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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

School
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Monday August 10, 2026
8:00 Bridget Higgins req. by Mom, Dad, John

Tuesday August 11, 2026
8:00 Agnes R. Mills req. by Patricia H. Brookes

Wednesday August 12, 2026
8:00 Leon Flanagan req. by Mom & Dad

Thursday August 13, 2026
8:00 Viola Rota req. by Children

Friday August 14, 2026
8:00 Mary Rox req. by Jim Kilcoyne

Saturday August 15, 2026
8:00 Doreen Hazard req. by Donna & Dale
5:00PM Elizabeth Duggan req. by Family

Sunday August 16, 2026
6:30 Antoinette Kilian req. by Kelly & Donna McGrath
8:00 Ronald Ricci Sr req. by Sunshine Club
10:00 Ron O'Shea req. by Cecilia Broscius
12:00 Barbara Janiszewski req. by The Associates

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

Mass	*Communion*	*Lectors*
5:00PM	R. Hill C. Hill	S. Donohue
6:30AM	S. Brown	M. Konopka
8:00AM	J. Teson R. Juliano	R. Johnson
10:00AM	B. Wagner E. Taylor	D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	M. Stanish J. Spear	J. Guiffre

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

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

All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:
Marion Meisenzahl- parishioner
Francis McLaughlin - parishioner
Frank Schweitzer- brother-in-law of Sue Shebby
All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friend:

For those in the armed forces: Justin Erbrick-Army; 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 Costick-Coast Guard; Christopher Smith-Navy; Alex McAneney-Air Force; Brian McGinty-Marines; 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

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 and/or family.

Our Lady of Calvary Parish would like to thank the anonymous Person who donated to the new air conditioner upgrade system. Your generous donation was deeply appreciated and you will be remembered in our prayers.

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Tuesday, August 18
Tuesday, August 25
Tuesday, September 1
Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, September 15
Time: 6:30PM at Our Lady of Calvary Lower Church
All are welcome! Bring your Bible (optional)
No sign-up needed.
See you there! - Fr Ryan

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS – The rectory office will be open until 12:00PM on Fridays. All other days, hours are the same. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASSES - The 6:30AM Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

OUR LADY OF CALVARY PREP Sign-ups will be in the school office on September 8th, 9th and 10th from 6:00PM to 7:00PM and September 9th through 16th – during school hours only

OUR LADY OF CALVARY SCHOOL TUITION for 2026/2027

Tuition payments for this school year have already begun. Families who pay the participating parishioner tuition rate - the required church contribution is $10 per week.

The World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring a FATIMA HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE on Thursday, August 13 at Saint William Church, 6200 Rising Sun Avenue at 7:00PM. All are welcome to participate in the devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. Devotions include procession with Fatima statue, rosary and benediction.

St. Dominic's Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, PA to see the musical "Joshua" at the Sight & Sound Theater on Thursday, October 8, 2026. This includes: lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and time for shipping at Kitchen Kettle Village. Cost is $197, which can be paid in 3 installments: 1st deposit of $100 is due now; 2nd of %57 due Aug 22; 3rd of $40 due Sept 1. For more info or to make a reservation, contact Susan at 215-333-4313 or Lisa at 215-331-2751.

CALVARY SENIORS – Calvary Seniors Fall Meetings will resume on September 15, 2026. Have a great summer.

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.

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
LAKELAND HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Bioethics Public Policy Report:
July 21, 2026

State by State
A ballot measure was just approved in Idaho that, if passed in the general election, would amend the state's constitution to allow for abortion up until birth. Idaho law currently bans abortion by statute under the Defense of Life Act, which would be nullified if the measure were to pass.

Federal Courts
The NCBC joined with Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and others in an amicus brief filed in Louisiana V. FDA, a Fifth Circuit case where the state of Louisiana is seeking to strike down the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's rule allowing telehealth prescriptions of the chemical abortion drug mifepristone.

Legal counsel for the Little Sisters of the Poor argued in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals against Pennsylvania over the state's requirement for employer insurance coverage of contraception and abortifacients. The current litigation follows a 15-year long battle beginning with federal regulations for the Affordable Care Act requiring such coverage, which several states have been attempting to implement after the federal rules were struck down.

The First Circuit ruled that religious schools that receive public funding are required to comply with state anti-discrimination laws promoting gender ideology. The Catholic and Protestant schools that lost the case are considering an appeal to the Supreme Court. A similar case is already set to be decided by the Supreme Court in the fall, which is expected to have an impact on this case.

A settlement has been reached in a federal lawsuit brought by pro-life pregnancy centers against Delaware for forcing the centers to post disclaimers on the premises and in advertisements stating that there is no licensed medical provider on staff directly supervising services provided. The settlement included an agreement not to enforce the law and the payment of $50,000 in attorneys; fees and costs.

National Planned Parenthood regained access to federal funding after being barred for a year. The yearlong pause caused the closure of 30 facilities nationwide, but it is unclear whether there will be another attempt to defund Planned Parenthood before the midterms.

Sen. Ted Budd introduced the Promoting Human Flourishing in Foreign Assistance Act, which, if passed, would codify President Trump's Promoting Human Flourishing in Foreign Assistance Policy and thereby reinstate and expand the Mexico City Policy. The Mexico City Policy historical has been invoked to prevent the use of foreign aid for the promotion of abortion abroad, but this would extend the policy to encompass promotion of gender ideology and DEI. To read the bill.

The Institute for Family Studies released a report on the fertility rate of the nation, concluding that the population will likely peak at 366 million and begin declining in the 2080's.

The NCBC and colleague organizations submitted a public comment to the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Treasury in response to proposed rulemaking on establishing excepted benefits related to fertility. We proposed a definition for "infertility", advocated for the use of restorative reproductive medicine and conscience protections, and opposed in vitro fertilization.

The NCBC and colleague organizations also submitted a public comment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in response to proposed rulemaking on transparency and oversight in grants of Federal funds. We asked for clarification on disparate impact, DEI, and abortion provisions in the proposed rule.

International
In the United Kingdom, pro-life former-Member of Parliament Ann Widdecombe was murdered in her home. Counter-terrorism police are in charge of the investigation, and a suspect is in custody, but no further information has come to light.

In Canada, a report by the Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) Oversight Unit indicated that there were thousands of errors in the administration of the MAiD program that required the government to follow up in 2024.

In France, the National Assembly overrode the Senate to legalize physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. The law will allow for patients with a "serious and incurable illness" that "threatens life in an advanced or terminal state" to opt for death either at their own hands or at the hands of a doctor.

Of Note
Pope Leo XIV accepted the Liberty Medal of the National Constitution Center, releasing a message of acceptance on July 3, just before Independence Day.

Pope Leo also delivered a message to the AI for Good Global Summit, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding the human person and indicating that his encyclical Magnifica Humanitas was "impelled by troubling accounts of the potential misuses of algorithms and by the loss of human agency in critical areas."

A 23-year-old alumnus of Christendom College ran from San Diego, California, To St. Augustine, Florida, pushing a stroller to raise money for a pro-life pregnancy center in Front Royal, Virgina.

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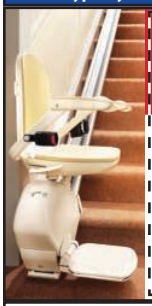
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