

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 21st, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Rose Guldán (Agnes Novotny)
Wednesday	9 am	Elizabeth Taran (Anne & Buddy Mullen)
Thursday	9 am	Michael Hudock (Louis & Dorothy Kornet)
Friday	9 am	Angela Di Francisco (Luigi & Grace Baldini)
Saturday	9 am	Andrew Jones (Cindy & Stamate Kousisis Family)

Saturday, January 27th, 2001 6:30 PM

Andrew Bullock (Agnes Novotny)

Alter Servers	England/Rhoades/O'Malley
Euch. Minister	Hudock
Lector	Sara

Sunday, January 28th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Mary Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers	Lasak/Reczek/Swinty
Euch. Ministers	Claypoole/Bugar
Lector	Frank

Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome is extended to our new parishioners.
Jean & David Wimble and their children, Brianna & Branden.
Robert & Michaele Unitis
Daniel & Marie McBride

Recent Collections

Thank you and God bless all of our parishioners who contributed to the following collections:

Christmas (which total includes \$5,000 from St. Joseph's Women's Club and \$100 from the Knights of Columbus amounted to	\$24,842.00
Tree of Love and Christmas Flowers	1,360.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	937.00

Contributions to the Church, 2000 Tax Year

If you are in need of a statement verifying your contributions to the Church over the 2000 Tax Year, please do not hesitate to call the rectory at 610/384-0360. We will be very happy to provide the necessary statement.

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, Jessie Brooks, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Barbara Pawlowski, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Augusta Saska, and Natalie Umile.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 20th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 28th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Special Collection Next Weekend

For over fifty years, Catholic Bishops' Relief Services has been the American Bishops' overseas relief agency involved in helping the poor during times of disaster. This organization also promotes development programs to teach the poor how to help themselves. Catholic Bishops' Relief Services operates in over eighty countries throughout the world. It is able to carry on its mission because of the financial support provided by the nationwide Annual Appeal conducted in Catholic Parishes. This special collection for 2001 will be taken up next weekend, January 27th-28th. Your prayerful and generous support of Catholic Bishop's Relief Services would be deeply appreciated.

Annual Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

As an expression of gratitude for those who render volunteer service to our parish Family, we are pleased to sponsor a gala Appreciation Dinner annually. Our Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner this year will be held at the historic Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise on Sunday afternoon, February 18th, beginning at 3 o'clock. Letters of invitation will soon be in the

mail to our loyal volunteers; for now please circle the date of the event on your calendar and plan to be in attendance.

Progress on the New School

You may be wondering how things are progressing with regard to the proposal for a new parochial school. To date, our recent formal feasibility study was submitted to Monsignor James McDonough, Regional Vicar for Chester County, with the hope that it would be placed on the agenda of the February Meeting of the Board of Archdiocesan Consulters. We need to gain their approval for a Capital Campaign to be initiated, allowing us to solicit funds for the project. Please keep this most important undertaking in your good prayers.

Vocation Discernment

The Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood is sponsoring the St. John Neumann Discernment Group for Young Adults. Meetings will be held at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning February 13th, 2001. This group is designed for college age and young adult men (18-40) who are seriously discerning the call to priesthood. The format followed by the group will include communal prayer, topics of interest, group discussion and refreshments. Call Father Joseph Devlin for details and to register: 610/667-5778.

Similarly, the St. Katharine Drexel Discernment Group for High School Students will hold meetings at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, on the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning February 20th, 2001. This group is designed for 11th and 12th grade young men who are discerning the call to priesthood. For details and to register, call Father Joseph Devlin at the above Vocation Office.

Words to Keep Always in Mind

“Children are the springtime of the family and society. Children are the hope that continually blossoms, a project that starts ever anew; the future that opens without ceasing. They represent the flowering of married love, which is found and strengthened in them. At their birth they bring a message of life.”

---Pope John Paul II

“As United States citizens, we deplore the fact that our nation is at risk of forgetting the promise made to generations yet unborn by our Declaration of Independence: that our nation would respect life as first among the inalienable rights bestowed on us by our Creator. To uphold that promise, the nation’s founders pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. We must do no less.”

---National Council of Catholic Bishops

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.

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!

Promise Fulfilled



Jesus stood up in his hometown synagogue and read aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah a description of the Messiah. He startled listeners by saying, “Today this prophecy is being fulfilled in your hearing!” Sensational news handed on to us in the Gospel of Luke! Even better is the news that the Messiah’s work is handed on to us all who are parts of his body! In so many ways we receive the teaching handed on to us and hand it on in turn to family members, neighbors, friends and strangers!

Women's Club News

At their Regular Meeting last Sunday, the members of the Women's Club scheduled their activities for the balance of the year as follows. We hope you will mark these important dates on your calendars and plan to join us as your time is available:

Annual Easter/Spring Bazaar - Sunday, April 1st, 2001 in the School Hall from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

At this Bazaar we invite Crafters to rent tables at a cost of \$20.00. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Sandoski at 610/383-5768.

Workshop Dates for the Bazaar are as follows:

Pierogies	Saturday, January 27 th and February 17 th	8:00 am
Nut Rolls	Saturday, March 3rd	8:00 am
Kiefli	Saturday, March 17 th	8:00 am
Kiefli	Tuesday, March 27 th	6:00 pm
Stuffed Cabbage	Friday, March 30 th - Steam Cabbage	6:00 pm
Stuffed Cabbage	Saturday, March 31 st Make Stuffed Cabbage	8:00 am

We are planning again to feature our **Theme Baskets**. If anyone would like to donate one, please contact Mary Benkovich at 610/384-7791.

For our second fundraiser, we are planning a Longaberger Lottery Calendar, which we will begin selling February 1st. It will run the Month of May. More details about this project will be forthcoming in the near future. We hope you will all participate.

Another project in the planning stage is a **FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST**. More information will be forthcoming when plans have been finalized.

Last but not at all least, welcome to our new member of the Women's Club, Marie McBride. We are very happy to have her and we would be very happy to welcome more new members!