

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 14th, 2001, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, January 20th, 2001 6:30 PM

John Yankech (St. Joseph's Women's Club)

Alter Servers	Swinty/Florian/Bednar
Euch. Minister	Swinty
Lector	Elaine

Sunday, January 21st, 2001, 10:30 AM

John Shesko (Laura Shesko & Family)

Altar Servers	Neff/Gushanas/Zelina
Euch. Ministers	Hillman/Krupansky
Lector	Kathleen

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, Augusta Saska, and the Dead: Louis Kornet.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 14th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 20th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Couples' Valentine Retreat

St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, is hosting Twilight Retreats for Married Couples on Sundays; February 4th and February 11th, 2001. The Director for both Twilights is Father John J. Kelly, Associate Pastor of St. Albert the Great Church, Huntingdon Valley. The evening's activities begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 10:00 p.m. The Retreat experience includes a romantic dinner, conference, quiet time and Sunday Mass. The cost is \$65.00 per couple, limited to 150 couples for each of the two evenings. For reservations, kindly call 610/644-0400 no later than Thursday, January 25th. Valentine's Day gift certificates are available for the Twilight Retreat upon request.

Attention, Bulldog Alumni

All alumni, family and friends of St. James High School, Chester are invited to the first Annual "Who Let the Dogs Out" Gathering, sponsored by the Alumni Association, at O'Flaherty's Restaurant, 3333 Pennell Road, Aston, on Saturday, February 10th, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Admission donation is \$15.00 before February 8th or \$20.00 at the door. It will include entertainment and food; there will be a cash bar. All proceeds will be directed to the Scholarship Fund furthering Catholic secondary education. For added information, call the Bulldog Hotline at 610/494-0446 or check the Website at WWW.STJBULLDOGS.ORG; for tickets, send your check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. James Alumni Association, P.O. Box 383, Ridley Park, PA 19078.

Adding to our Collective History

Do you have special religious objects brought by grandparents to America over 100 years ago? Do you still have your First Communion dress from the 1920's? Has your family been a member of the same parish for generations? The Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Resource Center (PAHRC), the Archdiocesan Archives, is interested in locating parishioners and their families who have objects, memorabilia, photographs, documents, clothing and stories related to their immigration and religious experience here in the Philadelphia area. Please help to preserve the history of Catholicism in the Philadelphia region for future generations by contacting the Archives at 610/667-2125 or by E-mail at MAHwick@aol.com and share your family's story. Thank you!

Archdiocesan Teaching Positions

If you are interested in applying for a position as a full-time or substitute teacher in one of the Archdiocesan High Schools, please fax a resume and cover letter to the attention of the Director of Secondary School Personnel. Please note in your cover letter the name of the parish in which you are registered. The OCE fax number is 215/587-5644.

A Special Archdiocesan Video

A video, 30 minutes in length, featuring the Candlelight Eucharistic Procession on the Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia is now available. This video includes highlights of the event as well as aerial shots of the Parkway. If you wish to order the tape at the cost of \$12.00 (including shipping and handling), please contact Allyson Duck, Office for Communications, at 215/587-3747.

Healing For Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples in hurting marriages put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication between you, Retrouvaille may be able to assist you. For information, kindly call 1-800-470-2230.

A Special Shanahan Happening

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, is sponsoring "Blackthorn," a very popular Delaware County Irish rock group, live in concert, on Sunday, January 21st, at 2:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are on sale: \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students, as well as for senior citizens. For more information about this exciting event, please call 610/343-6255.

A Message of Appreciation

The Comboni Missionary Sisters, our Catholic outreach into the local community, and the Sisters' needy friends are very grateful for your generosity and compassion at Christmas. The outpouring of donations in response to the Advent Giving Tree Program was a remarkable testimony to your Christ-like charity. Please be assured of the Sister's prayers and deep appreciation. May God reward all of you with His richest blessings. Thank you! Happy New Year!

Eucharistic Exposition

The solemn closure of the Great Jubilee Year 2000 last week brought to a conclusion our own weekly Tuesdays of Eucharistic Exposition, a special feature of the Jubilee Year locally. We are grateful to those parishioners who, in the course of the year, participated in the practice of honoring the Blessed Sacrament in this way. Would you like to see the practice of extended Eucharistic Exposition continued in some modified version, perhaps once or twice monthly? Maybe it is an evening of Exposition you would favor? Your thoughts on the subject would be most welcome; please take the time to share your ideas with Father John and register your interest in the Eucharistic Adoration throughout the year.

Vocation Discernment

"Tuesday Night at Overbrook" for high school young men is being sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan priesthood at St. Charles Seminary on Tuesday, February 6th, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. This occasion is designed for high school age young men to provide them with the opportunity to tour our Archdiocesan Seminary, meet some of the seminarians and learn about both the life of the seminarian and the life of the priest. Interested? Call Father Joseph Devlin at the Vocation Office for details and to register: 610/667-5778.

"Friday Night at Overbrook" for college age and young adult men is likewise being sponsored at St. Charles Seminary on Friday, February 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The evening will give the young adult Catholic men an opportunity to explore the question of priesthood in the modern world. For further information, contact Father Joseph Devlin at the above listed phone number.

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook
Religious Studies Division**

**Spring 2001 Semester
January 22 – May 10, 2001**

**Graduate Courses offered in:
Theology of Christ
Sexuality and Marriage in Catholic Teaching
United States History
Spirituality of St. Francis deSales
Foundational Course in Moral Theology
Theology of Grace
and more**

Monday or Tuesday Evening Classes, 7:00 – 9:30 PM

**Undergraduate Courses offered in:
Introduction to the Old Testament
Introduction to Moral Theology
Johannine Literature**

**Pastoral Issues in African-American Communities
Presenting Theological Themes to Young Believers
Theology of Liturgical Music and Its Pastoral
Applications and more**

**Monday or Tuesday Evening Classes, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
Thursday Afternoon Classes, 2:00 – 4:30 PM**

**For more information, please contact
The Religious Studies Office
610-785-6287**

Coming of Age



The gospel story recalls the bar mitzvah of Jesus at age twelve. Like all Jewish boys he took for the first time an adult's place with the teachers of the Law in the temple. He accepted responsibility for his actions before God and his family. Joseph and Mary anxiously sought him; his answer came from a new maturity they did not understand. Just as Hannah entrusted Samuel to the Lord and Joseph and Mary raised Jesus for God, we become children of the Holy One to advance in "wisdom and age and favor before God and people."

Pastoral Council Meeting

A pastoral council meeting will be held this Monday, January 15th at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All members are urged to attend.

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Youth choir rehearsal will be held this Monday, January 15th, at 6:45 p.m. in the choir loft. This is an important practice since the children sing for the 10:30 a.m. Mass the following Sunday, January 21st. Please make every effort to have the children attend.

Susan Sandoski, Youth Choir Director

Women's Club News

Regular meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for this Sunday, January 14th at 7:00 P.M. in the School Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join us and consider becoming a member. Initial dues are \$2.00. Please call Ann Cigas 610/384-2955 if interested.