



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded in 1987

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February 24, 2019

The Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshipping God, our Father.

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us share in the work of redemption.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John T. Conway, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Pastor Emeritus
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Parish Administration

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MMR Parish School

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Nancy Franks, Director of Religious Education
Valerie Haynos, Secretary, Religious Education

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Heather Berkey, Christine Beschen, Chris Fandozzi,
Jeff O'Donnell, Beth Ann Rufo and Renee Walters

Parish Finance Council

Tom Alesi, Mike Coakley, Jack Downing,
Tim Gillespie, Gary Kennedy and Barbara
O'Donnell

Mass Schedules and Devotions

Morning Prayer: 7:00 am Weekdays
Weekday Mass: 7:30 am (and 9:00 am during
Advent and Lent)
Saturday: 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and
Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday Night: 5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and
7:00 pm (except New Year's and
Christmas)
Friday (All day): *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
begin at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm
September (after Labor Day) through
May (Friday before Memorial Day)

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered most Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass. **Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office.** First time parents are required to attend a Pre-Jordan class before the baptism. They are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. No pre-registration is necessary.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm; Sundays immediately following the 9:00 am Mass; and anytime by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Office. The couple must contact the church at least 6 months before a planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are confirmed. One party must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

Anointing of the Sick is available to the dying and those who are elderly, sick, or preparing for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion Calls are made monthly by clergy and weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To place a homebound individual on the Communion Call list, call the Parish Office.

New Registrations

Welcome new parishioners! You may call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400 to make an appointment to register. In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

Funeral Notices

Scheduled funeral services being held at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church can be found on our website at: <http://mmredeemer.org/funeral-notices/>.

Parish Office Business Hours
Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Deadline for March 3rd Bulletin
is Monday, February 25th at 8:00 am

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 25

7:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
by anonymous

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 am Eugene R. Burns by
Joseph & Sharon
Donnelly

Wednesday, February 27

7:30 am Adele Conway by
the family of Bettie
Reynolds

Thursday, February 28

7:30 am Albert Tulio by
the Tulio Family

Friday, March 1

7:30 am Ray Subers by
Mary Anne Cortez

Saturday, March 2

8:00 am Gene Burns by
Mary Anne Cortez

5:15 pm Kayte Schafle by
her parents

Sunday, March 3

7:30 am Mary, Mother of the
Redeemer Parishioners

9:00 am living & deceased
members of the Charles
& Betty Sahd Family
by Michael E. Sahd

10:30 am Mary & Milan Knezic
by their son, Michael

12:00 pm Richard Costello by
anonymous

Welcome New Parishioners

Robert & Sandra Fell and
children, Ava, Wyatt &
Winston

Mark & Rose Ann Annand
and daughter, Scarlett

Sean & Lauren Cliff and sons,
Wyatt & Weston

Safe Haven Sunday

Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage.

Next weekend, **March 3rd, Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church** will be celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact **Mary Coakley** at mary_coakley@yahoo.com.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments, and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for:

- adults who are not baptized and who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church,
- adults who are already baptized Christians and who would like to become Catholic,
- those adults already baptized Catholic and who would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion.

There are many people like yourself inquiring, and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Next Week's Second Collection

Next weekend the second collection will be for the **MMR Education Endowment Fund**. Thank you very much for supporting the religious education of our young parishioners!

Upcoming Events - This Week at MMR

<u>Sunday, February 24</u>	Middle School Holy Hour	6:00 pm
<u>Monday, February 25</u>	Men's Sport Night	8:30 pm
<u>Tuesday, February 26</u>	Metanoia Holy Hour & Social	7:30 pm
<u>Thursday, February 28</u>	Respect Life Ministry	7:00 pm
<u>Friday, March 1</u>	Adoration	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	MoMs Prayer Group	9:00 am
<u>Saturday, March 2</u>	Men's Fellowship & Spirituality	6:30 am





**A Message From Gary Zimak,
Director of Parish Services**

A Difficult Commandment

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28)

I'm not going to lie to you. Today's gospel is especially challenging for me. I can deal with the idea of not seeking revenge. I can handle loving those who are annoying. Walking away from a confrontation? Sure, no problem. What Jesus says here, however, goes way beyond any of that. It almost borders on impossible. Why in the world would He command us to do something that isn't humanly possible? The answer is simple. He expects us to do it.

