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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

Eve of Holydays - 5:00 p.m.

Holydays - 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Daily (Monday - Saturday) - 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment in the Rectory

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PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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

Monday March 17, 2025

6:30 Bob McHale/Carol McCloskey req. by Family
 8:00 Matthew R. O'Brien req. by Mom & Dad

Tuesday March 18, 2025

6:30 Eric Stempinski req. by Pat Murray
 8:00 Harold Hayes req. by Kelly McGrath/Lori Amodei

Wednesday March 19, 2025

6:30 Ewa Tarkowska req. by Mary Elmer
 8:00 Arthur Scena IV req. by M/m John Wade

Thursday March 20, 2025

6:30 Joe Reilly req. by Family
 8:00 Stephanie Hettel req. by Vicki & Brian Reilly

Friday March 21, 2025

6:30 Kevin McBrearty req. by Kelly McGrath
 8:00 Alice Broscius req. by Colleen & Patrick Riccardi

Saturday March 22, 2025

8:00 James Rainier Sr req. by Wife
 5:00PM Catherine Sutter req. by Duggan Family

Sunday March 23, 2025

6:30 Jim Linus req. by Tom & Deb Miller
 8:00 Kirk Family req. by OLC Parish Family
 10:00 Joe & Marge Kilian req. by Wierzbicki Family
 12:00 Ralph Daley req. by Family



On Sunday, March 9, 2025, one boy received the sacrament of Baptism by which they were incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Jude Chukwuebuka Nzekwe – son of M/M Ikechukuiua Nzekwe



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

- Julia Katheder – parishioner
- Mary Donahue – aunt of Marie Marcellino
- David Gonzalez – son of Celia Milillo
- Joseph Mallon – husband of Kathy Mallon

For those in the armed forces: Jacob Gizzi-Marines; 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

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 23, 2025

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	D. Haggerty V. Haggerty	D. Haggerty
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Hopkins
8:00AM	A. Lozada	
10:00AM	D. Makowiecki L. Makowiecki	C. Comly J. Lynch
12:00PM	P. Cargan M. Hall	J. Guiffre





LILY SALE is on now through April 7. We will not accept any orders after April 7. You may purchase a lily for your home or dedicate it to a loved one on the altar for Easter. More information is in the rectory.

Eastern Europe Collection will be March 22 and 23 – there is no envelope. This collection helps rebuild churches, provide medical care for the poor and to pass on the faith to the next generation so that the Church can once again thrive where once it was persecuted.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00PM on Fridays during Lent with Deacon John Teson.

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey – We are asking each parishioner to please go on the following link and complete the survey – we would appreciate it.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x6tdgxhttps://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x6tdgx>

Holy Family Curia – Legion of Mary – ACIES – The Annual Individual and Collective Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of all members of the Legion of Mary, Active and Auxiliary Members on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 2:00PM in Our Lady of Calvary LOWER Church. Procession with Banners, Prayers & Rosary, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Scripture Reading, Homily, Individual Consecration, Collective Consecration, Benediction, Concluding Prayers, Sandwiches, Refreshments, Desserts, Fellowship. There is NO MASS at the Acies – Any questions, please call Jeanette Fischer at 267-752-5346 or Donna Gillen at 215-632-0245.

ALTAR SOCIETY- If you can spare 1 hour per week to help clean the altar, please call Marge at 215-637-1306.

TEMPORARY ENVELOPES – Please remember before placing a temporary envelope in the Offertory basket at Mass to write your name and address on the front of the envelope. Temporary envelopes are located right inside the front doors of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Calvary Parish.

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 starts at 10:30.

Philly Catholic Sings 30-45: Upcoming Events

Speed Dating – St. Margaret of Antioch – Saturday, April 26 at 6:30pm/ Waitlist will open in March.

Nature Hike at Stroud Preserve – Saturday, May 10 at 10:00AM

Email PhillyCatholicSingles@gmail.com to sign up for events and join our email list. Learn more at www.PhillyCatholic.Singles

The Pro-Life Union is holding its 3rd annual Life Advocate Resource Conference on Saturday, April 5 at 9AM-1:00PM at St. Matthew Church Hall, 219 Fayette St. Conshohocken. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Drain. This conference is free and lunch will be provided – register at lifeconference@prolifeunion.org

St. Hubert's Parent Association is hosting a SPRING VENDOR FAIR on Sunday, April 6, 2025 from 9AM to 2PM. Spaces are available for \$25 with a \$25 raffle item. For more information, please contact Sheila Picinich at s.picinich@olcalvaryschool.org

St. Hubert High School Lancaster Bus Trip on April 17, 2025. Trip includes bus, Noah at Sight and Sound, all you can eat buffet at Shady Maple - \$215 per person. Email – mclifford@huberts.org for more information.

