



Monday September 4, 2023

9:00 Sister Jeanette req. by Monica & Fred Bloesch

Tuesday September 5, 2023

6:30 Eileen Sylvester req. by Cistone Family
8:00 Tom Lewis req. by Seamus & Catherine Bonner

Wednesday September 6, 2023

6:30 Charles J. McClain req. by Sarah & Kenneth Jones
8:00 Stephen Wilson req. by Family

Thursday September 7, 2023

6:30 Vincent Duskus req. by Cistone Family
8:00 Ann Marasheski req. by Teson Family

Friday September 8, 2023

6:30 Joseph Reilly req. by Donna & Mike Accetta
8:00 Thomas Loughlin req. by OLC Sunshine Club
9:00 Joan Babowitch req. by Sheila & Nick Picinich

Saturday September 9, 2023

8:00 Anna Schnieder req. by Podsielak Family
5:00PM Joseph Trojak req. by Gorgie & Marta Carbone

Sunday September 10, 2023

6:30 Jessica Kahanna req. by Linda & Chuck
8:00 Joe Wojtkielewicz req. by Zolton / Jeannie Fischer
10:00 Henry & Regina Wierzbicki req. by Family
12:00 Joan Babowitch req. by Ruth Ann McCann

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Mass	Communion	Lectors
5:00PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	S. Donohue
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Hopkins
8:00AM	J. Robbins J. Klady	R. Juliano
10:00AM	N. Burnosky T. Cullen	J. Lynch N. Burnosky
12:00PM	J. Spear R. Spear	J. Spear

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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



Alyssa Lorenz & Matthew Mangle



On Sunday, August 13, 2023, one girl received the sacrament of Baptism by which she was incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Callie Christy Cywinski – daughter of M/M Matthew Cywinski

On Sunday, August 27, 2023, one girl received the sacrament of Baptism by which she was incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Liliana Angeline Scannell – daughter of M/M Joseph Scannell



All sick parishioners, their relatives and friends:

Jim & John Mower - brothers of Kathy Robbins

Wanda Wesolowski – parishioner

Mike Paraschak – relative of Pete & Marlene Zangari

All deceased parishioners, their relatives and friends:

Mary Perkins – aunt of Ralph & Jean Perkins

Theresa Cole – wife of Bill Cole

For those in the armed forces: Brendan Vizza-Marines; Andrew Morrison, Marine Corp; Eric Charles Taylor-Navy; Emma Marks-Navy; Sean Sylvester-Army; 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.



BLESSING of FIRST RESPONDERS

Please join us at the **10AM Mass on Sunday, September 10th** as we celebrate the heroes among us. All Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics (EMT’s), Doctors and Nurses and their families are encouraged to attend. Father Babowitch will bless our heroes during the Mass. Children who attend and would like to participate in the Offertory Procession will see Mrs. Teson after the Intercessions in the back of the church. Each child will be given a flower to be placed in a vase in front of the altar honoring our heroes. Hospitality will follow in the Lower Church Meeting Room.

FOOTBALL MANIA

Football Mania is back at Our Lady of Calvary. Each ticket is \$20. With each Football Mania game card, you can win \$1,000s in prize money just by sitting back. The more points your teams score each week, the better chance you have to win! This sweepstakes makes football games exciting for even the most casual fan. No knowledge of football is needed to play or win. We will contact all winners. Tickets will be sold after each Mass on the weekends and in the Rectory until Friday, September 8, 2023. Any questions, please reach out to Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org

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.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE –The 6:30 AM Mass will begin again on Tuesday, September 5.

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

Junior Raiders Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 9 at St. Marthas Parking Lot – raffles, baskets, food, beer and more beginning at 12PM.

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

Have a great SCHOOL YEAR!



BLESSED AMONG US

St. Teresa of Calcutta – Founder, Missionaries of Charity (1910-1997) Mother Teresa, an Albania-born nun, spent twenty years as a Loreto Sister in her order’s schools in India. One day, in 1946, while traveling by train in the Himalayas, she suddenly sensed that God “wanted me to be poor with the poor, and love him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor”. This “call within a call” inspired her to leave her convent and set out for the byways of Calcutta. Others joined her in what became the Missionaries of Charity. While their work spread around the globe, Mother Teresa remained most identified with her original home for the dying in Calcutta. There, destitute and dying men and women who had lived like “animals in the gutter” were able to “die like angels” – knowing they were valued and loved as children of God.

Long after Mother Teresa’s death, the publication of her private diaries revealed that after her original call, she had spent most of her life in a state of spiritual darkness – even doubting the existence of God. While some were shocked to discover that such a holy woman could suffer such spiritual anguish, others were moved and inspired to consider how faithfully she had pursued her vocation, despite the lack of spiritual consolation. Evidently Mother Teresa came to see this darkness as part of her vocation – an opportunity to share “a very, very small part of Jesus’ darkness and pain on earth.”

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. By that time she had long been acclaimed a living saint. She was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

“If I ever become a saint – I will surely be one of ‘darkness’. I will continually be absent from heaven – to light the light of those in darkness on earth.” -Sr. Teresa of Calcutta

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

God’s Love Refracted

There’s an aphorism repeated often in the writings of the medieval church: *per crucem ad lucem*, through the cross to the light.

God loves us passionately and wants to bring us joy and flourishing, but this doesn’t preclude a cross. God’s love is refracted through the cross, which often makes it hard to see or recognize. But if we are to learn to trust – to place the weight of our lives on the love of God – we can only learn this through the cross.

We come to know and trust God’s love more deeply through our own crosses, the things that make us feel we cannot go on, the things that make us tired – the job loss, the break up, the sickness, the loneliness, the long struggle with sin, the estrangement from a friend, the disappointment, the deaths of those we love, our own death.

I wish there were some easier way, some way to learn to trust God that was paved with luxury and endless ease, but *per crucem ad lucem*: the way to the light runs smack dab through darkness – or more accurately, we discover the light speeding toward us in these very dark places.

And certainly, the reality of the changeless love of God doesn’t mean we always feel God’s love or God’s nearness. Often in seasons of suffering it feels like God is nowhere to be found.

God’s love does not extinguish sorrow. Not yet, anyway. His love is steadfast but incalculable, gentle but untamable. It is not bound by our opinions. It shakes us yet sets us free. It slays us and also teaches us how to live. It is as troubling as it is comforting. It takes us as we are but insists on making us whole and vibrantly alive – and that process is long and painful...

In the end, *Per crucem ad lucem*, this pilgrimage to the light, does not run only through our own crosses, but through the cross of Jesus.

Tish Harrison Warren, *Prayer in the Night*

Tish Harrison Warren is a priest in the Anglican Church in North America. Her writing has appeared in Christianity Today, The Well, and elsewhere.

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