



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.

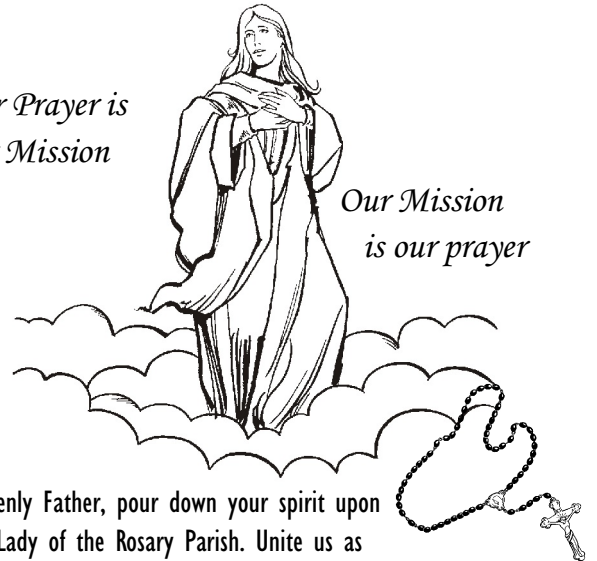
- ⌘ Rosary each Monday at 7:00 PM.

- ⌘ 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.

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

JANUARY 6, 2019 Epiphany of Our Lord

Now I See !



PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is too important a feast to celebrate for just one day. Therefore, following an ancient custom, the Church celebrates an octave (8 days) as if each day were still Christmas and observes a Christmas Season, usually lasting several weeks. The liturgical Christmas Season will end with the baptism of the Lord next Sunday, January 13th.

ROSARY CAFE

Rosary Café will be serving coffee, tea and conversation today, Sunday, January 6th from 9:15 to 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.

GET IN ON THE FUN

The 2019 Lottery Calendar is available. Don't miss out on your opportunity to put some \$\$\$ in your pockets. Call the rectory, complete the form on page five of this bulletin or grab a form from the bulletin boards in church and return to the rectory or drop in Sunday's collection basket. Those who have already ordered their Calendars can pick them up in Mary's Chapel after Mass.

We express our sincere thanks to everyone who has been a supporting participant in our parish Lottery Calendar. Your support has helped to make this adventure a wonderful success as well as providing a little excitement and fun – especially for our winners.

TEEN LIFE

The Teen Life and Jr. CYO groups will have a service project on Sunday, January 6th at 11:45 a.m.

Next Sunday, January 13th, they will do a service project with the PREP classes. Please meet in the hall at 8:30 a.m.

On Sunday, January 20th, the Teen Life and Jr. CYO will have a fun day at the Bowling Palace in Downingtown. Please let Mrs. Masch know if you are interested in going.

SODALITY

The Sodality will host a *breakfast meeting* on Sunday, January 27th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Frank Balisteri, Maureen Bole, Dolly Carnuccio, Nina Cordaro, Brian Dray, Heather Fuller, Shelly Guiseppe, Christopher Hagee, Kathy Hawk, Liam Hawk, Jr., Joanne Hill, Skip Hill, Raymond Holter, Mya Hostutler, Richard Humphreys, Cindy Kerr, Ave Lamb, Chloe Lamb, Nathan Lamb, Frank LaPolla, Maximilian Laporta, Julia Lavin, Emerson Ann Mascherino, Jeff McCoy, Josephine Nardizzi, Mary Pointek, Stanley Pointek, James Porreca, Janet Rambo, Lucinda Reach, Mary Riley, Carlos Sanz, Baby Maverick Sonneborn, Joe Spagnuola, Roseanna Terriman, Hedy Tranchitella, Fred Weller, Frank Yannetti and Lucas Yost.

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, January 28th. Come and spend some time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

PREP

PREP classes will resume today, January 6th.

Our PREP program is looking for a sixth grade teacher. If anyone is interested in this rewarding ministry, please call Paul Friel (610-857-9091) or Jackie Townsley (610-384-4482), our directors.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

There will be a meeting for all parents of the First Penance and First Holy Communion class on Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

DEVOTIONS

There will be no Monday Rosary, St. Jude Novena or Benediction during the month of January and February.

The next Monday Rosary will be held on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. to pray the *Joyful 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.

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 tomorrow, 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.

PIZZA SOCIAL

The Holy Name Society will host a Pizza Social on Saturday, January 26th after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. All are invited to socialize with other families and members of the parish. The Holy Name Society's "master chefs" will be serving piping hot pizza along with a variety of cold and hot beverages. Come and enjoy the free pizza and friendship!

LOTTERY CALENDAR

12/20/18	804	<i>Just missed it!</i>
12/21/18	000	<i>Wish it were you!</i>
12/22/18	489	<i>Could have had it!</i>
12/23/18	887	<i>Missed a biggie!</i>

Since January 1, 2018 nearly 100 happy winners have taken home a combined total of over \$4,000. Congratulations to them, and an invitation to you to join in the fun. Calendars for 2019 are waiting for you. The 2019 Lottery Calendar is available by completing a form found on all the bulletin boards in church.

The luck of the New Year be with you!

YOUR SERVICE OF SUPPORT

Sunday Collection, December 23, 2018

Envelopes Offered:	302
Donations:	\$8,576.00

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

CALENDARS

The 2019 Calendars are now available on the entrance tables in church. They are provided through the generosity of Wentz and Harris-Mountain Funeral Homes. We are most grateful for their kindness.

THANK YOU

Father Ferrence was extremely happy with all the cards he received for Christmas and sends his "thanks" for thinking of him. He will keep you all in his daily prayers.

GRACE NOTES

Our Lady of the Rosary's "Grace Notes" is back. Rehearsals resume on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the church. The children's choir is open to all students in 1st to 8th grades. They sing on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Johanna Simon at gracenotes@johnandjohanna.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men of all ages, from young adults to grandfathers, face unique challenges and spiritual trials. All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Malvern Retreat which will be held on the weekend of August 9-11. This Retreat will provide an opportunity for men to come together, share their spiritual journeys and grow stronger in their relationship with God. For information, contact Rich Coster at 610-383-9130.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

The Sodality will host a **Pasta Dinner** in the parish hall on Wednesday, February 20th.

Ash Wednesday, March 6th will begin the Lenten Season. Mass will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 10th.

REGISTRATION

Pope John Paul II Catholic Regional Elementary School is now taking applications for PreK through grade 8 for the 2019/2020 school year. \$1500 in transfer grants are available for students entering grades 1 through 7. For more information, visit www.popejohnpaul2sch.org or stop by the Open House on Sunday, January 27th from noon to 2:00 p.m. to learn more about PJPII and the Little Saints Academy Child Care.

JOB OPENING

Bishop Shanahan High School has an immediate opening for a maintenance technician and a custodian. Full and part-time positions available. If interested, email dgentile@shanahan.org.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2019

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

One Minute Meditations

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* is still as popular today as it was when he wrote it.

God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received" (Pope Benedict XVI).



God watches good efforts with loving eyes

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his

beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as "Mother of God," we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always



existed. He took on flesh and became man in history through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the Mother of God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #495).

Forgiveness makes good sense

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her."

"When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that

sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.



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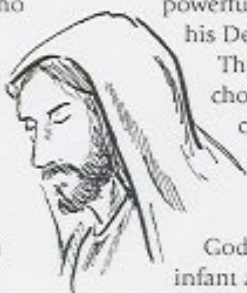
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this

Messiah-king to defeat the oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If he rose to glory, those who follow him will, too.



Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his

mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is "the name above all names," at which "every knee should bend ..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 89 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.



Q & A What is a "holy hour?"

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.



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