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

Lenten Series
Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday homily:
We have to recon with death

[https://aleteia.org/2025/03/05\[p\]es-ash-wednesday-homily](https://aleteia.org/2025/03/05[p]es-ash-wednesday-homily)

The Ash Wednesday Mass in Rome traditionally led by the Pope was presided over this March 5 by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, Major Penitentiary. The Pope had a homily prepared and the text of it was read by Cardinal De Donatis, [due to his hospitalization]. Here is a Vatican translation of the homily.

This evening, we receive the imposition of the holy ashes. This brings to mind the memory of what we are, but also the hope of what we will be. The ashes remind us that we are dust, but they also set us on a journey towards the hope to which we are called. For Jesus descended to the dust of the earth and, by his Resurrection, has drawn us with himself into the Father's heart. Thus, the Lenten journey towards Easter unfolds amidst the remembrance of our fragility and the hope that, at the end of the road, the Risen Lord is waiting for us.

First, we must remember. We bow our heads in order to receive the ashes as if to look at ourselves, to look within ourselves. Indeed, the ashes help to remind us that our lives are fragile and insignificant: we are dust, from dust we were created, and to dust we shall return. Moreover, there are so many times when, looking at ourselves or at the reality that surrounds us, we realize that "everyone stands as a mere breath [...] for nothing they are in turmoil: they heap up, and do not know who will gather" (Ps 39:5-6).

We learn this above all through the experience of our own fragility: our weariness, the weaknesses we have to come to terms with, the fears that dwell in us, the failures that consume us, the fleetingness of our dreams and the realization that what we possess is ephemeral. Made of ashes and earth, we experience fragility through illness, poverty, and the hardships that can suddenly befall us and our families. We also experience it when, in the social and political realities of our time, we find ourselves exposed to the "fine dust" that pollutes our world: ideological opposition, the abuse of power, the reemergence of old ideologies based on identity that advocate exclusion, the exploitation of the earth's resources, violence in all its forms and war between peoples. This "toxic dust" clouds the air of our planet impeding peaceful coexistence, while uncertainty and the fear of the future continue to increase.

Furthermore, the condition of fragility reminds us of the tragedy of death. In many ways, we try to banish death from our societies, so dependent on appearances, and even remove it from our language. Death, however, imposes itself as a reality with which we have to recon, a sign of the precariousness and brevity of our lives.

Despite the masks we wear and the cleverly crafted ploys meant to distract us, the ashes remind us of who we are. This is good for us. It reshapes us, reduces the severity of our narcissism, brings us back to reality and makes us more humble and open to one another: none of us is God; we are all on a journey.

Lent, however, is also an invitation to rekindle our hope. Although we receive the ashes with our heads bowed in remembrance of who we are, the Lenten season does not end there. On the contrary, we are invited to lift our eyes to the One who rises from the depths of death and brings us from the ashes of sin and death to the glory of eternal life. The ashes remind us of the hope to which we are called in Jesus, the Son of God, who has taken upon himself the dust of the earth and raised it to the heights of heaven. He descended into the abyss of dust, dying for us and reconciling us to the Father, as we heard from Saint Paul: "For our sake, he made him to be sin who knew no sin" (2 Cor 5:21).

This, brothers and sisters, is the hope that restores to life the "ashes" of our lives. Without such hope, we are doomed passively to endure the fragility of our human condition. Particularly when faced with the experience of death, a lack of hope can lead us to fall into sadness and desolation, and we end up reasoning like fools: "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end [...] the body will turn to ashes, and the spirit will dissolve like empty air" (Wis 2:1-3). Yet the hope of Easter that we journey towards reassures us of God's forgiveness. Even while submerged in the ashes of sin, hope opens us up to the joyful acknowledgment of life: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth" (Job 19:25). Let us remember this: "Man is dust and to dust he shall return, but dust is precious in God's eyes because God created man, destining him to immortality" (Benedict XVI, General Audience, 17 February 2010).

Brothers and sisters, having received the ashes, we walk towards the hope of Easter. Let us turn back to God. Let us return to him with all our hearts (cf. Joel 2:12). Let us place him at the center of our lives, so that the memory of what we are – fragile and mortal as ashes scattered upon the wind – may finally be filled with the hope of the Risen Lord. Let us direct our lives towards him, becoming a sign of hope for the world. Let us learn from almsgiving to go beyond ourselves, sharing each other's needs and nurturing the hope of a fairer world. Let us learn from prayer to discover our need for God or, as Jacques Maritain put it, that we are "beggars for heaven", and so foster the hope that beyond our frailties there is a Father waiting for us with open arms at the end of our earthly pilgrimage.

*Finally, let us learn from fasting that we do not live merely to satisfy our needs, but that, hungry for love and truth, only the love of God and of one another can truly satisfy us and give us hope for a better future. Let us persevere in the certainty that ever since the Lord took upon himself the ashes of humanity. "the history of the earth is the history of heaven. God and man are bound together in a single destiny" (C. Carretto, *Il deserto nella città*. Roma 1986,55) and he will forever sweep away the ashes of death and make us shine with newness of life. With this hope in our hearts, let us begin our journey. Let us be reconciled with God.*

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