I've written about grace before, but it's important to mention it again. When the Lord commands us to do something like praying for those who mistreat us, He doesn't expect us to do it through human means alone. When Jesus tells us we must love our enemies, He wants us to turn to Him for help. Believe me when I tell you that it's only with the help of His grace that someone like me can even come close to putting this challenging command into action.

So how do we go about getting the grace to rise above our feelings and love those who hate us? I recommend that you start with the Sacraments. Each time you receive the Eucharist or go to Confession, you have the opportunity to gain the grace you need to do the impossible. Add in plenty of daily prayer and you'll find that you're able to do what the Lord commands. Before that grace kicks in, however, you'll still need to take the first step and make the decision to do the right thing. It's extremely difficult to do this when you're still reeling the pain inflicted by your enemies. So what can we do? The best way to clear that hurdle is to think of the bloody and battered Jesus hanging on the Cross. While suffering from greater wounds and offenses than any of us will ever experience, He practiced what He preached. If you can't find it in yourself to begin praying for someone who offended you, I recommend that you borrow His words:

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

~Gary

It's time to lace up your sneakers and activate your Fitbit®, Apple Watch® or pedometer!

**Join the MMR community
as we walk to Jerusalem!**



Beginning Wednesday, March 6, 2019, our parish community will begin its virtual Lenten journey to walk 5,784 miles from North Wales to Jerusalem. We encourage all parishioners to embark on this mission to become more physically active while also fostering spiritual growth.

How it works: Weekly "walking reflections" will be provided that you may ponder as you walk. You will keep track of your miles and submit them weekly so we can record how far our parish community has traveled together. Bonus miles will be given for other aerobic activity performed and for joining others for a weekly community walk on the parish grounds.

To register or for further information contact:

JoAnne at 215-997-2109 or joannehigg115@gmail.com
or visit the parish website at mmredeemer.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

From March 6th through April 14th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 610 Louis Drive in Warminster. If you'd like more information, please contact Bob Reynolds, MMR parishioner, at 267-733-2737 (voice/text) or email at rgrcons1@gmail.com, or visit www.40daysforlife.com/warminster.

Watch the bulletin for dates when MMR parishioners will stand vigil at the Warminster location.

Need prayer?

Email your prayer intentions to:

prayer@mmredeemer.org





MMR Participating in Parish Survey Please Read!

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute and we need your help! Please help us by participating in a 10 - 15 minute survey online.

The survey can be accessed at DiscipleMakerIndex.com from **Saturday, February 16th** thru **Monday, March 18th** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Msgr. Conway and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. If you do not use the computer, you can obtain a paper copy of the survey by contacting Gary Zimak at 215-362-7400.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



Ladies Lenten Retreat

Tuesday, March 12th - 9:30 am to 2:00pm
Marty Rotella—Catholic Singer and Songwriter
is bringing **Spirit Power** to MMR!

“**Spirit Power**” is music created to feed the soul. It is worship, prayer, reflection and healing: a way to help the inner self encounter love. “**Spirit Power**” represents the journey of musicians/song writer brothers Jules and Marty Rotella. Marty is a singer/songwriter/evangelist who presents their music and message to diverse audiences. The cost is **\$25.00 per person**, which includes “**Spirit Power**”, continental breakfast and boxed lunch.



Contact Gary at 215-362-7400 to reserve your spot!

LET'S DO THIS!

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Gary's New Book:
Give Up Worry for Lent!
40 Days to Finding
Peace in Christ

Gary has been featured on:





Mary, Mother of the Redeemer
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The 100th Day of School!

On Wednesday, first graders celebrated the 100th Day of School with students singing about being 100 days smarter. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a momentous day in the school year.



MMR Students - Robotics Club



This week started on a high note with fifth grade students who are members of the Lansdale Catholic Robotics club, winning the Judges Rising Star Award! After participating in

October in their first event due to their high score, they were invited to attend the PA Championship Competition. Judges looked at their design/coding, their project, and their Core Values poster. They were up against teams who ranged in age from fifth to eighth grade, and they did a truly wonderful job of working together as a team while learning about coding and design! Congratulations to the LC Robotics Spacebots team!

Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

Parishioners – now is your time for priority registration! Those who have a student in Pre-School through Eighth grade are encouraged to register now to attend Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, or to schedule your tour, please contact Monica Dryden at: mdryden@mmschool.org 215.412.7101 ex. 509.

