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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, APRIL 12, 2026

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

Monday April 6, 2026

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday April 7, 2026

6:30 Mary Chiodo req. by Cheryl Traynor
 8:00 Thomas Elmer req. by Mother

Wednesday April 8, 2026

6:30 Florence Hall req. by Lucy DiDonato
 8:00 John Barker req. by Barker Family

Thursday April 9, 2026

6:30 Patricia Vadino req. by Jim Callen
 8:00 Helen Davis req. by Argerakis/Bielawski Fam

Friday April 10, 2026

6:30 Frank W. Olson req. by Patricia Davis
 8:00 Bette & Bill Kramer req. by Bonner Family

Saturday April 11, 2026

8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad & John
 5:00PM Anna & Peter Marucci req. by Mari Family

Sunday April 12, 2026

6:30 William Dalton req. by Albert Habercorn
 8:00 Morris Hlywjak req. by Gonzaga Family
 10:00 Butler & Williamson Fam req. by Joan Butler
 12:00 Paula Adams req. by Kathy & Jerry Smith

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 12, 2026

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00PM	C. Gola R. Gola	S. Donohue
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Robbins
8:00AM	A. Lozada J. Klady	J. Teson
10:00AM	E. Taylor T. Cullen	D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	M. Hall M. Stanish	B. Gibbons



All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:

Ed Kubala – husband of Fran Kubala

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friend:

Mark Hughes – friend of Benner Family

For those in the armed forces: Cassidy Hess-Navy; Connor McGuigan-Marines; Matthew Benner-Navy; Dylan Cariss-Army Reserve; Tristan Cariss-Air Force; Brindin Wilkus-Marines; Jordan Olszewski-Army; Jack Coffey-Air Force; 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; 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

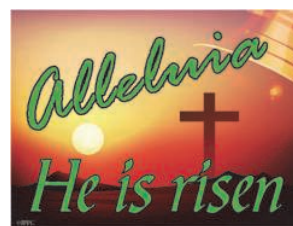


On Sunday, March 29, 2026, one girl received the sacrament of Baptism by which she was incorporated into the Body of Christ:

Mia Grace Mellor- daughter of M/M Jeffrey Mellor

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.





May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of the year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

EASTER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Don't journey alone this Easter season. Join us as we follow the resurrected Jesus and the disciples in a deep dive into the Book of Acts. Discover God's wisdom and providence in leading a small band of disciples to launch a movement that spread across

the Roman Empire.

Monday – April 20

Monday – April 27

Monday – May 4

Monday – May 11

at Our Lady of Calvary Parish Lower Church

6:30PM

All Welcome – Bring your Bible (optional)-No Sign-up

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Dominic's Church is sponsoring a day trip to St. Michael's Maryland on Thursday, June 11, 2026 for \$170. Enjoy a scrumptious lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant, time to visit the shops and a scenic narrated cruise aboard the Patriot. For more info or to book a reservation, call Susan 215-333-4313 or Lisa 215-331-2751.

St. Hubert Catholic HS for Girls is hosting a COLLEGE FAIR open to all high school students. It is April 9, 2026 from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Register today at www.strivefair.com or reach out to Michele Levin at mlevine@huberts.org

RDC (Respect, Develop and Compete) Girls Grade School Summer Basketball Camp on Monday, June 22 thru Thursday, June 25 – 3rd to 8th grade at St. Ephrem Grade School Gym. Doors open at 8:30AM, ends 3:00PM. Registration is \$165 per camper, hold your spot with \$55. Camp link: RCH CAMP LINK. Questions – rdcjustbasketball@gmail.com

CALVARY SENIORS – Meetings are held on Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall (across from Torresdale train station), 9617 James Street. Doors open at 9:30AM and meetings begin at 10:30AM.

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.

BSA Troop 460 is hosting a SPAGHETTI DINNER in appreciation for seniors in our community at Our Lady of Calvary Gym on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 4:00 to 7:00PM. Doors open at 3:45PM RSVP required by Wednesday, April 8, 2026 to Sara Janiszewski (610) 742-8173 or Stephanie West (267) 688-5334.

