E. Taylor	P. Kolman P. Cullen
12:00PM	M. Stanish G. O'Brien	B. Gibbons

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.





The Parent Auxiliary of BSA Cub Pack 460 is holding their annual PIZZA SOCIAL on November 22, 2024 from 6:30PM to 8:00PM in the OLC gym. All are invited – the cost is \$8.00 per person. Children under and under are free.



OLC will be sponsoring a "giving tree" to help those less fortunate in the St. Martin of Tours Catholic community. If you wish to purchase a gift for a needy child, we ask that you take a tag from the tree. The trees will remain in the front and rear of church until Sunday, November 26. They will be returned after Forty Hours and will stay until all tags are gone.

Please purchase the gift and return it UNWRAPPED, with the tag, to the OLC GYM on December 2 – 4:30PM to 6:15PM or December 3– 8:30AM to 1:15PM. Gift cards may be purchased at the rectory or at the store. The gift cards can be returned to the rectory, with the yellow tag, anytime during rectory hours. Donations to purchase additional gifts are also accepted.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our blessings with less fortunate members of the Catholic community during the Christmas Season.

Thank you for your generosity.

40 Hours will be held at Our Lady of Calvary beginning on November 24, 25 and 26. More information to follow.

CALVARY SENIORS meet every Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall (across from Torresdale train station), 9617 James Street. Doors open at 9:30 and the meeting start at 10:30.



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- *gender dysphoria
- *and much more...

A Tribute to Jerry Blavat with DJ Jimmy Tighe on Saturday, November 16 from 7-11PM at Maternity B.V.M. Parish Hall, 9322 Old Bustleton Avenue. Tickets are \$40 and includes Buffet Dinner and non-alcoholic beverages – BYOB. For tickets call Cathy, 267-446-0482 or Denise 215-317-4117.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop – December 7, 2024 from 9:30AM-11:30AM – Fr. Dennis Gill will be conducting the workshop at St. Katherine of Siena Church, 9700 Frankford Ave. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to attend one of the scheduled workshops. Please go to

worship@archphila.org to register for this, or another, workshop. Registration is required.

Philly Catholic Singles 30-45: Upcoming Events – Join other Catholic singles for fun events! We host friendly events for marriage-minded Catholics

*Saturday, December 7 at 3Pm-5PM: Speed Dating for Catholics at St. Margaret of Antioch Church, Narberth - \$25 covers entry, wine, and appetizers. We will finish in time for 5:15 Mass. Join the waitlist at www.PhillyCatholic.Singles Our chaplain is Fr. DeLacy.

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

Making Sense of Bioethics – An Authentic Democracy – Fr. Tad

Those of us who have grown up within the womb of a democratic society may not always recognize how radical the idea behind such a society actually is, nor how fragile its structure can be in the face of strident claims regarding individual freedoms. Legalization of abortion, to focus on one of the most strident claims, corrodes the very pillars of our democratic society.

The legalization of abortion means guaranteeing immunity from prosecution for those older human beings who directly end the lives of much younger humans before they are born, or even as they are being born. Such actions constitute a form of injustice perpetrated by the powerful against those who are, by virtue of their extreme youth, the weakest, most vulnerable and most voiceless humans. Laws sanctioning abortion fundamentally confirm the idea that “might makes right.” An ordered society, however, and especially a democratic one, can never be built upon such a self-serving, unjust and distorted premise.

This premise runs directly counter to the tradition of our great Western constitutional texts, which arose as a cry for an order of justice superior to the raw exercise of power and domination by privileged individuals and groups. Those texts were born from centuries of struggle by entire peoples living under various forms of oppression. The order of justice they sought required the clear acknowledgement of the universality of basic human rights, first among which was the assurance that one’s life would not be unjustly exploited, attacked or ended. As Monsignor Michel Schooyans has noted, “That is why democratic regimes were founded – first and foremost to protect citizens from arbitrary executions, from the terrorism of despots and their police.”

Many of us who have lived in a democratic society for most or all of our lives, never having struggled or fought for its original implementation or continuation, can forget the threatening historical circumstances that led to forging the substance of that democracy. Moreover, even as we benefit from the blessings of liberty, we can fall prey to erroneous conceptions about the meaning of freedom, as the rights of some begin to be subtly elevated over the rights of others. Indeed, every democracy struggles to avoid the treachery of various forms of despotism, as the long and arduous battle over human slavery that culminated with the Civil War remind us. At Gettysburg, President Lincoln declared that “a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” was now “engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure.”

Preceding those turbulent times, “equality” had certainly been proclaimed and was textually present within various founding documents. It remained, however, fundamentally elusive as laws continued to sanction the inequalities of human bondage and realities on the ground continued to thwart basic human rights. During those dark times, the light of democracy sputtered and flickered, and nearly went out. The widespread practice of abortion today raises a similar threat, as stronger individuals are tempted to establish their liberties upon the ruins of weaker ones. What is most important to recognize is how this existential threat to democracy is actually – without hyperbole – greater now that it was during the times of slavery.

Monsignor Schooyans trenchantly describes it this way: “The liberation of abortion laws puts into motion a political process in which the democratic State imperceptibly becomes transformed into a totalitarian States...From the very moment the state reserves for itself the right to decide, through its institutional organs, which human being has the right to protection and which human being does not, it ceases to be a democratic State because it negates the fundamental reason for which it was instituted: the defense of every human being’s right to life. The power such a State exercises becomes arbitrary when it authorizes certain citizens to execute their own equals with impunity...”

One is reminded of the testimonies of certain U.S. soldiers who, upon their return from Vietnam, in the wake of the sexual revolution, were shocked by the seismic shifts in the understanding of freedom that had occurred during their long deployment. Some of them said that they hadn’t stepped onto the battlefield and made great personal sacrifices in order to defend a false liberty so their fellow citizens at home could descend into promiscuity and abortion with reckless abandon.

The promotion and legalization of abortion inexorably leads to a system of privileges for the powerful that engenders instability and divisiveness as it undercuts the most basic of all human rights. Abortion really kills at least twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of a nation, perverting the very essence of a democratic society.

Legal safeguards for all human life, on the other hand, assure the possibility of liberty, justice and equality – protecting the very core of an authentic democracy.