



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.

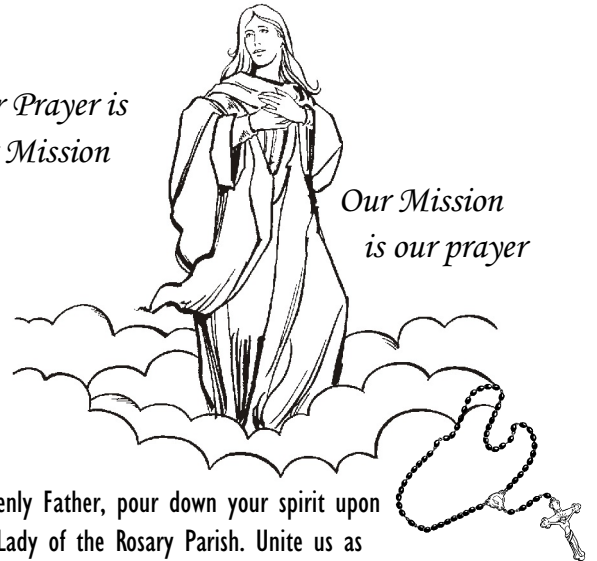
- ✠ Rosary each Monday at 7:00 PM.

- ✠ 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*

*Our Mission
is our prayer*



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.

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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

CALENDAR NOTES

- ❖ March 4 Mass with Anointing of the Sick 10:45
- ❖ March 8 Visit to OLR Original Church
- ❖ March 10 Confirmation Practice and Retreat
- ❖ March 14 Confirmation 5:00 PM
PLEASE NOTE This day Mass
Time change: no 6:00 PM Mass
[There will be Mass at 7 AM.]
- ❖ March 23 Living Stations of the Cross after 6:00 PM Mass

MARCH 4, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Repent and believe in the Gospel



OLR ❖ YESTERDAY ❖ TODAY ❖ TOMORROW ❖ TODAY



Remember ME

This Week at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Monday March 5	Readings: <i>2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Toni Caridi by Dorothy Ruscio
Tuesday March 6	Readings: <i>Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9; Mt 18:21-35</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Tom Kubala by the Family
Wednesday March 7	Readings: <i>St 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass Elizabeth Perella by daughter Barb Knezo & Family James Trolio, Sr. (7 th anniversary) by wife Pat & Children 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Children's Choir practice in church 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice in church
Thursday March 8	Readings: <i>Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Deceased members of the Pappas Family by Craig & Terri Pappas 11:00 a.m. Visit to original OLR church built in 1917
Friday March 9	Readings: <i>Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17; Mk 12:28-34</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Toni Caridi by Maria Papotto 6:00 p.m. Mass Charles Gentile by Marietta Mann Lector: Tom Leicht Altar Servers: Tyler Hershey & Ben Staub 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday March 10	Readings: <i>Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21b; Lk 18:9-14</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass Charles Gentile by Doris & Craig Miller 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Confirmation practice 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Mass Victoria DiMichael by John Sinapi Justin Hayes by grandparents Betty & Louis Filippone Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon John DuBois, Paul Friel & Diane Mascuilli Lector: Tina DeLiberato Altar Servers: Dakota Rodgers & Jeremy Weirauch
Sunday March 11	Readings: <i>2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass Thaldeus Kowaczyk by George & Mary Catherine Tandarich Kathryn & John Magala, Sr. by Butch & Kathleen Franciscus Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Fred Kerr, Kathy Esposito & Justin Staub Lectors: Eileen Coxson & Tom Leicht Altar Servers: Stephen Schubert & Ben Staub 10:45 a.m. Mass Vincent Green by mother Therese Humphreys Frank Martin by sister Therese Humphreys Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Fred Kerr, Matt Gomba & Melanie Gomba Lectors: John Calnan & Alex Seeker Altar Servers: Lucas Donaldson & Zachary Donaldson

Rosary Café
will be open next Sunday, March 11th

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN SEASON

Mass will be celebrated during Lent at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Fridays. *Stations of the Cross* will follow after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Fridays.

