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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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Monday October 12, 2026
6:30 Gene & Alisa Devlin req. by Monica/Fred Bloesch
8:00 Peter Lucarini req. by Jack & Diane

Tuesday October 13, 2026
6:30 Pete Senteneri req. by Lucy DiDonato
8:00 Claudia & Samuel Richardson req. by Neary Fam

Wednesday October 14, 2026
6:30 Eleanor Cantando req. by Lucy DiDonato
8:00 Michelle Mall req. by Justin & Brooke Biddle

Thursday October 15, 2026
6:30 William Gault req. by Debbie Fox & Family
8:00 Mary Hienowitz req. by Cheryl Traynor

Friday October 16, 2026
6:30 George Clark req. by Family
8:00 Antonio Cappuccino req. by Mother

Saturday October 17, 2026
8:00 Elizabeth Duggan req. by Kathleen Duggan
5:00PM Hank & Vivian Kalinoski req. by Haggerty Fam

Sunday October 18, 2026
6:30 Juanita Lipp req. by Jefferson Healthcare Cordin.
8:00 John J. Dolan Sr req. by Kathy Cassetta
10:00 Victor & Elizabeth Thiel req. by Marvel Family
12:00 Mike Kenny req. by Buzz & Bern Richmond

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

Mass	*Communion*	*Lectors*
5:00PM	S. Michelli S. Wilson	R. Gola
6:30AM	L. Konopka	A.M. Coyle
8:00AM	A. Lozada J. Klady	R. Rysak
10:00AM	M. Ciampoli C. Mulray	J. Lynch
12:00PM	M. Stanish B. Richmond	D. Bores

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:
Dorothy Della Pia – parishioner

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friend:
William Reilly – husband of Dianne Reilly
Matthew Dzwoniarek – son of Linda Dzwoniarek

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to SEPTEMBER's CALENDAR WINNERS: #322, 141, 614, 412, 803.

Mission Sunday is the second collection on the weekend of October 17/18. Mission Sunday 2026 holds a special place in the life of the Church as Catholics around the world celebrate the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926 at the request of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, this annual observance has united generations of Catholics in prayer, sacrifice, and generosity for the Church's missionary work.

Attention Seniors and 55+ **- TJ FLUEHR** is hosting a Film Series for Seniors & 55+ over members of the Parish. We have reserved a theater for Brink of War (October 14th), Drummer Boy (November 18th) and Hershey (December 16th) at Penn Cinema. Seats are limited and filling up quickly. If interested, please call Korinne at 215-637-7373 to reserve your seat and get further details.

Respect Life Sunday Outreach to PA. House Members – at Mass on October 17 and 18 you will have the opportunity to add your name to a prepared letter that requests the principal Pa. House Member representing our Parish to oppose creating a "right to abortion" until birth in the Pa. Constitution. On December 17, 2025, the Pa. House, by a vote of 102-101, passed a B ill to create such a right. Of the Pa. House Members who represent the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 59 of them voted for this Bill. With this letter and an accompanying information sheet, you can contribute to stopping the creation of such a deadly "right" and a terrible legacy in PA. There will be a representative in the back of church on October 17/18 for you to sign the letter.

Our Lady of Calvary is hosting a **Holy Hour** each Wednesday in October from 7 to 8PM. This month the theme is ALL ABOUT MARY. The Holy Hour will begin with Evening Prayer and include Lectio Divina, a talk about our Blessed Mother, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. The schedule is as follows:

10/14 Fr Nguyen	Our Lady of Guadalupe
10/21 Deacon Kuhn	Our Lady of Lourdes
10/218 Fr Maloney	Blessed Mother's Hand in the fall of the Soviet Union

Our Lady of Fatima World Apostolic Foundation will host a HOLY HOUR at Our Lady of Calvary on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Oktoberfest is October 17, 2026 from 12PM to 7PM. This is a family fun event. Please plan on attending to make this a successful parish fundraiser. Thank You!!

The Parent Auxiliary of Troop/Cub Pack 460 is once again holding its PURSES and POWER TOOLS BINGO FUNDRAISER. The event will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026. All proceeds benefit Troop/Cub Pack 460. The Bino is from 7:00PM – 11:00PM with the doors opening at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Calvary School Gym. Tickets are $ 40.00 and tables can be reserved. There will be door prizes, raffle baskets, and a 50/50. For tickets, questions, or if any business or person would like to donate to our basket raffle, please text or call Stephanie West 267-688-5334 or Sara Janiszewski 610-742-8173. Tickets can also be purchased in the school gym on Thursday nights from 7-8PM.

