



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish



80 South 17th Avenue

It's a family thing

Coatesville, PA 19320

Fellow citizens . . . members of God's household, because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone (Ephesians 1,19).

There are no strangers in grace . . . only the friends we have been waiting to meet!

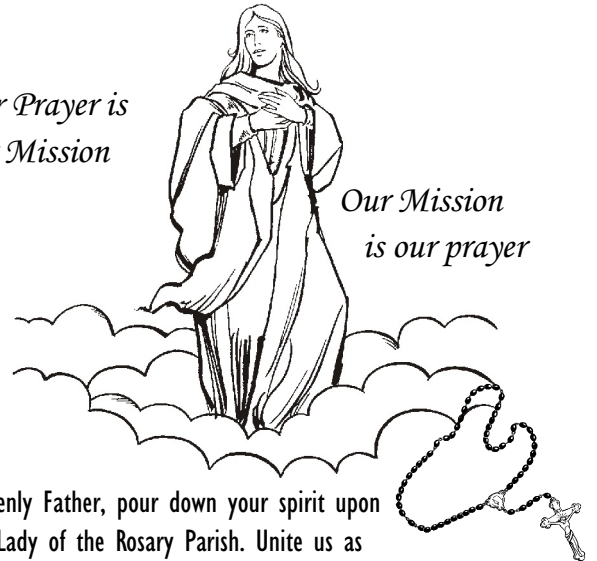
SACRAMENTAL AND DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ✠ Morning Prayer: 6:45 before morning Mass.
- ✠ Daily Mass: M, T, T, F, S: 7 AM; Wed. 6 PM
- ✠ Weekend Mass : Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:45 AM
- ✠ Holy Day Mass: Will be posted for each Holy Day
- ✠ Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

- ✠ BAPTISM dates are scheduled once parents have submitted all necessary forms and have completed the Pre-Jordan session. Please do not anticipate any date for a Baptism until you have consulted with Fr. Brennan. To begin the Baptism journey, call the Parish Office.

- ✠ Rosary each Monday at 7:00 PM.
- ✠ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Most Saturdays: 7:30 to 12 noon;
Last Monday of each month: 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM;
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM,
7:00 PM Rosary
7:30 PM Saint Jude Novena with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ✠ Miraculous Medal Novena each Saturday after
7:00 AM Mass
- ✠ Sacred Heart Novena First Friday after daily Mass

*Our Prayer is
our Mission*



Heavenly Father, pour down your spirit upon Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Unite us as one, sharing a vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, and a new consecration to your service. Through our renewed witness, and with the help of Mary, Queen of the Rosary, may your Holy Name be glorified, and your kingdom advance. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parish Office: 610-384-1415 Fx: 610-383-6592
www.olrcc.org

PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

Jackie Townsley and Paul Friel – Directors
Pope John Paul II Regional Elementary School
Principal: Mrs. Sarah Kerins 610-384-5961



Silence



**CHRIST IS RISEN !
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!**

Alleluia,

Alleluia,

Alleluia

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

HE said to them, Peace be with you.”

Hold in prayer our First Communion Children. May 5 they meet the Lord in this very special way.

Also, join them for our Parish May Procession Sunday May 6, immediately after 10:45 Mass.

HAIL MARY

This Week at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Monday April 16	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30; Jn 6:22-29</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Mass Ray Gentile, Jr. by Marietta Mann</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Rosary in church</p>
Tuesday April 17	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4,6ab,7b,8a,17,21ab; Jn 6:30-35</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Mass Patti Kristen by Jean Helm</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Children's Choir practice in church</p>
Wednesday April 18	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a; Jn 6:35-40</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Mass Toni Caridi by Tina DeLiberato</p> <p>Helen Fregede by daughter Denise</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice in church</p>
Thursday April 19	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20; Jn 6:44-51</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Mass Giuseppi & Maria Catanese by daughter-in-law Agata Catanese</p>
Friday April 20	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Mass Charles Gentile by Eileen & Rich Weaver</p>
Saturday April 21	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69</i></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Mass Salvatore "Benny" Boninu by Yolanda Erra</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – Noon Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confession</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Mass Florence Feister by Don & Robin</p> <p>Justin Hayes by grandparents Betty & Lou Filippone</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon John DuBois, Kevin Saska & Lynne Saska</p> <p>Lector: Betty Filippone</p> <p>Altar Servers: Mikaela Lee & Patrick Lee</p>
Sunday April 22	<p>Readings: <i>Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Mass Charles Gentile by Joe & Sharon Sabo</p> <p>Joseph & Antoinette Pilotti by John & Joy Pilotti</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Andersen, Kathy Esposito & Jean Jones</p> <p>Lector: Tony Fiorenza</p> <p>Altar Servers: Stephen Schubert & Jeremy Weirauch</p> <p>Christopher Breuninger by Aunt Joanne Smith</p> <p>Jean Loy by daughter Elaine Buehler</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Stephen Brown & Pat Trolino</p> <p>Lectors: Patrice Seeker & Christopher Trader</p> <p>Altar Servers: Tyler Hershey & Harrison Jonik</p> <p>Music Ministry: Teen Music Group</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Mass</p>

PARISH NEWS

MONDAY ROSARY

The next Monday Rosary will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. to pray the *Joyful Mysteries*. All are welcome to join in the prayer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Everyone is invited to join in the all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered on the last Monday of each month. Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, April 30th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 7:30 a.m. and will remain exposed for adoration until 7:30 p.m. followed by the St. Jude Novena and Benediction. The Rosary will be prayed in common at 7:00 p.m. Come and spend some time before our Lord!

AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

The Sodality will be hosting *"Mary's Tea"* on Sunday, April 29th at noon in the parish hall. It is a day for all women to honor our Blessed Mother. Tea sandwiches, salad, desserts and, of course, tea will be served amid prayer and music. We are encouraging participants to wear spring or summer hats as well as, to bring your own tea cup. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for girls under the age of twelve. Forms for the purchase of tickets are located on the entrance tables in church. Please bring the completed form with you when purchasing tickets. If you are unable to purchase your ticket in person, please mail your completed form to Debbie Gottshall along with the appropriate amount. Checks should be made out to the Congrega. All women are welcome to join as we honor Mary and all women.

NOW AVAILABLE

Registration forms for new altar servers are available on the bulletin boards at the church entranceways. Any parish children (4th grade or above) who would like to offer their service to God and our parish in this special ministry are invited to complete a form and return it to Father Brennan no later than April 15th.

ROSARY CAFE

Rosary Café will be serving coffee, tea and conversation next Sunday, April 22nd from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. in the church hall. All are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity to mingle, chat and enjoy a cup before heading home.

SODALITY

The Sodality will host a "Covered Dish" meeting in the hall on Tuesday, April 24th at 5:00 p.m. A meeting to discuss the Covered Dish event will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

The Holy Communion class did a wonderful job collecting, sorting and packing diapers and baby bottles for CCWS and Birthright crisis pregnancy centers here in Coatesville. They prayed for the unborn and all babies during class. We extend our appreciation to the First Holy Communion Class and those who donated to this worthy cause.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Baxter, Beverly Brown, Peyton Byer, Dolly Carnuccio, Dolores Ann Carroll, Nina Cordaro, Jean Engle, Heather Fullmer, Charles Hadley, Gail D. Hammon, Michael Hepner, Jr., Joe Hess, Nancy Hibbits, JoAnn Hill, Skip Hill, Michael Holmes, Mya Hostutler, Richard Humphreys, Cindy Kerr, Ava Lamb, Cloe Lamb, Nathan Lamb, Gene Lambert, Julia Lavin, Jena Leary, Angela Lyons, Idele McCaffrey, Nick Madonna, James Mascherino, Tim McConnell, Jeff McCoy, Teagan McDonnell, Michael Mullin, Alma Osenbach, Robin Palmer, Mary C. Price, Mark Quinn, Mary Riley, Rita Rockwell, Charles Ruffing, Wayne Sallurday, Judy Sampson, Sam Schroder, Angie Simeone, Angela Tekely, Roseanna Terriman, Kathy Turpin, Horace Wright, Frank Yannetti and Joann Zazo.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a practice for the First Holy Communion class on Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. Members of this year's First Holy Communion class should report to the hall by 9:30 a.m. We invite anyone who wishes to attend this Mass to feel welcome to do so. More so, we encourage you to pray for those who will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May God continue to help them grow in the ways of the faith and help them to remain close to Jesus every day of their lives.

TEEN LIFE & JR. CYO

Next Sunday, April 22nd, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO groups will meet from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. for a taco party. The Teen Music Group will sing at the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, April 29th, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will meet for Miniature Golf at 12:15 p.m. There will be no music practice.

LOTTERY CALENDAR

04/02/18	475	<i>Just miss it!</i>
04/03/18	340	<i>Should have had it!</i>
04/04/18	999	<i>Wish it were you!</i>
04/05/18	935	<i>Missed a biggie!</i>
04/06/18	300	<i>So close!</i>
04/07/18	336	<i>Number still available!</i>
04/08/18	588	<i>House wins! Thank You!</i>
04/09/18	839	<i>Could have been you!</i>

It's not too late to get in on the fun! Order forms can be found on all the bulletin boards in church or call the rectory.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto Nicola DiTella and Marian Phillips, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

YOUR SERVICE OF SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, April 8, 2018

Envelopes Offered: 331
Donations: \$9,565.00

The faithful of our parish are to be commended for the good work that is accomplished through their generosity and loyal support.

PRE-JORDAN

Parents and godparents presenting a child for Baptism need to attend a preparation class in order to be properly informed about the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. The next class will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the last classroom in the parish hall. Registration is a must. Please register in advance by calling Mrs. Coxson at 610-384-5560. Please do not assume any date for baptism before confirming the date with Father Brennan. Before any date can be finalized, all forms and eligibility letters need to be delivered to the rectory.

PREP

Our **PREP** program will end this year's session with the May Procession. We encourage all students to attend the May Procession. The last class session will be on Sunday, April 29th.

