



PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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

Monday September 11, 2023

6:30 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John
 8:00 Matthew R. O'Brien req. by Parents

Tuesday September 12, 2023

6:30 Carol Zimmerman req. by Maria & Bill Culp
 8:00 Marylou Piccone req. by Cahill Family

Wednesday September 13, 2023

6:30 Souls in Purgatory req. by Joan
 8:00 Joan Babowitch req. by Lillian Steich

Thursday September 14, 2023

6:30 Patrick McCausland req. by Matt Dzwoniarek
 8:00 Cecylia Oskiera req. by Family

Friday September 15, 2023

6:30 Richard M. Baker req. by Barbara & James Merna
 8:00 John & Claire Hayes req. by Doolen/Gounley Fam

Saturday September 16, 2023

8:00 Leon Flanagan req. by Joanne Bathurst
 5:00PM Josephine & Frank Olekshinski req. by Family

Sunday September 17, 2023

6:30 Frank Gooch req. by Teson Family
 8:00 Peter Juliano req. by Family
 10:00 Karen Hyers req. by Millbrook Civic association
 12:00 Mario & Lois Pagano req. by Family



Catelyn Burke & Antonio Marsico



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Wanda Wesolowski – parishioner

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:
Robert Auman – husband of Mary Ellen Auman

For those in the armed forces: 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; Tyler Jernigan-Army; 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, therefore, we must hear directly from the patient or family.

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival – St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA on Saturday and Sunday, September 16/17, 2023. Display and Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio – Music, games, amusements, craft vendors, food trucks. Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details.

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	R. Gola C. Gola	D. Haggerty
6:30AM	L. Konopka	M. Konopka
8:00AM	M. Bloesch J. Salvo	M. Hatfield
10:00AM	D. Makowiecki L. Makowiecki	P. Cummings D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	B. Richmond	J. Guiffre



OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12:00PM to 7:00PM. This will be a Family Friendly Event in the church parking lot and school gym. Home and School will also be having a kids and adult Corn Hole Tournament during this event. More details to come. Come out and enjoy food, beer, entertainment, and shopping. No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted. Anyone interested in being a vendor, please contact Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Night at the Races be October 28, 2023 from 6PM to 10PM. Our Lady of Calvary Parish and the Home and School Association will be hosting A Nights at the Races. Look for a flyer with more information within the next several weeks.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 26	Spiritual Elements of Grief and Healing
Tuesday, October 3	Crazy is Norm
Tuesday, October 10	Understanding the Stages of Grief
Tuesday, October 17	Changed Forever
Tuesday, October 24	Surviving Stress and Loneliness
Tuesday, November 7	Feelings of Denial, Bargaining & Guilt
Tuesday, November 14	The Value of Memories & Personal Bereavement Reflections

All meetings are held in the lower church meeting room...(enter by way of the ramp on the rectory side of church)...from 7:00PM to approximately 8:30PM. No prior sign up necessary...come to whatever sessions you can attend. PLEASE NOTE: Changes in dates of topics scheduled are possible due to the speaker's previous commitments.

CALVARY SENIORS meetings begin September 12, 2023.

The MILLBROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION, located in Northeast Philadelphia, is hosting a forum on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00PM. We have invited the Mayoral, City Council and City Council at Large Candidates to address our association, and you are invited to join us. Tom Waring, Editor of the Northeast Times, will be the moderator. The event will be at the CAA Clubhouse, 4330 Deerpath Lane. For more info go to our FB Page or millbrookcivicassociation.com

St. Hubert Alumnae Association is hosting their 2nd annual 5K Run/1 Mile Family Walk/Virtual 5K on Saturday, September 23 at Pennypack Park – 7:30 registration – 8:30 Race – 9:00 Walk. Register NOW SHAA5Krun@gmail.com

The Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, October 16th at the State Capitol in Harrisburg beginning at 11:00 AM. As our state is now responsible for laws that can protect preborn children, it is important that pro-life people gather to show our Governor and legislators that every life is precious and worthy of protection. Please make a plan to be at the March – information is available at prolifeunion.org or marcforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life or call the Pro-life Union at 215-885-8150.