AL ANON Meeting at 7:00PM on Sundays in the lower church meeting room.

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Monday, October 12
Monday, October 19
Monday, October 26
Monday, November 2
Monday, November 9
Monday, November 16

Time: 6:30PM at Our Lady of Calvary Lower Church
All are welcome! Bring your Bible (optional)-no sign-up
See you there! ***Fr. Ryan***

Mary of Nazareth

By David Canales Posted May 8, 2023 In Saints
(Saint Mary's Press)

Mary of Nazareth (ca. 18 BC-AD 50), the mother of Jesus of Nazareth, is without a doubt one of the most influential figures in all of Christianity. Revered by most, venerated by some, but respected by all Christians worldwide, and for good reason, she was after all chosen by God to bring forth the Savior of the world. Throughout the centuries every culture has interpreted Mary – or Miriam, as she would have been known in Hebrew – in different ways. Miriam of Nazareth has been portrayed in stories, icons, sculptures, paintings, music, songs, prayers, liturgies, spiritual writings, theologies, and official Church doctrines.

Feminist Catholic theologian Elizabeth Johnston notes, "The image of Mary in its many forms is woven throughout the life of the Church and her importance is expressed in doctrine, liturgy, [spirituality], and theology." Many aspects of the Blessed Virgin need to be taken into consideration; and although not all Christian denominations agree on everything about Mary's role in the Christian community, there is a common understanding that she was a woman of prayer and a woman of faith. Mary's role as the mother of Jesus is rich and complex.

Biblical Depictions of Mary

Various images of Mary appear in the New Testament, but there are not many Scripture pericopes. The most scrutinized texts pertaining to Mary are the two infancy narratives found in Matthew (1:16, 18-25) and Luke (1:26-56). There are two Johannine accounts: Mary at the wedding at Cana (2:1-12) and Mary at the Crucifixion at Calvary. In the Pauline corpus there is the significant phrase in Galations 4:4: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law." Finally, in the Book of Revelation, the "Woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars…. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod" (12:1,5) refers to Mary.

Mary appears in all four Gospels, and as a group of writings they represent a primary historical testimony. Each of the Gospels portrays Mary a little differently., In Mark's Gospel, Mary appears in only one scene, a line that briefly states, "[Jesus'] mother and his brothers arrived, and as they stood outside they sent word to him to come out" (3:31). In the passage that follows (3:32-35), Jesus goes on to make a distinction between his eschatological family and his earthly family. In Matthew's Gospel, Mary appears at the end of a long genealogy list. Mary never speaks in Matthew's Gospel, which pays more attention to Mary's husband: "Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born" (1:16). In Luke's Gospel; Mary is depicted as a woman of faith, who responds favorably to the glad tidings she receives. Mary joyfully states, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say:" (Luke 1:38). It is mainly from Luke's Gospel that Christianity has built up its strong Marian tradition. In John's Gospel, Mary is described as the "mother of Jesus"; indeed, that is all John ever calls her. Mary appears twice in John's Gospel: once near the beginning, at the wedding at Cana; and once near the end, as she witnesses her Son's Crucifixion.

With such diverse interpretations from all four Gospels, interpretations that cannot always be harmonized, it is easy to speculate about Mary. To peek at the real Miriam of Nazareth, the actual historical person behind the veil of twenty-first century Catholicism, is a rather tricky and fragile task. It is important to explore the history of the Church's tea chings on Mary, in order to understand the theological significance of Mary and her role upon the Christian community.

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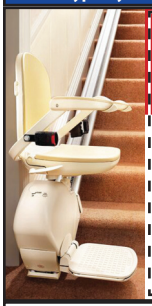
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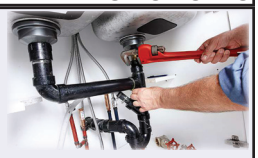
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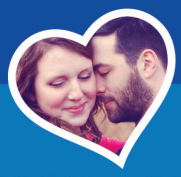
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