LIVING STATIONS

The Living Stations Presentation by the Jr. CYO and Teen Life groups will be held on Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendar now – you don't want to miss it!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Your help will be needed after the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30th. Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to join in decorating the church for Easter. Your talent is always welcome!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Teen Life and Jr. CYO Groups will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th at 12:30 p.m. All children ages 12 years old and younger are welcome to join in the fun. Please meet in the hall.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers for our Easter Sunday decorations, please call the rectory. If possible, a donation of \$20 would be appreciated.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The Sodality will host a Bake Sale on the weekend of March 24/25. All are invited to stop in the hall after Mass to pick up delicious baked "goodies" before heading home.

BAKERS OF OLR

Donated baked goods are needed for the upcoming Bake Sale on March 24/25 (Palm Sunday) sponsored by the Sodality. If you would be interested in helping, please drop off your baked goods in the church hall in the morning or afternoon of March 24th. You do not have to be a member of the Sodality to help. Because of food allergies, please label your donation with the ingredients. Any type of baked item would be appreciated. Thank you!

FIELD TRIP

This Thursday, March 8th, we have the opportunity of visiting Holy Tabernacle Church. This is the original Our Lady of the Rosary Church structure from 1917 to 1967. It is located on the corner of Coates St. and Black Horse Hill Rd. Rev. Savage and Evangelist Charlotte Parr have been very gracious with organizing this visit. The visit will commence at 11:00 a.m. (lasting for approximately one hour). After visiting, we will go to Fuel City Café in Coatesville for coffee, tea or beverage. Interested parishioners are to call Pete DiMaio at 610-384-4943 or email petermpmd@yahoo.com. There is an alley behind Holy Tabernacle Church which leads to a paved parking lot. There is a ramp leading into the church. Transportation is available for those interested. Car-pooling is encouraged. This is a wonderful chance to learn of our structure's history and heritage.

TEEN LIFE & JR. CYO

There will be no meeting today, Sunday, March 4th. The next meeting will be held next Sunday, March 11th from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. The service project will be making meals for a shelter. There will be no Teen music. On Sunday, March 18th, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will prepare for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and have a Living Stations rehearsal. The Teen Music Group will meet at 1:15 p.m.

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 is invited to complete a form and return it to Father Brennan no later than March 31st.

SAVE THE DATE

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, bringing your own tea cup. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for girls under the age of twelve. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for date of ticket sale.

YOUR SERVICE OF SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, February 25, 2018

Envelopes Offered: 333

Donations: \$9,598.00

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 10/11 for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous with your prayers and financial support.

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, March 26th. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and will remain exposed for adoration until 7:30 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed in common at 7:00 p.m. followed by the St. Jude Novena and Benediction at 7:30 p.m. Come and spend some time before our Lord!

MONDAY ROSARY

The next Monday Rosary will be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. to pray the *Glorious Mysteries*. All are welcome to join in the prayer.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto David Lamb Sr. and Michael Mullin, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Pray for our Military!

CONFIRMATION

A *Confirmation Practice* will be held next Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

A *Confirmation Retreat* will be held for all candidates next Saturday, March 10th beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. Please plan to attend.

The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:00 p.m. Candidates are to meet in the parish hall at 4:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 11th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead!!!

LOTTERY CALENDAR

02/20/18	133	Andrew Oleszek
02/21/18	230	<i>Just missed it!</i>
02/22/18	915	Dorothy Ruscio
02/23/18	615	<i>Missed a biggie!</i>
02/24/18	973	<i>House wins! Thank You!</i>
02/25/18	659	<i>Wish it were you!</i>
02/26/18	659	<i>Should have had it!</i>

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

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.

YOU CAN HELP

Partners in Outreach are once again collecting new Easter outfits for children in our community (ages infant through sixteen). These outfits will go directly to the children in many of the Catholic Churches in Chester County. The new clothing donations will be accepted up to Sunday, March 11th. Please place all donations in the box in front of the hall kitchen. For more information, contact Diane Ward at 610-308-3357 or dward@partnersinoutreach.org.

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March 2018

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

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in York, England in 1555. She was raised Protestant but became a Catholic soon after she married. When Queen Elizabeth I outlawed Catholicism, St. Margaret continued to practice her faith, even hiding Catholic priests in her house so they could say Mass in secret. In 1586, Margaret was arrested. Instead of being afraid, she was serenely joyful during her time in prison. She refused to renounce her faith and died a martyr.



