

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 11th, 2001, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka church, except as follows:

Tuesday, March 13th, 2001, 7:00 PM

Joseph Dooley (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

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

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Senior Choir)

Altar Servers	Florian/Kauffman
Euch. Minister	Lisa Hillman
Lector	Elaine Sabo

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

Shirley Hanks (Son David)

Altar Servers	D. Neff / T. Gushanas / K. O'Malley
Euch. Ministers	J. Nesbitt / D. Hudock
Lector	Laura Henderson

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, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Natalie Umile, Anna Bortnyck, Frank McAdams (father of Sister Helen Loretta) and the Dead: Father Francis Lennon.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 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.

Lenten Evening Masses

The opportunity will be available to attend a mid-week Evening Mass during Lent. In St. Joseph Church, at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesdays. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays. 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.

Woman At The Well: A Spiritual Drama

"The Woman at the Well" is a spiritual drama in one act, written and performed by Gina McKenna-Smith for Springhouse Productions. This woman at the well . . . who was she? She was a person with secrets; a person who lived each day with the fear that her past would be exposed and she would be confronted with her sins. She was living a lie and knew it was a lie, but she was powerless to change it. Who was she? She was just like you and me. She was a person who really lived and loved and sinned and felt the pain of living with the harsh realities of life. Come and hear her story of an extraordinary meeting with a Man who told her every thing she ever did and did not condemn her. Hers is a story of unconditional love and forgiveness, of a life renewed and restored. It is a story of hope, which will be presented in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 3:00 p.m. on this Sunday, March 11th. All are welcome to attend. Fellowship over a light Lenten supper will follow in the School Hall.

Day of Eucharistic Exposition Next Sunday

In anticipation of our Patronal Feast, St. Joseph Church will conduct a Day of Eucharistic Exposition next Sunday, March 18th. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed on the altar at the conclusion of the Morning Mass. The Exposition continues throughout the day until a concluding Service of Prayer at 3:00 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be a part of this Service. Young and old are invited to participate. Fellowship over a modest Lenten supper will follow in the School Hall, with your free-will donation going to assist the good works of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. May we expect you for our post-Service supper on March

18th? If so, please call either Andrea at 610/384-4665 or Susan at 610/383-5768 to reserve places. Thank you for this courtesy!

Our Newest and Youngest Members

With pride and joy, we welcome the newest and youngest members of our Parish Family: Andrew Thomas Strange and Ryan Patrick Fitzgerald. Baptized on February 18th, Andrew Thomas is the infant son of Matthew and Andrea Strange. Baptized on February 25th, Ryan Patrick is the infant son of Patrick and Lori Fitzgerald. By water and the Holy Spirit these precious little ones are united with us in one Faith, one Lord and one Baptism. Congratulations to the newly baptized and their delighted parents!

Palm Sunday Concert at the Seminary

The eighty-voice Archdiocesan Boy Choir will hold a Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Song on April 8th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Lower Side Chapel of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. Admission is free, although a free-will donation would be gratefully accepted. Fellowship over light refreshments will follow the approximately ninety minute program. To enhance the opening of our Holy Week, we are planning to provide chartered bus transportation for this musical event of remarkable beauty and sung prayer. Look for a future Parish Bulletin to carry full details; for now, hold the date open on your calendar.

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.

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?

Special Collection "This" Weekend

This weekend, a special collection is being taken in support of the Archdiocesan High Schools. Our secondary schools are seen as a valuable instrument in promoting the Catholic Faith and passing it to another generation. Catholic education requires the endorsement of the total Catholic community, not just those families with children attending the schools. Your financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Special Collection "Next" Weekend

Next weekend, March 17th-18th, we are being requested to support the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. In this part of the world, the Church is emerging from 70 years of Communist rule and is vigorously involved in rebuilding the Faith of its people. Contributions are used for providing religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries and physically rebuilding. Your generosity can help provide the resources needed, so that the Faith can continue to grow and be nourished.

Presenting Our First Communion Class

Last Sunday, March 4th, within a brief Rite of Enrollment at the Morning Mass, we were pleased to recognize our 15 young parishioners preparing for their first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. The members of our First Communion Class are Carly Arabia, Nicholas Canzoneri, Alyssa

Carbo, Brandon Dague, Anthony Doria, Nicole Goodyear, Kyle Holeton, Thomas McDonald, Allen Mummert, Jenna Ponto, Jennifer Shesko, Rachel Sload, Amanda Thompson, Ryan Thompson and Brianna Wimble. Certainly our thoughts and prayers go out to our sacramental candidates, as we eagerly look forward to their participating with us at the Table of the Lord on their First Communion Day, May 6th.

Women's Club News

ANNUAL EASTER/SPRING BAZAAR Sunday, April 1st - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please don't forget to return your \$500 chances as soon as possible. Thank you for attending to this request.

Reminder: Take-out orders for nut rolls, kiefli, pierogies, stuffed cabbage and Easter Breads (Paskas) can be placed with Fran Shesko at 610/384-6221.

Next Scheduled Work Session - Saturday, March 17th beginning at 8:00 AM to make **KIEFLI**. Look forward to seeing you there!!

LONGABERGER LOTTERY CALENDARS - for sale for \$15.00 each for two (2) numbers. Contact Trish Swinty or Laura Henderson. Calendar will run during the month of May. We urge your support of this fundraiser.

Sacrament



Sacramentality is like a good tree bearing good fruit. It is like a mouth speaking from the fullness of the heart, unfolding or showing forth what is within. Sacrament can be compared to a just person flourishing like the palm tree or a cedar of Lebanon, like faithful Christians showing forth Christ's victory in everything they do. Sacrament also brings about what it expresses outwardly. God's grace in faithful people brings out God's grace in others. We are sacramental people when, planted in the Lord's house, we bear great fruit