MAY PROCESSION

Our annual May Day Procession to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held Sunday, May 6th following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. All our parishioners are urged to participate in this traditional observance in honor of our Lady. Sodality members, Holy Name Society members, all the Altar Servers, all the children in our PREP program (3 year nursery to 12th grade) or attending Catholic schools and this year's Communion and Confirmation class (in robes) are **strongly encouraged** to participate. We hope to see all the members of the parish for the procession and the crowning of Mary's statue. This is a wonderful way to honor Mary, the Mother of God and Patroness of our parish.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Dennis Back; Lt. Sara Ann Bennett, Navy; Joseph Cavuto, USN; SSG Charles Ciliberti, Army; Cpt. Robert Cuthie; A.J. Foster, USMC; Brandyn Henry, Army; Sean Kaspar; Barry Lusby; Emily Mancuso, USAF; Jesse Mancuso, Spec. Army; Sergeant Paul Mancuso, USMC; SPC Sarah Mancuso; Brien Mann, Airforce; Private Brendan James Raysor, Jeremy Solnosky, USMC; Bobby Stewart, USMC; CPL Jonathan R. Stuckel; and Joshua Thompson, Army.

PASTA DINNER

Boy Scout Troop 117 will host a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 5th at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$9 for adults; \$8 for seniors (60+); \$7 children (3-11) and children under three eat free. Walk-ins are welcome and take-out is available. For tickets call Chuck Coxson at 610-384-5560.

FAMILIES OF 6TH GRADERS

All area 6th graders and families are invited to Bishop Shanahan High School for a **Seek 2018** on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. This festival involves an amazing day filled with faith, friends and fun and is completely free. Please register your student by Monday, April 30th! For more information, visit shanahan.org/seek.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2018

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
Reverend Thomas J. Brennan, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.



No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).



Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin now to become new creations.

Make an examination. Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Face the truth with courage. It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

Devise a plan. Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it.

Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

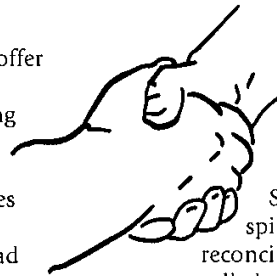
Take the first steps. New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus



forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other.

Catholic disciples are called to more

Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and regular Confession form the foundation for a solid Catholic life. Yet, discipleship calls us to more. Discipleship moves us to make a "conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost" to ourselves (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

A **conscious decision.** Disciples consciously resolve to follow Jesus with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. This governing resolution – renewed every day – controls all other decisions in a disciple's life.



Demonstrated by action. Our discipleship is visible to others by our devotion to the Church and by the good works we perform. Our charitable actions are offered in obedience to Jesus' example – and instructions – in the New Testament. The Church suggests the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as guidelines.

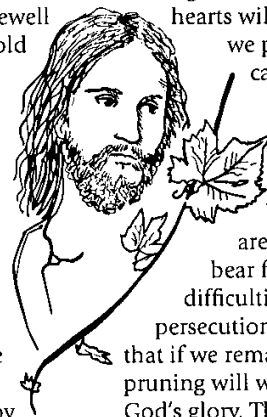
Despite the cost. "So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). To be Christian isn't always comfortable. Yet, disciples persist out of love, no matter the cost.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Stay faithful to Christ

This Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He used a familiar image to explain. A grapevine has a main stem and smaller branches growing from it. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We received this life when we were "grafted onto" Jesus in Baptism. We preserve this life by taking his words seriously and



striving to live by them. Then our hearts will become like his. When we pray in Jesus' name, we can trust that God will answer our prayers. There is a "catch" to following Jesus, though. Just as the branches on a grapevine are pruned – cut short – to bear fruit, we will encounter difficulties and even persecution. Yet, Jesus reminds us that if we remain faithful to him, this pruning will work for our good and God's glory. Then we'll become the saints we were called to be.

Q & A What does the Resurrection mean for us?

Jesus' Resurrection – the most important event in human history – is how we know that what he said and did while on Earth is true and his promises to us are trustworthy.



During his public ministry, Jesus spoke and acted as God. He promised that if we follow him, we will have eternal life. Either he was God and had the power to make it true, or he was a mere man claiming to be someone he wasn't.

That Jesus rose from the dead – a fact verified by more than 500 eyewitness accounts – means that his word can be trusted. He warned of the specifics of his own death, predicted his Resurrection, and proved that he really is God. Therefore, his promises of eternal life are real, too.

The Resurrection gives us hope. "By his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #654). All those who die in God's friendship will live with him forever.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 3 – St. Richard of Chichester (1253). Born in England, St. Richard studied law at Bologna. Known for his holiness and administrative skills, he was named archbishop of Chichester, but King Henry III refused to let him rule until the pope threatened the king with excommunication. Even as an archbishop, St. Richard lived a humble life. He died in Dover while preaching a crusade.

April 8 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1935). In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of

Mercy." Jesus promised anyone who honors him as King of Mercy and prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave St. Faustina – would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.



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