

St. Joseph's Church of Coatesville

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How to register at St. Joe's

If you would like to register as a parishioner of St. Joseph's or have questions about the registration process, please contact our Parish secretary Stella Grubb. Stella is available at the rectory after the 10:30 Mass on Sundays, or you can call the rectory to schedule a convenient time to register. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our Parish family.

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements for Baptism and Marriage may be made by contacting the rectory. The preparation for these special sacramental events takes time, so wherever possible please call at least one month prior to the christening date and at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacraments for the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion are administered at home to our ill and house bound parishioners upon notification. Please inform Father Oulds when anyone is hospitalized. The sick always have a place in our community prayer.

Music Ministry

Anyone interested in participating in the music ministry at St. Joseph's should contact Stella, our parish secretary or Craig Cigas. We have choirs for both young and not so young and we are always on the lookout for new cantors, organists and helpers.

Masses for the Week

Masses for the week of January 1st, 2001, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Church, except as follows:

Monday	10:30 AM	Parishioners
First Friday	9:30 AM	Angela DiFrancesco req. by Richard & MaryAnne Michinok
Saturday	6:30PM	

Saturday, January 6th, 2001 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Suzanne & Spencer Dunlap)

Alter Servers Gushanas/Zelina

Sunday, January 7th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko (Mrs. Sandra Reczek)

Altar Servers Rhoades/O'Malley

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father William Cox, Jessica Ryan, Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Cy Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Andrew Hamara, Jessie Brooks, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Barbara Pawlowski, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Sister Mary David, IHM, and the Dead Albert Augustine.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

This Tuesday's Day of Eucharistic Exposition will be conducted in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. The Exposition continues

throughout the day and concludes at 5:00 PM with the Celebration of Mass, Do stop by the church for a visit sometime during the day.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

January 1st each year is observed as the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. It is usually a Holy Day of Obligation except when the Feast falls on a Saturday or Monday, as is the case in 2001. This year the Solemnity of Mary does not carry the force of obligation; your attendance at Mass is optional that day. On January 1st, Masses will be offered at 9:00 AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and at 10:30 AM in St. Joseph Church. It is hoped that a sense of devotion would have many participate in this Marian Liturgy set at the very beginning of a New Year.

WALL CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR 2001

Available this weekend are religious art wall calendars for the Year 2001. These attractive calendars, bearing church-related information, are supplied through the generosity of several area Funeral Directors. We are most grateful to them for this very useful gift, which is yours for the taking.

WELCOME TO OUR BAPTISMAL FAMILY

On Sunday, December 17th, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, our Household of Faith increased by two new members. We welcome as members Alyson Mary Reardon, daughter of Brian and Alyson Reardon, and Bernard John Stahl, Jr., son of Bernard Stahl and Cynthia Sable. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the newly baptized, their parents and godparents on this joyous occasion. By the grace of this sacrament and the positive spiritual influence of others, may Alyson Mary and Bernard John continue to grow into the full likeness and stature of Jesus Christ.

A JUBILEE YEAR MEMENTO

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, something of the Jubilee Year 2000 will linger on in our presence in the form of an attractive, hand-done tapestry mounted on the rear wall of our Church. This art piece commemorates the Eucharistic theme of the Jubilee Year by depicting two saintly promoters of the Blessed Sacrament, both Philadelphians: St. John Neumann and St. Katharine Drexel. It was St. John Neumann who introduced the Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion to our Archdiocese more than 140 years ago, and St. Katharine Drexel incorporated the Holy Eucharist into the name of her religious community by calling them the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Each Saint finds a handsome representation on the Tapestry as they stand on either side of a golden monstrance displaying the consecrated Bread of the Altar. We certainly hope that this new addition will serve to place us in the company of Bishop Neumann and Mother Katharine by reason of our love and appreciation for the Holy Eucharist until that day when we take our place at the eternal Banquet of Heaven.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all whose efforts and participation created such a magnificent celebration of the Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the 2000th Anniversary of its Observance. We owe a huge debt of appreciation to so many who generously and enthusiastically gave of their time and talent in gifting us with the most beautiful of Christmases. We especially acknowledge those who brought the look of Christmas to our Parish Church, dressing it in all loveliness and richness for the holiday season. It was the sweet task of our Parish Choirs, both the Youth Choir and the Adult Choir, to excite us with the sound of Christmas, offering us endearing music for the Holy Birth. And, the ceremonies of Christmas were reverently and prayerfully executed by those in ministry at the altar: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Leaders of Song, Altar Servers and Ushers, contributing their service to the Sacred Liturgy. To one and all, a heartfelt thank you is extended. The memory of this beautiful Christmas will long be with us.

PERSONAL THANK YOU

Please be assured of my deepest gratitude to so many parishioners for your kind and thoughtful remembrance at the Christmas Season. The holiday greetings, lovely cards and generous gifts are appreciatively acknowledged, together with the warm and friendly spirit which graciously lies behind them all. Thank you sincerely for your goodness to me during the holidays. Know that you indeed occupy a special place in my prayers and thoughts. God love you!

--- Father John Oulds

THE ROSARY SOCIETY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

A new year begins. With renewed faith in God, we call upon the Lord to hear our prayers and petitions.

For all the nations throughout the world, that this New Year will witness a surge of peace and justice.

Jesus Group - Joyful Mysteries
Mary Group - Glorious Mysteries
Joseph Group - Sorrowful Mysteries

PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST SAINT

The National Shrine of St. John Neumann, 1019 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, invites all to their Solemn Observance of St. John Neumann's Feast Day on Sunday, January 7th, at 3:00 PM. The Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the principal concelebrant of the Festive Mass. The music for the occasion will be provided by the Archdiocesan Boy Choir. Parking is available adjacent to the Shrine from North Lawrence Street; also two other available lots are accessible from North 5th Street, less than one half block walking distance from the Shrine. Additional information may be had by contacting the Shrine Office at 215/627-3080.

AN EXCITING, COLORFUL EVENT

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, is sponsoring "Blackthorn" in concert on Sunday, January 21st, 2001 at 2:00

PM in the school auditorium. Tickets are on sale: \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students, as well as senior citizens. For more information, please call 610/343-6255.

REGISTRATION FOR CACES

Registration for CACES will take place at the Schneider Center, Parkesburg, on Monday, February 26th, from 9:00 to 12:00 and in the Primary School Office in St. Cecilia School on Tuesday, February 27th, from 9:00 to 12:00.

- To enter Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2001.
- To enter First Grade, a child must be 6 years old by September 1, 2001.

An original birth certificate, plus copy, original Baptismal certificate, plus copy and Immunization records are NECESSARY at the time of registration. Catholic families MUST present a letter from their Pastor verifying membership in the Parish before a child will be registered. There is a \$40.00 non-refundable registration fee.

WEDDING GIFTS



The Lord likes weddings. Scripture presents the Lord as a bridegroom delighting in his bride: us. At Cana, Jesus, his mother and his disciples were guests at a wedding. When the couple needed help, Jesus creatively showed his glory. The last wine turned out to be the best. God's Spirit shares gifts with us for very good reasons. We receive the gifts with joy and use them for salvation. Being a guest at this great wedding can change everything.