



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

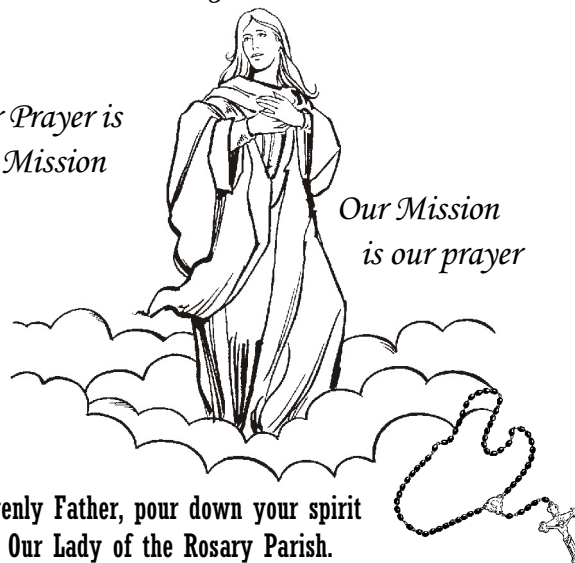
- ✠ BAPTISM dates are scheduled once parents have submitted all necessary forms and have completed the Pre-Jordan session. Please do not anticipate any date for a Baptism until you have consulted with Fr. Brennan. To begin the Baptism journey, call the Parish Office.

- ✠ Rosary each Monday at 6:00 PM.

- ✠ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Most Saturdays: 7:30 to 12 noon;
Last Monday of each month: 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM;
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 PM,
6:00 PM Rosary
6:30 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

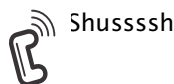
*Our Prayer is
our Mission*



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.

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SUNDAY - December 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Come, Lord, Jesus!

Maranatha!



- ☺ The Angel Tree is here!
Be an Angel, take a tag.
- ☺ Dec 8 Holy Day Mass
7:00 am, 9:00 am
- ☺ Dec. 16 Parish Christmas Tree is here, // bring your Baby Jesus Figures for Blessing, // Christmas Wafers will be here.
Children's Christmas Party
Caroling & sing along 4pm
- ☺ Dec 21 Church Decorating 6pm

This Week at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

<p>Monday December 3</p>	<p>Readings: 7:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11</i> James Mariano by Judy & Nick Raytik Tom McInerney by Rosetta Rambo</p> <p>Rosary in church</p>
<p>Tuesday December 4</p>	<p>Readings: 7:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p><i>Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Lk 10:21-24</i> Linda Baxter by Harry & Cheryl Proudfoot Sabatino & Rose Della Rova by Anna Clauser</p>
<p>Wednesday December 5</p>	<p>Readings: 6:00 p.m. Mass</p> <p>7:00 – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37</i> Pietro Gulli by Ann & Tony Scamuffa Eleanor Holbrook by Michael & Bambi Townsley</p> <p>Adult Choir rehearsal in church</p>
<p>Thursday December 6</p>	<p>Readings: 7:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21,24-27</i> Carmen Thomas Barbieri by Sister Mary Ann Johnston Grace Notes rehearsal in church</p>
<p>Friday December 7</p>	<p>Readings: 7:00 a.m. Mass</p>	<p><i>Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31</i> Eleanor Holbrook by Dorothy Ruscio</p>
<p>Saturday December 8</p>	<p>Readings: 7:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass</p> <p>Please Note</p> <p>4:00 – 4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Mass</p>	<p><i>Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38</i> Alice Salitrynski by Anthony Massarotti Anna Mae Augustine by Mike & Betty Ann Herley Clifford & Connie Marks by the Family Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Mascuilli & Pat Trolio Lector: Betty Filippone</p> <p>There is no Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today</p> <p>Confession Anthony & Elizabeth Pellegrino by the Gordon Family Benny, Elsie & Francis Pilotti by Andrea, Michael & Regina Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Fred Kerr, Kevin Saska & Lynne Saska Lector: Rosemary Conway Altar Servers: Aidan McFarland & Dakota Rodgers</p>
<p>Sunday December 9</p>	<p>Readings: 8:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Mass</p>	<p><i>Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6</i> Celeste Gibson by Lorraine & Jim DiSante Edward E. Sockoloskie by Deborah Dawson Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon John DuBois, Jean Jones & Dwight Bohm Lectors: Eileen Coxson & Tom Leicht Altar Servers: Anthony Watson & Bevan Watson Nicholas Cordaro by wife Nina Cecilia Troupe by Cammie & Jack Phenneger Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon John DuBois, Lee D'Alessandro & Ida Labiak Lector: Alex Seeker Altar Servers: Michael Gomba & Jannelle Mackey Music Ministry: Teen Music Group</p>

