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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 19, 2026
6:30 Pat Alexy req. by Donna & Dale
8:00 Louis Lippo req. by Lippo Family

Tuesday October 20, 2026
6:30 Rita Matteo req. by Kubala Family
8:00 Sante Lucanni req. by Irwin Family

Wednesday October 21, 2026
6:30 Dominic DeMao req. by Dan & Joanne Cistone
8:00 Rosemary Bartlett req. by Kubala Family

Thursday October 22, 2026
6:30 John Kubala req. by Bob & Lori Kubala
8:00 Rosemary Roland req. by Trainor Family

Friday October 23, 2026
6:30 John & Pauline Longo req. by Family
8:00 Norma G. Burnosky Sr req. by Makowiecki Fam

Saturday October 24, 2026
8:00 George & Margaret Laigaie req. by Family
5:00PM Rocco & Emily Luciano req. by Maracci Fam

Sunday October 25, 2026
6:30 Peter Schissler Jr req. by Roseanne/Joe Imperato
8:00 William Avington req. by Irwin Family
10:00 Geraldine Ramulis req. by Paluszkiewicz Fam
12:00 Albert Strolis req. by Jerry & Kathy Smith

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

Mass	*Communion*	*Lectors*
5:00PM	H. Conway M. Derbyshire	C. Gola
6:30AM	S. Brown	J. Robbins
8:00AM	R. Juliano M. Bloesch	R. Juliano
10:00AM	B. Wagner E. Taylor	D. Makowiecki
12:00PM	P. Cargan J. Mills	H. Szychulski

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

All sick parishioners, their relatives, and friends:
Kathy Theis- friend of Marie Jacobs

All deceased parishioners, their relatives, and friend:
Officer Shane Seiber – Philadelphia Police Officer

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

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, one boy received the sacrament of Baptism by which he was incorporated into the Body of Christ:
Brody Michael Blackford- son of Nicholas Blackford and Valarie Patire

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 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:

10/21	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.

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 Bingo 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.

MARRIED COUPLES - Live your best life in love" in Fall 2026: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next in-person experience is November 13-15 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: https://www.wwme-philly.org/.

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

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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***

TEMPORARY ENVELOPES – Please remember before placing a temporary envelop 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 SENIOR MEETINGS – All are welcome – we meet every Tuesday at Regina Coeli Hall – across from the Torresdale station, 9617 James Street. Doors open at 9:30AM and the meeting begins at 10:30AM.

BE ENCOURAGED – Catholic Support for Mental Health - Friday, November 6, 2026 – 6:00-8:30PM Event – Remember: An Evening of Support and Healing for Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones to Suicide – The loss of a loved one to suicide has its own unique complexity of grief and pain. Join us for an evening of reflection that will weave together the hope found in our Catholic Faith with a deeper understanding of the grieving. Speakers: Sr. Kathryn Maey, MS, Author of Remember, a Catholic program for grief and suicide loss and Elizabeth Leaon, Di rectory of Family Support, Red Bird Ministries at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Warrington, PA – No cost to attend but please register at archphila.org/support. Early registration is recommended.

Mary of Nazareth
By D a vid Canales Posted May 8, 2023
In Saints (Saint Mary's Press)

History of the Church's Teachings About Mary
In the beginning of the second century, the early Church began to conflate biblical depictions of Mary. The ancient apocryphal non-canonical writing known as the Pratevangelium of James, or the Book of James, offers a legendary account of Mary's ancestry, youth, and marriage. In this work, two Marian feast days or holy days find their origins: (1) the Immaculate Conception and (2) the birth of Mary.ii Many theologians and saints from the early Church also wrote eloquently about Mary and helped to shape and develop the doctrine about her: Justin the Martyr, Ambrose of Milan, Augustine of Hippo, Cyril of Alexandria, and Nestorius of Constantinople. During the early Church period, while bishops were combating Christological heresies, the debate expanded to include Mary as well, specifically her unique role in conceiving Christ.

The Council of Ephesus (AD 431) definitively proclaimed that Mary was Theatakos, Greek for "Mother of God or "God-bearer". This title began to give significant impetus to Marian devotion and Marian spirituality. The council bishops strongly states, "Thus [the holy fathers] have unhesitatingly called the holy Virgin "Mother of God" (Theatakas). This does not mean that the nature of the Word or his divinity received the beginning of its existence from the Holy Virgin, but that, since the holy body, animated by a rational soul, which the Word united to himself according to the hypostasis (kath'hupostasin), was born to her, the Word born according to the flesh." iii This statement clearly meant that Mary is the Mother of God: not because of Christ's divinity, but because the Word or Logos was united to Jesus' humanity by being born of Mary-a poor, peasant Jewish adolescent-and that, therefore, the Word was born of the flesh (John 1:1-14). Consequently, the divine and human natures are united in Jesus the Christ, thereby making Mary of Nazareth the Mother of God.

The medieval church produced an array of Marian images and prayers. In this atmosphere there began to emerge a new Marian piety or spirituality that was reflected in prayers, art, and music, through the work of figures such as Saint Bernard of Clarvaux (1090-1153), Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), and Saint Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109). The Middle Ages saw the rise of prayers like the Salve Regina: the Praise of Mary: Mary, Queen of Heaven, the Hail Mary, and the origins of the Rosary.

It was also during the medieval period that the motif of Mary as Mediatrix of God's grace to unworthy sinners came to the forefront. As Marian piety grew, so did her popularity among common Catholics, and so did her privileges in a way commensurate with her powers. iv Because of her status as Theatakos and because of her popularity, Mary began to have a cult following, and these developments led to the widespread notion of Mary as Mediatrix, or as our little mediator interceding with the big Mediator – her Son, Jesus the Christ. The common rationale behind this understanding asks, What good and loving son would refuse to grant a request from his mother? Therefore, in popular religiosity withing Catholicism even today, Mary is asked to pray for or to intercede on behalf of a person's request to her Son.

The modern Church's teachings on Mary really begin with the teachings from the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), which wanted to move Marian tradition in harmony with Scripture, liturgy, and patristic theology. The eighth chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) is titled "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, in the Mystery of Christ and the Church" to reflect Mary's role as a member of the People of God and to emphasize that her role is viewed as a model of the Church and a model of Christian discipleship.

Since the Second Vatican Council, documents regarding Mary have included several papal encyclicals and apostolic letters:"

Marialis Cultus (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: 1974), by Pope Paul VI
Redemptoris Mater (The Mother of the Redeemer; 1987) by Pope Saint John Paull II
Rosarium Virginis Mariae (On the Most Holy Rosary: 2002), by Pope Saint John Paul II
Each of these documents emphasizes the continuing significance of Mary for Christian life and explores her relationship with the Church and her place in theology.

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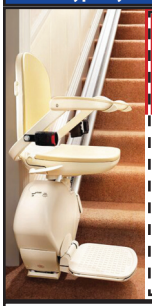
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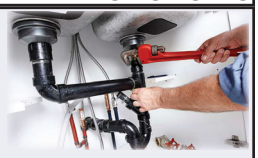
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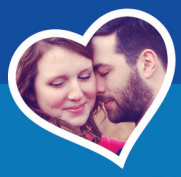
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