

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Casper Hracho (Betty Hracho & Family)
Tuesday	9 am	William Lasak (Mary Ann Illes)
Wednesday	9 am	Adele Kowalczyk (Edith Wasko)
Thursday	9 am	Elizabeth Taran (Michelle & Jos. LeClair)
Friday	9 am	Rose Guldán (Helen Frankow)
Saturday	9 am	Albert Guiseppe (Cindy & Stamate Kousisis Family)

## Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 6:30 PM

### Peter Michinok (Anniversary) (Richard & MaryAnn Michinok)

Altar Servers	Swinty/Zelina
Euch. Minister	Nesbitt
Lector	Bill Swinty

## Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 10:30 AM

### Michael Shesko (Cecilia Shesko)

Altar Servers	Bednar/England/Florian
Euch. Ministers	Hillman/Seymen
Lector	Cy Reali

## Welcome to New Families

A warm welcome is extended to our new parishioners.  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sload and their daughter Rachel Anne.  
We are happy they are making their spiritual home with us.

## 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, Anna Bortnyck, Frank McAdams (father of Sister Helen Loretta) and the Dead: Father Joseph Smith.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Ash Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

The Season of Lent is ushered in with the arrival of Ash Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Masses that day 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, a short Ash Wednesday Service outside of Mass will be offered at 12:05 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Ashes will be blessed and distributed on all these occasions, bringing a traditional opening to your forty days of Lent.

## Lenten Evening Masses

The opportunity will be available to attend a mid-week Evening Mass during Lent. In St. Joseph Church, a 7:00 p.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning March 6<sup>th</sup>. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>. We trust that a number of parishioners may wish to include Mass during the week as a part of their Lenten practices.

## Lenten Stations of the Cross

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and on Fridays in St. Joseph Church with the school children participating on both days. Also, on Saturday mornings in Lent, following the 9 o'clock Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted. The beauty and meaningfulness of this Passion-related devotion has held up over the centuries; perhaps you would wish to make it a part of your special practices this Lent.

## Annual Campaign for our Seminary

Have you remembered your gift in financial support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook? The Annual Seminary Campaign is being conducted throughout the month of February and begs your contribution, thus enabling today's seminarians to become tomorrow's priests. Your offering

placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Seminary, would be most appreciated. Thank you! God bless you!

### **First Communion Meeting**

Parents of our first communicants-to-be this year are requested to attend a special Meeting with Father John on Thursday of this week, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the adjacent School Hall. Important materials will be distributed, as well as necessary information will be shared regarding the twin sacramental events of the children's First Confession and First Communion. Our entire Parish Family rejoices with the youngsters as they advance toward these blessed occasions.

### **A Reminder to our Volunteers**

A great dinner and enjoyable time are promised to all our loyal and generous volunteers this Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Appreciation Dinner. Do be reminded that the event will be held in the historic Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise. The Social Hour is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., and Dinner will follow at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a good appetite and a broad smile!

### **Pre-Lenten Social Nearby**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will be hosting their Annual Donut Dance on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the event. Have one final fling before the discipline of Lent is underway, plan to attend the Annual Donut Dance!

### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

A pastoral council meeting will be held this Monday, February 19th at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All members are urged to attend.

### **Saint Katharine Drexel Discernment Group**

Saint Katharine Drexel Discernment Group for High School Students is being sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Meetings will be held at Saint Charles Seminary on the third Tuesday of each month, Tuesday, February 20, 2001—7-9 p.m. The group is for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade young men who are discerning the call to priesthood. The format this group will follow will include communal prayer, topics of interest, group discussion and refreshments. Call Father Joseph P. Devlin at the Vocation Office for details and to register, 610/667-5778.

### **St. James Catholic High School Alumni Association**

St. James High School Alumni Association Annual memorial Mass and Reunion Sunday, March 4, 2001 3:00 p.m. Mass St. Rose of Lima Church, 1901 Chester Pike, Eddystone, PA. Reunion Knights of Columbus Peach Council, 1195 Haverford Road, Crum Lynne, PA. Tickets \$10.00, for ticket information

please call Bulldog Hotline 610/494-0446 or Website STJBulldogs.org.

### **Woman's Club News**

#### **EASTER/SPRING BAZAAR**

Sunday, April 1, 2001 in the School Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If you are interested in renting a table (\$20), please contact Susan Sandoski at 610/383-5768.

For your calendars - please mark our next work session - Saturday, March 3rd - we will be making **NUT ROLLS**, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Please work on Crafts for this Bazaar. We don't need as many as we did for the Christmas Bazaar but we do need about half as much. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Ann Cigas (610/384-2955).

**LONGABERGER BASKET LOTTERY CALENDARS WILL BE ON SALE BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND.** Cost is \$15.00 for two numbers. The Calendar will run the month of May. Please contact Patricia Swinty (610-383-1615) or Laura Henderson at 610/857-2475) for further information.

### **Love of Enemy**



How can we love our enemies, turn the other cheek or give people the shirt off our back? And why should we? How far will that get us? On the other hand, that is what Jesus of Nazareth said will get us far indeed. In deed we treat enemies with the very kindness and mercy of God, the way David and Abishai treated their enemy Saul, the Lord's anointed. We refrain from judging them. We stop condemning them. We forgive them. We give to them a generous measure. We do good to our enemies. We love them.