

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 25th, 2001, will be offered at St Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 28th, 2001

9:30 AM

Michael Hudock (Francis & Verna Seymen)

7:00 PM

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Pastoral Council)

Altar Servers	E.T. Gushanas & S. England
Euch. Minister	P. Krupansky & P. Swinty
Lector	F. Lasak, Jr.

First Friday, March 2nd, 2001, 9:30 AM

William Lasak (Andrea & Gary McLucas)

Saturday, March 2nd, 2001, 6:30 PM

Carolyn Pechin (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Altar Servers	D. Neff & K. O'Malley
Euch. Minister	C. Claypoole
Lector	K. Catanese

Sunday, March 3rd, 2001, 10:30 AM

Sophie Zelina (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers	Ponto/Rhoades/S. Reczek
Euch. Ministers	F. Lasak, Jr./D. Hudock
Lector	A. Ponto

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, Natalie Umile, Anna Bortnyck, Frank McAdams (father of Sister Helen Loretta) and the Dead: Alicia Nicholson.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 25th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 3rd, 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.

Ash Wednesday, February 28th

The Season of Lent is ushered in with the arrival of Ash Wednesday, February 28th. 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 6th. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning February 28th. 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 concludes this week 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!

Lenten Publication for the Taking

To aid your spiritual enrichment and efforts at renewal, we are making available several Lenten publications for the taking. They include: "Drawing Closer to God," an attractive, convenient-sized booklet of daily reflections, prayers and devotions for Lent; "The Word Among Us," a slightly larger booklet of reflections on the daily Mass readings plus appropriate feature articles; the March issue of "Liguorian" magazine with its special Lenten supplement, "Journey to Glory 2001", focusing on the family observance of Lent, week by week. "Drawing Closer to God" is packaged with the Operation Rice Bowl materials in a white envelope. The other publications may be found on the tables in the rear of the Church.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, the year of its introduction, Operation Rice Bowl has been an additional source of financial support to the world's destitute people, often their darkest hour, through the agency of the Catholic Bishops' Relief Services. Throughout Lent, Operation Rice Bowl provides a means to pray, fast, learn and share in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. The Operation Rice Bowl materials have been packaged in a white envelope and are available upon your leaving Church this weekend.

Rules of Fast and Abstinence in Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Furthermore, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

A Special Lenten Happening

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our West End "twin," will host the return of Ms Gina McKenna-Smith and her musician companion on Sunday, March 11th, at 3:00 p.m. On that day, employing her gifted talent with the dramatic and the spiritual, Gina will take on the character of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well who was engaged in conversation with Jesus. The meeting of the nameless woman and the Messiah is recorded in St. John's Gospel. Gina will have her come alive in a close and personal way. All are welcome to attend. Fellowship over a light supper will follow in the School Hall. Come meet the woman at the well!

Local Parish Mission

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue, is conducting a different kind of Parish Mission this year. It is being directed by a team of lay people, assisted by a priest and a bishop. For too many of us, our Baptismal graces have laid dormant for many years. As a result we allow loneliness and worries, fear and rejection, as well as numerous other negative elements to dominate our lives rather than the love of Christ. Hopefully the example of ordinary, sincere and devoted

people will help us to realize our potential as Christians. You are invited to the Parish Mission, already underway, on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., in the Church.

Other Lenten Opportunities

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, PA will host a Lenten Overnight Retreat: Tuesday, March 20th, 5:00 p.m. through Wednesday, March 21st, 4:00 p.m. It will be a program designed for spiritual growth, refreshment, companionship and encouragement. For more information, kindly call Helen at 215/782-8250, extension 139.

St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson, PA will host a Lenten Day of Recollection on Wednesday, March 14th, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., directed by Monsignor Thomas Mullen, the Pastor of the newly established St. Elizabeth Parish, Eagle. To register, please call the Center at 610/942-4166.

Choir

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, March 4th after the 10:30 Mass. If you wish to donate baked goods for the sale, please call Kathy Trumpelman at 610/383-7468. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Adult Choir

Adult choir is scheduled for Monday's at 7:30 p.m.

Reminder

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.

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.

Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Traveling Icon: Volunteers needed to host an icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a week to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This program is being sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood as a way for families and/or individuals to pray for an increase in vocations. *Obligations:* to pray the provided prayers once a day for a week before the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To volunteer call, Gerald Bugar, 610/383-0561.

Women's Club News

**NOTICE - REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB
- THIS SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 25th, AT 7:00 pm IN THE
SCHOOL HALL.**

**Hope to see all of you there to discuss plans for our
upcoming Easter/Spring Bazaar.**



Take out orders for Pierogies, (\$5.00/doz.) Stuffed Cabbage, (\$9.50/doz.) Nut Rolls, (\$6.50ea.) Paskas, and Kiefli (\$4.50 doz.) can be placed by calling Fran Shesko at 610/384-6221. Order early so as not to be disappointed.

Children's Activities - If you would care to make any donations (money-gifts-toys, etc.) please contact Kathy Trumpelman at 610/383-7468.

Chances on the \$500 which will be chanced off at the Bazaar will be distributed to our parishioners this week. We hope you will continue to support this important activity of the Bazaar by either buying or selling the chances. Cost \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. If you do not receive your books, please contact Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955.

Don't forget our **NUT ROLL MAKING SESSION - THIS COMING SATURDAY - 8:00 AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.** Many hands will make the work light - come out and join us.

Upcoming work session will be making Kiefli on Saturday, March 17th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

LONGABERGER LOTTERY CALENDARS - On sale now at a cost of \$15.00 each, which will run during the month of May. Contact Laura Henderson (610-857-3012) or Trish Swinty at (610/383-1615) if interested.

The Name of Jesus



Wandering in a wilderness, often we sense we do not have direction in our lives. Yet we know—only afterwards—there was a goal or test at work all along. God was present leading us to salvation. Today we share the prayer of the bewildered followers of Moses as they faced God. When Jesus faced temptation he did so confidently, and so can we. “God saves” is the saving name of Jesus. As we start this holy season of lent, our hope lies in that name.