PARISH NEWS

MONDAY ROSARY

The next Monday Rosary will be held tomorrow Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. to pray the *Luminous Mysteries*. All are welcome to join in the prayer.

The *Rosary* is also recited at 4:30 p.m. on all Saturday evenings before the Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to obtain grace from Mary, Queen of the Rosary, for whom our church is named.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This holyday of obligation in honor of our Lady's Immaculate Conception will be celebrated next Saturday, December 8th. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

YOUR SERVICE OF SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, November 18, 2018

Envelopes Offered: 309
Donations: \$9,699.00

Sunday Collection, November 25, 2018

Envelopes Offered: 298
Donations: \$8,032.00

There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend, December 1/2 for the *Retirement Fund for the Religious*. Please be generous with your prayers and financial support.

We thank all parishioners for their generosity and commitment to OLR. You are truly a blessing!!

TEEN LIFE & JR. CYO

Today, Sunday, December 2nd, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will get together to prepare for the Children's Christmas party at 11:45 a.m.

Next Sunday, December 9th, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will meet for a live Nativity practice from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a service project.

On Sunday, December 16th, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will meet in the hall to set-up for the Children's Christmas Party.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The bouquet at the Main Altar was donated in memory of Bill Oleszek requested by wife Angie and family.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Frank Balisteri, Maureen Bole, Dolly Carnuccio, Nina Cordaro, Brian Dray, Karen Flamminio, Heather Fuller, Kathy Hawk, Liam Hawk, Jr., Joanne Hill, Skip Hill, Raymond Holter, Mya Hostutler, Richard Humphreys, Cindy Kerr, Frank LaPolla, Julia Lavin, Emerson Ann Mascherino, Jeff McCoy, James Porreca, Janet Rambo, Mary Riley, Carlos Sanz, Joe Spagnuola, Roseanna Terriman, Hedy Tranchitella, Fred Weller, Frank Yannetti and Lucas Yost.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto Ted Corbo, Mary Taylor, Mark Quinn and Alex Wilson, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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, December 31st. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from noon till 5:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. Come and spend some time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

LOTTERY CALENDAR

11/16/18	430	<i>So close!</i>
11/17/18	909	Francis DeCerio
11/18/18	632	<i>Missed a biggie!</i>
11/19/18	465	<i>House wins! Thank You!</i>
11/20/18	480	Barbara Rambo
11/21/18	415	<i>Wish it were you!</i>
11/22/18	424	<i>Just missed it!</i>
11/23/18	083	Betty Mitchell
11/24/18	131	Betty Filippone
11/25/18	406	<i>Should have had it!</i>
11/26/18	754	<i>House wins! Thank You!</i>

The **2019 Lottery Calendar** is now available. Forms can be found on the bulletin boards in church or on page five of this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS

Be part of the joyful expression of love for the new born Jesus. All are invited to help bring out the joy of OLR's Christmas celebration. Church decorating takes place on Friday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. Your graceful touch will be appreciated. Everyone is welcome!