St. Joseph

March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, honors the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is the patron of the Universal Church and protector of families.

"You are praising God when you do your day's work. You are praising him when you eat and drink. You are praising him when you rest on your bed. You are praising him when you are asleep. So when are you not praising him?"

St. Augustine



"Who, then, is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) challenges our idea of who is a stranger. As followers of Jesus, we know that it is not acceptable to care only for people who are like ourselves. Our faith calls us to look beyond borders and see all people as neighbors. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" (Luke 6:32).

Who is a neighbor? Jesus never directed us to like everyone, but he raised love of neighbor to the level of a Commandment. And he doesn't allow us to be selective.

The snarky coworker or unpleasant older person who lives next door?

Both are neighbors we are asked to love. Customers who harp on the tiny mistakes we make, or relatives who love to point out our flaws?

Neighbors. People from around the world whose values and behavior are foreign to us? Neighbors, all.

What is neighbor love? It starts by seeing those around us – truly looking past the outer appearance and learning names, personal stories, circumstances.

Praying for others – whether we know them personally or not – is a powerful way to love them.

Neighbor love isn't blind to others' sin but it requires focusing on our own first. We love neighbors best by letting them witness in us the fullness of a life in Christ.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have crucifixes in church?

The crucifix – a cross with Jesus' body on it – reminds us of the price of our salvation and God's infinite love for us; "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to death on a cross" (John 3:16).



A crucifix helps us to remember that the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1545). During Mass, Jesus, through the priest, offers himself to the Father for us.

Why does God let bad things happen?

"If God is good, why does he allow bad things to happen?" In our hearts, we may know that God is loving and doesn't want us to suffer, but it can be difficult to see his plan when trouble strikes. The key is to stay close and trust his love.

Draw closer to him. Sometimes God allows bad things to happen because he knows that adversity can draw us closer to him. Take the Old Testament hero, Joseph, for example (Genesis 37-50). He was sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely



accused by his master's wife, and unjustly imprisoned for years. Eventually he was released and became one of the most powerful men in Egypt.

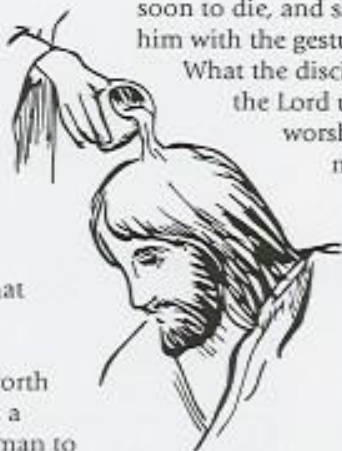
Stay connected. Throughout his suffering, Joseph kept his friendship with God strong so he could see God's hand in his life. When his brothers begged for forgiveness, Joseph was able to answer, *"Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people."*

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Waste or worship?

In this reading, we follow the march of events toward Jesus' death. It begins in Bethany with a woman pouring a costly ointment over Jesus' head and horrifying the disciples with a frivolous use of an expensive material. However, Jesus silenced them, pointing out that "she has anointed my body beforehand for burying."

The ointment was costly – worth about one year's wages. It was a significant sacrifice for the woman to make. Yet, unlike the disciples, the woman understood that Jesus was



soon to die, and she meant to honor him with the gesture.

What the disciples saw as waste, the Lord understood as worship. Jesus saw her material offering as "a beautiful thing." She took one of her most honored possessions and gave it to Jesus in an unusual act of devotion. Rather than consider it a loss, Jesus felt honored by it.

Q & A How do I make a good Confession?

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) can sometimes feel like an obligation instead of an encounter with God's mercy, but it doesn't have to be that way. Try these tips for a more joyful Reconciliation.

Examine your conscience. Compare your actions to the principles of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Bring to the confessional the significant ways you have failed to live up to them.

Confess the small ones, too. Participating in the Sacrament frequently means that you may only have venial (minor) sins to confess. Confess them anyway. Piling up venial sins can lessen our resistance and pave the way for mortal sin. Confessing keeps our consciences sharp.

Express contrition and resolve to avoid sin. Ask for the grace to continue growing in holiness and avoiding evil.

The point of the Sacrament is to reconcile us with the God who loves us more than we can imagine, and who is always eager to forgive us. Confession helps us come back and begin again.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born into Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c. 461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the

Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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