Do you want to earn an extra \$500?

If you refer a new preschool or kindergarten family who will attend Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School for the 2019 – 2020 school year **you will earn \$500 toward tuition.**

Please call or email the MMR School office to get more details about these new programs at: 215.412.7101 x509 or mdryden@mmschool.org.

March 23, 2019
6:30 pm

Trivia Night

a (FUN)draiser for MMR

Join us for a fun night of trivia at MMR School. Tickets - \$35 per person. BYOB and your favorite snacks. Doors open at 6:30 PM and games begin at 7:30 PM. Form your own team of 8 players or join one when you arrive.

To reserve your spot/table, contact Monica at mdryden@mmschool.org or call 215-412-7101 x509.



Day of Reflection for Seniors-March 19th

The day will begin with 9:00 am Mass, followed by a light breakfast and ending with lunch.

Becoming A Fervent Disciple w/Deacon John Lozano.

John P. Lozano is a permanent Deacon and is currently the director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Norbert's parish in Paoli, PA. He is the founder of "Encountering Jesus Today" a ministry dedicated to helping people from any background better understand, appreciate and personally engage the Good News of Jesus Christ. John has traveled widely giving retreats, parish missions and workshops in a variety of locations. John's first book; "Good News in Bad Times: Discovering Spiritual Meaning in the Midst of Crisis and Uncertainty" was published in 2010. His second book; "Becoming a Fervent Disciple" was recently published.

Youth & Young Adults

Metanoia (Young Adults) News

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats and outdoor events.



Upcoming events include:

Tuesday February 26th: Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12th: Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima Parish, North Wales @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19th: Theology on Tap at Conshohocken Brewing Company in Bridgeport; Doors open at 7:00 pm, Talk Starts at 7:30 pm

For more details, check out our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults

Visit the Metanoia website:

www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com

or contact us by email at:

metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

Middle School Holy Hour

Sunday, February 24th



Students are invited to meet in the Chapel at 6:00 pm for Adoration, followed by a social hour at 7:00 pm in the Matthew Walsh Teen Center. The evening closes out at 8:00 pm.

Questions, contact Valerie at:

valeriehaynos@mmredeemer.org.

High School Bible Study

All high school aged students are invited to the Matthew Walsh Teen Center from **7-8 pm on the first Sunday of each**

month to discuss the Gospel reading and learn about Jesus!

Questions? Email valeriehaynos@mmredeemer.org.



**SMALL
GROUPS**
Seek Jesus. Together.

Are you interested in growing your connection with Christ? Do you want to make this your best Lent ever? Are you looking to join a Lenten Small Group?

- Small Groups will require an 8-week commitment
- Meetings begin the week of February 24th and continue through the week of April 21st
- Groups will meet in either a private setting or parish meeting room
- Meetings are offered on various days of the week
- Morning, afternoon & evening sessions are available

SPACE IS LIMITED

Stop by the table in the narthex after Mass today to complete an interest form with your days/times.

Space permitting, you'll be added to a Small Group!

Save the Date:

2019 MMR Golf Outing, Dinner & Auction

Monday, April 22nd

This year, proceeds will benefit Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf and St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments. **If you're not a golfer, you still can support a most worthy cause.** You are encouraged to join us for the cocktail hour, dinner & auction.



Watch the bulletin for more information on how to register!

Mary Garden Memorials

The St. Francis Ecology Council invites you to memorialize your intention by donating a granite paver to the MMR Mary Garden. What a wonderful way to create a lasting blessing for a friend or loved one by donating an engraved granite paving stone in their honor. Each paver stone is 8"x12" and can be personalized with 1-inch high characters for a \$250 donation. Application forms can be downloaded by visiting the parish website, or picked up and returned to the Parish Office.



Redner's Register Tapes

Thank you Redner's shoppers, for your continued support and taking the time to drop your register tapes in the box located in the Narthex. A couple of quick reminders: please do not "highlight" the totals or place other markings on the tape, and you must submit the entire original tape (partial tapes or tapes that are cut will not be accepted). Remember to use your Redner's Card when you go shopping. Have a terrific winter.

Now Scheduling Life Touch Spring Photography Appointments

Tuesday, March 12 thru Friday, March 15 (2:00 to 8:40 pm)

Saturday, March 16 (9:00 am to 3:10 pm)

Monday, March 25 thru Friday, March 29 (2:00 to 8:40 pm)



All photo sessions are in the pre-school annex classrooms.