OPPORTUNITY

With Christmas on the way more opportunities to be of help are waiting. The "Angel Giving Tree", the "Gift Card" support program and the St. Vincent de Paul offerings are open doors for your generosity. Once again, always be proud of the good that you do and know that God is proud of you for doing good in such loving and caring ways. Continue to be the blessing that you are!

CAROLING

There will be a *Christmas Caroling* event on Sunday, December 16th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please meet in the church hall to carol around the neighborhoods and then return for refreshments provided by our Holy Name Society and Sodality. Dress warmly and bring flashlights, candles, jingle bells, and the like. For those who wish to stay inside and socialize, our Prayer Folk Group will be singing in the hall. For more information, call Peter DiMaio at 610-384-4943.

There will also be a *Community Caroling Event* on December 9th from 1:45 to 5:00 p.m. Members of various Coatesville Churches will join to share some Christmas Joy - all are welcome. The fun begins at the Coatesville Senior Center. Song sheets will be on hand and cookies and hot chocolate will be available after the caroling tour. If you need more information, contact Peter Di Maio at 610-384-4943 or petermpmd@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Sodality will host their Christmas Luncheon at Pronto Bistro Italiano next Sunday, December 9th. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 2:00 p.m.; dinner at 2:30 p.m. Meal choices are salmon with lemon glaze (\$28); chicken picatta (\$29) or filet mignon (\$42). All entrees will include a garden salad, Italian wedding soup, roasted potatoes, green beans in tomato sauce and Italian cannoli cake. Sign up forms can be found on the entrance tables in church. Please complete a form and return it to Pat Lewis or the rectory. Deadline for reservation is December 5th.

ANGEL TREE

The Teen Life and the Jr. CYO have put up the Angel Tree in church. On this tree will be tags for various items that are needed for the less fortunate. Please take a tag, buy the gift and return the gift in a gift bag. Don't forget to attach the tag. All items should be new. Deadline to return the gifts is Sunday, December 9th. The Christmas Season is a wonderful way to help others!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All the children of the parish (12 years of age and younger) are invited to attend our annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. There will be crafts, games, food, and of course Santa who will have a gift for each child. This party is sponsored by our Teen Life and Jr. CYO team – it is one of the many customs which makes our parish so special.

GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS

The 2019 Lottery Calendar is available. Don't miss out on your opportunity to put some \$\$\$ in your pockets. Call the rectory or complete the form on page five of this bulletin and return to the rectory or drop in Sunday's collection basket.

ROSARY CAFE

Rosary Café will be serving coffee, tea and conversation on Sunday, December 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the parish hall. All are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity to mingle, chat and enjoy a cup before heading home.

SODALITY

The \$5 Sodality *membership dues* are now being collected. Please give the donation to Dorothy Ruscio or drop it in the Sunday collection baskets.

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 Monday, January 7th 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.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

Advent 2018

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

Make the most of Advent

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as King of all creation.

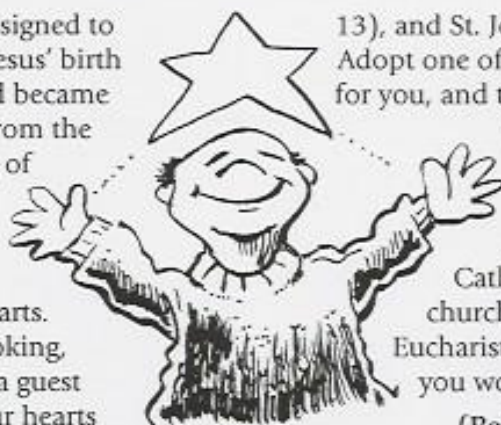
Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Below are some suggestions to make the most of your Advent:

Prioritize prayer.

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

Know the story. Read through the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and/or Luke 2:1-20. Place yourself in the scene. Internalizing the Christmas story will give you a better appreciation of the season.

Get to know the Advent saints. One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (December 6), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Lucy (December



13), and St. John of the Cross (December 14). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374). All Catholic churches have a tabernacle where the Eucharist is stored. Speak with our Lord as you would a close friend.