Archbishop Ryan High School Class Reunions – Class of 1983 – 40th Reunion – Friday, September 29, 2023 at Philadelphia Ballroom 7 to 11PM. Tickets at arhs.me/reunion1983
Class of 1973 – 50th Reunion – Friday, October 6, 2023 at Southampton Room – 7 to 11PM. Tickets at arhs.me/reunion1973.

Nazareth Academy High School is hosting the following: *7th & 8th Grade Movie Night* – Friday, September 29 at 6:30PM featuring *Hocus Pocus*. Pizza, popcorn and candy provided. To register for this free event, visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/MovieNight.
Open House – Saturday, October 14 – pre-registration is required – NazarethAcademyHS.org/OpenHouse
Entrance & Scholarship Exam – Saturday, October 21 and November 4 from 7:45AM to 12:00PM. Must register at NazarethAcademyHS.org/EntranceExam. For questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan at 215-268-1026.

BLESSED AMONG US

Stephen Biko – South African Freedom Fighter (1946-1977) – Along the road to freedom in South Africa, many did not live to see the day of victory. Steve Biko is among the most honored martyrs of the struggle. Through the Black Consciousness movement that he inspired, he worked to foster a spirit of pride and self-reliance—a refusal by Blacks to see themselves through white eyes. This included a challenge to the Church – to overcome the legacy of colonialism and discover “what the Christian faith means for our continent”.

Biko was subjected to “banning” – a unique South African punishment designed to render a person invisible. It was illegal for his picture or his words to be published in South Africa; he was required to report constantly to the police; he could not meet with more than two people at a time. Thus, most whites knew him only through the caricature drawn by his enemies. Though he struggled without weapons, the government recognized that his effort to promote a liberation of consciousness was a threat to the system of white supremacy.

Biko was arrested in August 1977. After twenty-six days in custody, his death – supposedly from self-inflicted injuries – was announced by the government. An inquest determined he had died of severe brain damage sustained during his incarceration. Rather than take him to a local hospital, the police had driven him, naked and in leg irons, to a prison hospital 750 miles away. Still, the inquest refused to assign responsibility to the government. His vindication came seventeen years later when Nelson Mandela, the first Black president of a free South Africa, was inaugurated.

“It is better to die for an idea that will live, than to live for an idea that will die.” -Steve Biko

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

“If Today You Hear God’s Voice...”

That’s a pretty big IF! It raises the questions: Where do we hear God’s voice on any given “today”? We can start with creation – which some theologians call our “first scriptures”. IF we take time to listen to creation, we might hear the Creator’s voice. Where? Take your pick: the chirping of a robin in spring, the weeness of a newborn’s fingernails, a whale with a heart as big as a cow, the life-generating mystery called photosynthesis, the newly discovered galaxy that is 13.4 billion light-years away.

We might detect God in the voice of a spouse, friend, or stranger or in a child’s “Please play with me”. God may speak to us in the words of a song on the radio, in a news heading, in a Scripture passage we “chance upon,” or in the Sacred Bread we are privileged to receive at every Mass. Or we might hear God’s voice in the deep yearnings of our hearts for love, goodness, beauty, truth, justice, peace. God speaks in our joys as well as our sorrows.

IF we do hear God’s voice, we must *harden not our hearts*. We must not succumb to a cynicism that says, “no better world is possible” or “our problems are too big, too complex to be dealt with” or “I am only one person.” No, we respond to God’s voice with hearts strong yet soft and tender – willing to bend, to reach out, and to dare to see something in a brand-new way.

How do we nourish such a hear? Psalm 95 tells us: by coming into God’s presence every day in prayer.

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