Participating families will receive :

- a complimentary printed photo directory, and
- a complimentary 8x10 of your favorite photograph

Schedule your appointment online to secure your preferred date and time.

Visit: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yj8y34qq/>

Sign-up in the narthex the weekend of March 2 & 3!

We are still seeking volunteers to serve as host or hostess on the actual photography dates. To sign-up, please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445A8AD22A5FE3-hosts>



Hospitality Sunday

March 3rd is Hospitality Sunday at MMR. After the 10:30 am Mass, the Hospitality Ministry will be serving Donut Holes, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee and Juices in the Narthex. Please stay for some refreshments and fellowship as a parish community.

ALL are welcome!

Men's Spirituality Group

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer
Catholic Church



Our Mission is to inspire Christ-centered friendships that grow over time, pointing us all to being the men Christ wants us to be. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month in the St. John Paul II room located in the classroom annex off the Narthex.

Meeting Times:

6:30 am Fellowship and Coffee
6:40 am Prayer Reflection and Breakout Groups
7:30 am Group Discussion, Prayer and Dismissal

For more information please visit
<https://sites.google.com/prod/view/mmrmen/home>

H.O.P.E. Committee

H.O.P.E. members are active within our parish, helping those with an **emergency**. The H.O.P.E. Committee assists the homebound and others with their needs. Grocery shopping, driving to the doctor and hospital visits are just a few of the things H.O.P.E. can help with. **Please give as much advance notice as possible.**

If interested please contact one of the people below:

Week of Leader

Feb 25	Toni Esposito 215-361-3992
Mar 4	Pat Bergbauer 267-218-1380
Feb 18	Deacon Frank Cavaliere 215-997-0646

Pray for Our Sick

If you wish that a family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List, please call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400. Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

Loving and compassionate Lord Jesus, You brought strength and healing to the afflicted. Through Your healing touch and words, You restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to weakened limbs, and wholeness to those afflicted with disease. Look mercifully upon those named here in their time of need. Grant them the patience they need to carry their cross. If it be Your holy will, grant them Your healing. In all things, we pray that Your will be done. Amen.

Mary Singer, Jo DiMaria, Leo Witkoski, Diana Butcher, Mary Lou Bolognese, Agustin Derequito, Sr.,

Lyndsey Milligan, Helene Regetta, Gerry Jerlinski, Mary Anne Dunbar, Bart Haffner, Janice Perkins, James Naughton, Delora Simoneaux, Josephine Vesey, Amy Boland, Nichol Azcona, Rodolfo Tagle, Sr., Theodore Drobnicki, Dolores Volm, Mary Faith Murphy, Rosemarie Coffey, Diane Umile, Karen Scimeca, Edith Pohl, Gloria Pohl, Nicole Cottone-Obenski, Danny Nugent, David "Bud" Reick, Maria Dowd, Tom Taylor, Jim Kelly, Marge Bourg, Jerry Bourg, Marita Iepson, Elizabeth D'Angelo, Mylah Rose Acaba, Nikki Soleta, Grace Faino, Jack and Joan Hogan, Julia Rapp, Ruth Wilson, Albert Iannessa, Tami Cortez, Onis Colon

Babies, Children, and Teens:

Jared Hobson, James Mitchell, Soren Zimmerman, Callen Pappal, Calvin Cox, Matthew Rodriguez, Mary Kate Pironti, Elizabeth Napoli, Ruby Williams, Payton Green, Nicholas Esposito

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

Almighty God, we ask for your divine mercy and protection.

Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service.

Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.

Amen.

Please keep the Parish Office informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

Jay Wardach
Adam McGinnis
David Hoffer
Daniel Pierson
Gary Hogan
Andrew Crossan
Steven A. Campbell
James Thomas Gross
S.F.C. Jonathan Lehman
Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey
Michael Wasylenko
Brenda Snow
Nathan Menapace
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Lt. Matthew Smith
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PFC Ryan Merk
3rd Class PO Michael S. Gain

○ Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

~ Entrance Antiphon - Psalm 13 (12):6 ~

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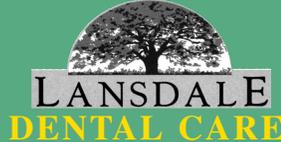
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