(Re)Discover the Mass. At Mass, Heaven comes down to Earth. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ comes into our hearts and nourishes our souls. Aim to attend daily Mass once every week during the Christmas season.

Practice penance.

Form an "Advent habit." Advent is a great time to start a holy habit. Maybe it's replacing negative comments with positive ones, or getting up ten minutes earlier to pray. See if you can keep up your "Advent habits" through the Christmas season.

Electronic fasting. Create a space for God and the gifts he wants to give you. Consider limiting the amount of time spent on your electronic devices: no Facebook during the work day, no texting during dinner, or while someone is talking to you (unless it's an emergency), etc.

Make a nightly examination of conscience. This will help you spot any patterns of sin that

are preventing you from connecting with God. Remember to thank God for the good things about the day, too. Close prayer by choosing one sinful habit that you'd like to change and resolve to change it by the end of Advent.

Experience God's mercy. Just as we would clean and decorate the house for Christmas, we need to "clean and decorate" our souls by frequenting the sacrament of Confession. Make a heartfelt Confession to greet the Messiah this Christmas with a joyful heart.

Give alms.

Donate resources. Another way to prepare for the Savior is to help his people. Parishes often have food and clothing drives. Don't forget the basics, like socks, toiletries, and soap. Prayerfully consider donating to your parish whatever you are able, or to charities like Catholic Relief Services (<https://www.crs.org>).

Give your time. This can be anything from volunteering to work at a soup kitchen, to getting a group of friends together and caroling at a nursing home, to making handmade cards for soldiers overseas. Every little bit counts.

Welcome the lonely. To Mother Teresa, feeling unloved was a greater poverty than being hungry (though eating enough is important, too). The holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone. Extend invitations for your holiday gatherings to people who might otherwise be alone or forgotten.

Do acts of random kindness. A little kindness goes a long way. Hold the door for people and smile at them. Don't be afraid to offer a hand when you see someone in need. Jesus said, "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40).

Practice patience. In this season of waiting, practicing this virtue is a work of mercy and way of giving alms. Practicing patience includes: being polite even when you have to wait, assuming the best about someone until they prove otherwise, being firm yet gentle when correcting someone, and seeing things from the other's point of view. If

all else fails, we can recall how patient God is with our failings and never tires of forgiving us.

Anticipate with joy

Light the Advent wreath at dinner to build anticipation for Jesus' birth. The wreath is an ancient sign of victory, in this case, Christ's victory over sin and death. The three purple candles stand for penance, sorrow, and hope. The rose candle stands for joy. One custom is to exchange the purple and rose candles for white candles during the Christmas season.

Listen to Advent music. Make a playlist of Advent music that helps you connect with the themes of the season: faith in God's promises, waiting with hope, and joyful expectation. Include hymns like, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and traditional carols like, The Holly and the Ivy.

Set out the Nativity Scene—slowly. The custom of displaying the Nativity Scene was begun by St. Francis of Assisi to illustrate the simplicity of the Incarnation. On the first Sunday of Advent, set out the stable and the empty manger. As the weeks go by, add characters. Wait until Christmas morning to place Jesus in the manger.

Celebrate Advent feast days. Learn about how other cultures celebrate the Advent saints' feasts. Consider adopting a custom or do something special of your own. Remember, attendance at Mass is required for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Build your Christmas around the Mass. Finally, at Christmas Mass, after all that waiting and preparing, we are ready to receive the greatest Gift of all: Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. Sing joyfully in Mass and welcome the King of Kings into your hearts and homes!

And lastly, keep your Advent behaviors going after Christmas. The waiting is over, but don't lose the good habits you acquired over Advent. Cultivate the "Advent attitudes" of waiting and preparing joyfully for the Lord. Every Sunday is a mini "Christmas," when we greet the Messiah under the forms of bread and wine at Mass.