

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 February 11th, 2001, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, February 17th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay, Sr. (Mary Arvay & Family)

Euch. Minister Gerald Bugar
Lector Elaine Sabo

Sunday, February 18th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Pauline Ross (Grandson David Hanks)

Euch. Ministers Hudock/Catanese
Lector Laura Henderson

Welcome to New Families

A warm welcome is extended to our new parishioners.
Brian & Alyson Reardon and their children, Davis Michael and Alyson Mary.
Joseph & Julie Haragos and their daughter, Madilyn.
We are happy they are making their spiritual home with us.

Donations

A memorial donation has been received in memory of **Carolyn Pechin** by Mary K. Sabocsik; also anonymously in memory of **Andrew Cigas, Jr.** These donations are being gratefully acknowledged.

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, Natalie Umile, and Anna Bortnyck, and the Dead: Father Francis McDevitt, Father James Sheridan and Carol Girafalco

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 17th, 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.

Annual Campaign For Our Seminary

The Second Collection this weekend will directly benefit the Annual Appeal in behalf of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, where dedicated men are working toward ordination for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Every parishioner is encouraged to show their support for this vital work of the Church as we move into the Third Millennium. Today's seminarians are tomorrow's priests. An alternate manner of giving would have you forward your gift to the Seminary itself in the postage-paid, self-addressed envelope provided by a recent mailing. God love you for your generosity! Be assured of a frequent remembrance in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Seminary community. Thank you very much!

Ash Wednesday, Coming Soon

The Season of Lent is ushered in with the arrival of Ash Wednesday, February 28th. You may appreciate knowing the schedule of Services for that day in advance. If so, please note that Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, and at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Also, our West End "twin" will offer a short Ash Wednesday Service outside of Mass at 12:05 p.m. Ashes will be blessed and distributed on all these occasions, bringing a traditional opening to your forty days of Lent.

Congratulations To Our Scholars

With pride and joy, we are pleased to acknowledge the academic achievement of several young parishioners who are students at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. On their First Semester Report, Second Honors were earned by Kathryn Catanese '01, Karen Powderly '03 and Elana Kousisis '04. Three cheers and our hearty congratulations to our gifted trio of scholars! Keep up the good work!

Welcome To Our Baptismal Family

Last Sunday, February 4th, through the Sacrament of Water and the Holy Spirit, we welcomed Andre Sterling Brown, infant son of Bobby and Marie Brown, into the Church, the Body of Christ. By the favor and grace of God, Andre Sterling becomes our youngest brother in the Faith, and we are glad to embrace him as a member of our Parish Family. Sincere congratulations to the newly baptized, to his parents and to his godparents, Andrew Reczek and Barbara Glass!

Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

We certainly hope that all the loyal and generous volunteers in service to our Parish will be able to join us for our Annual Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner next Sunday, February 18th, in the historic Revere Tavern, Route 30 Paradise. This Sunday, February 11th, we are looking for the return of completed response forms, indicating the number attending and course selection. Forgotten the response form? Give Father John a call at 610/384-1172 before noon on Tuesday, February 13th, to be counted in for the gala affair. A great dinner and an enjoyable time are promised to all!

Pre-Lenten Social Nearby

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will be hosting their Annual Donut Dance on Saturday, February 24th, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., in the Banquet Hall of the Polish American Citizens' Club, Strode Avenue. Popular DJ Eric Hartman will carry you through a musical good time with dance favorites for young and old, while the Club's able Kitchen Crew serve up many a tasty treat for the hungry party-goers. Tickets are currently on sale from Father John at 610/384-1172; \$5.00 each adult, \$3.00 each school child, free each pre-school child. Have one final fling before the discipline of Lent is underway; plan to attend the Annual Donut Dance!

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School Registration

Registration will be held in the Schneider Center, Parkesburg, on Monday, February 26, from 9:00 to 12:00 and in the Primary School Office in St. Cecilia's parish on Tuesday, February 27, 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 +copy, original Baptismal certificate +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.

All parents with pre-school children are invited to an orientation and social in the Schneider Center, Parkesburg, on Monday, February 26 at 9:30 A.M. We will be happy to have you visit our little ones at work in the classrooms and answer any questions you may have about our school. This will be the **ONLY** open House for the school year 2001-2002.

*CACES will accept registrations from parishioners who have students in the public school district currently in Grades 1 to 6 depending on the availability of space. This registration will be done on the registration days in February. In the event of a strike by one of the public school districts, CACES registration will be closed until the strike is settled

Women's Club News

Basket Bonanza Calendars for Longaberger products will be on sale before and after Mass starting next weekend February 17th & 18th. The calendar prizes will be awarded during the month of May based on the PA daily three-digit straight lottery number. Calendar price is \$15.00 for two winning numbers. For information call Laura Henderson 610/857-2475 or Tricia Swinty 610/383-1615. Buy your calendar early and be sure to buy one for Mom for Mother's Day.

Reminder: Our next pierogie session is scheduled for next Saturday, February 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Potatoes will be peeled Friday evening – 6:00 p.m. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give either date. Please don't wait to be called. All are welcome – men also! Thank you, thank you in advance.

Blessed



Luke's gospel tells how Jesus spoke to a large number of people who had gathered to be healed and to hear him. Jesus expanded the meaning of the golden rule, illustrating with the "Blesseds" – those goal posts of holiness. We come closest to the reign of God by being poor or hungry or by weeping. When we are hated or insulted on account of the Son of Man, on that day can we rejoice and leap for joy! Acting as God acts toward us opens us to great reward through the Messiah, the Christ.