50th YEAR REUNION 1976 ARCHBISHOP RYAN HS on Friday, May 29, 2026 (6PM to 10PM) at The Southampton Room 2980 Southampton Road, Tickets on Sale at www.arhs.me/class76reunion email Caitlin.casey@arhs.org for questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Our next worldwide Marriage Encounter is at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA on April 10-12. For more information, visit our website at www.wwme-philly.org or contact Time & Sharon at applicaitons@wwme-philly.org or call 610-466-0250.

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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**Ten Ways to Prepare for Easter and Mercy Sunday
From Fear to Faith on Easter Morning**

Msgr. Charles Pope (Abbreviated Version)

One option for East Sunday Morning's Mass is from the Gospel of John (20:1-8)...Like most of the Resurrection accounts, John's version paints a portrait of a journey that some of the early disciples have to make out of fear and into faith. It shows the need to experience the Resurrection and then come to understand it more deeply. While the Gospel account begins with Mary Magdalene, the focus quickly shifts to St. John; let's study his journey.

I. Reaction Mode – The text begins by describing everyone as being in reaction mode, quite literally running about in a panic! On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

The text describes the opening moments as "still dark." John is likely trying to do more than tell us the time of day. The deeper point is that there is still a darkness that envelops everyone's mind. The darkness makes it difficult for us to see; our fears and sorrows can blind us.

Mary Magdalene sees direct evidence of the Resurrection but presumes the worst; that grave robbers have snatched the Lord's body! It doesn't even occur to her to remember that Jesus had said that He would rise on the third day and that this was that very third day. She goes immediately into reaction mode instead of reflection mode. Her mind jumps to the worst conclusion; by reacting and failing to reflect, she looks right at the blessing and sees a curse.

We also tend to do this. We look at our life and see only the burdens instead of the blessings. I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm goes off instead of thinking, "Thank you, Lord, that I can hear; there are many who are deaf. Thank you that I have the strength to rise; there are many who do not." Even though the first hour of the day may be hectic: socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and the children are loud; we ought to be thinking, "Thank you, Lord, for my family; there are many who are lonely."

...Every day millions of things go right and only a handful go wrong. What will be focus on? Will we look right at the signs of our blessings and call them burdens or will we thank the Lord? Do we live lives that are reactive and negative or do we live reflectively, remembering that the Lord says that even our burdens are gifts in strange packages? And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

Do we know this, or are we like the disciples on that early morning when it was still dark, looking right at the blessings but drawing only negative conclusions, reacting and failing to reflect?

II. Recovery mode – The text goes on to describe a certain subtle move from reaction to reflection. *So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciples ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.*

Mary Magdalene's anxiety is contagious...Mary's panic triggers that same reaction in the disciples. Now they're all running! Notice, though, that they are hurrying so that they can verify the grave robbery, not the resurrection. Like Mary, they didn't take the time to reflect and perhaps remember that the Lord had said He would rise on the third day and that this was the third day. Instead, they also panic, rushing forth to try to confirm their worst fears.

But note a subtlety: John runs faster than Peter. Some scholars say it indicates merely that John was the younger man. I would argue, however, that it signals hope...Some of the Fathers of the Church see a greater truth at work in the love and mystical tradition that John symbolizes. He was the "disciple whom Jesus loved," the disciple who knew and experienced that love of God. Love often sees what knowledge and authority can only appreciate and later affirm. *Love gets there first.*

Perhaps John runs faster because he begins to move from reaction to reflection and remembrance. There is something about love that enlightens, that recalls what the beloved has said. Yes, John is in recovery now. He has moved from reaction to reflection. He is starting to regain his faith.

III. Reassessment mode – in life we must often reassess our initial reactions as further evidence comes in. Peter and John must take a fresh look at the evidence from their own perspective. John is now looking at the same evidence that Mary Magdalene did, but his faith and hope give him a different vision. His capacity to move beyond fearful reaction to faithful reflection is changing the picture.

What do you see in life? Do you see grave robbers, or are you willing to reconsider and move from knee-jerk fear to reflective faith? Does your resurrection faith make you ready to reassess the bad news you receive and look for blessings, even in crosses?

IV. Resurrection Mode – [John] has not yet seen Jesus alive, but he believes based on the evidence and on what his own heart and mind tell him. At this moment John is like us. He has not seen but he believes. Neither have we seen, but we believe. John would see him alive soon enough and so will we!

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