

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 March 4th, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Helen Drozdowski (Irene Bateman)
Tuesday	9 am	Mary DiFelice (Rose Olise)
	7 pm	Elizabeth Taran (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)
Wednesday	9 am	Adele Kowalczyk (Mary Monko)
Thursday	9 am	Helen Butler (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)
Friday	9 am	Michael Hudock (Sylvia Halenar)
Saturday	8 am	August & Helen Horenci (Bob & Steffie Levenite)

Saturday, March 10th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Mary E. Callahan (Carol Franciscus)

Altar Servers	Swinty/Bednar
Euch. Minister	Seymen
Lector	Sara

Sunday, March 11th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Rose Guldán (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Altar Servers	Zelina/Englund/E. Gushanas)
Euch. Ministers	Catanese/Swinty
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, 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: Father Thomas Kelly, Father Anthony Rodo and Cyril Reichwein.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 11th, 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.

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.

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. We are grateful for your households' participation in Operation Rice Bowl. Your gift may be placed in the specially marked containers in the rear of Church.

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! If you plan on attending the post-event supper, please reserve a place by calling Paula at the Rectory 610/382-1172 or Phyllis at her home 610/384-0454. Thank you for this courtesy.

Archdiocesan High School Collection

Under the direction of the Vicar for Administration, the Second Collection next weekend, March 10th – 11th, is earmarked as the Annual Collection for our Archdiocesan High Schools. Catholic education is the work of the entire Catholic community, not just those families whose children are attending Catholic High Schools. Please help us to maintain our educational apostolate as the excellent instrument of evangelization it is among our young. Thank you for your generosity.

News From Bishop Shanahan High School

The Theatre Guild of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will present a Festival of Plays on Friday of this week, March 9th, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets of admission are \$5.00, and will be sold at the door. For additional information, kindly call 610/343-6259.

The 14th Annual Spring Auction and Social, hosted by Bishop Shanahan High School, will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at 6:00 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Admission is \$30.00/person or \$50.00/couple, which includes cocktails and hor d'oeuvres. Donations of items for the auction are still welcome; donors will be advertised in the auction book. For tickets or sponsorship information, call the Development Office at 610/343-6255.

Palm Sunday Concert at the Seminary

Annually, the eighty-voice Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia conducts a Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Song, richly enhancing the opening of Holy Week. This year's Boy Choir Concert will take place in the hallowed Chapel of Saint Martin of Tours, attached to the College Building of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, at a yet unannounced afternoon hour, on Sunday, April 8th. Admission is free, and the hospitality of light refreshments is offered in the Seminary Refectory immediately following the approximately ninety minute program.

Internationally known and appreciated, the Archdiocesan Boy Choir of Philadelphia has sung before our Holy Father at the Vatican and, this summer, will be on tour in England and Wales. On numerous solemn occasions, the Boy Choir sings in our own Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul to the delight of the congregation.

For the Parishes of our Cluster, we are planning to provide chartered bus transportation for the Palm Sunday Concert at the Seminary. We are hopeful that many would like to share in this very special Holy Week opportunity of remarkable beauty and sung prayer. As arrangements become more definite, future issues of the Parish Bulletin will offer complete details. For now, hold the date open on your calendars!

The Rosary Society Intentions for March

1. That this Lent may be a time of prayer and reflection, a time of self-awareness and self-discipline.
2. May our efforts of prayer and deed of mercy lead to renewal, reconciliation and Easter joy.

Jesus Group – Sorrowful mysteries

Mary Group – Joyful mysteries

Joseph Group – Glorious mysteries

Adult Choir

Rehearsals for the adult choir will be held after the special Tuesday Lenten Mass during Lent. If you still have any Christmas music in your folders please drop it off as soon as possible.

Something for the Teenagers

The Life Teen Group of Our lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue, will present "Welcome Matt," a musical drama based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 25th. Using various musical forms – contemporary, rock, country, Latin, rap and ballads – the Good News of the Evangelist comes alive! It is an event perfect for the whole family. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested. For more information, call 610/696-8338.

Wedding Jubilarians' Liturgy

Celebrate your 25th, 50th and over 50th Wedding Anniversaries with His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua at a Festive Mass in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, May 5th, 2001 (for couples of 25 years) and on Sunday, May 6th, 2001 (for couples of 50 years or more). For registration information, kindly see the poster on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

Women's Club News

Easter Bazaar - Sunday, April 1st, 2001 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the school hall.

\$500 Chances have been distributed to all parishioners this past week. If you did not receive any, please call Ann Cigas at 610/34-2955.

Thank you to all who helped make nut rolls. Your support is greatly appreciated. See you at our next work session on March 17th to make **KIEFLI**. Looking forward to seeing some new faces.

Reminder - Take out orders for nut rolls, pierogies, stuffed cabbage, paskas and kiefli can be placed by calling Fran Shesko at 610/384-6221. Don't procrastinate - the order book is filling up fast!!

Longaberger Baskets Lottery Calendars are on sale for \$15.00 and will run during the month of May. If interested, please call Tricia Swinty at 610/383-1615 or Laura Henderson at 610/857-2475.

Covenant God



God and Abraham made a lasting covenant with bodies broken and eaten by God in bright fire. For us today all of the Law and the Prophets come to fulfillment in Moses and Elijah. They point to Jesus who shines as the key to our share in the covenant. By his broken body in the Eucharist we too will be transfigured. The divine fire nourishes and changes us into citizens of our homeland in heaven. We eat the Eucharistic Christ Jesus, who is our passport to heaven. Do we dare take part?