

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 18, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Tuesday	9 am	Debbie Rettinger Dale (Frank & MaryAnne Illes Rever)
	7 pm	Erin Chladek (Karen Merth)
Wednesday	9 am	Minnie Caruso (Andrew & Mary Benkovich)
Thursday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Anniversary) (Bob & Stella Grubb)
Friday	9 am	William Lasak (Barry Telischak)
Saturday	9 am	Claire Reilly (Andrea Levenite)

Saturday, March 24th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Michael & Rose Hudock))

Altar Servers	Ponto/Rhoades
Euch. Minister	G. Bugar
Lector	Cy Reali

Sunday, March 25th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Mary & Andrew Shesko (The Andrew Shesko Family)

Altar Servers	A. & S. Reczek/Swinty
Euch. Ministers	Seymen/Krupansky
Lector	Frank Lasak, jr.

Welcome to New Families

A warm welcome is extended to our new parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Sheller and their son Nicholas Canzoneri.
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Lindemuth and their children, Adam & Abigail.

We are very happy they are making their spiritual home with St. Joseph's.

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, Lanita Giuseppe and the Dead: Frank McAdams (father of Sister Helen Loretta) and Helen Bridge.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Pastoral Council

Reminder: Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, March 19th at 7:30 pm in the Rectory.

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 21st in the Rectory.

We are pleased to announce the members of this committee and thank them for giving of their time to work on this committee. Our parishioners thank you for your interest. Camie Arvay, Ann Cigas, Stella Grubb, Mary Frances Johnson, Robert Shesko, William Swinty and, of course our leader, Father John.

Special Collection This Weekend

This weekend's special collection is being taken in support of 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. Thank you for your kindness.

Day of Eucharistic Exposition This Sunday

In anticipation of our Patronal Feast (March 19th), St. Joseph Church will be conducting a Day of Eucharistic Exposition this 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. Jesus, "the Carpenter's Son", warmly welcomes you into His Presence during these hours of Eucharistic Exposition.

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 in support of the boys' summer musical tour in England and Wales. Fellowship over light refreshments will follow the approximately ninety minute program. To enhance the opening to Holy Week, we are planning to provide chartered bus transportation for this special event of remarkable beauty and sung prayer. Our bus will be leaving from the West End Churches at 2:15 p.m.; we should be arriving back in Coatesville shortly after 7:00 p.m. To reserve your place(s), please call Paula at St. Stanislaus Kostka Rectory, 610/384-1172.

For The Young and Young at Heart

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 from rock to ballads, the Good News of the Evangelist comes alive! It is an event perfect for the entire family. A donation of \$3.00 is suggested. For more information, call 610/696-8338.

Later that week, on Friday, March 30th, the Rosary Life Teen Group will conduct "The Living Stations" at 7:30 p.m., in the church. It is a touching dramatization of Christ's Passion and Death based on the Way of the Cross Devotion. All are most welcome to attend.

Prayer for Increased Vocations

Have you ever considered the value of a priest? He is there for your Baptism, First Holy Communion, confession and Mass; probably for your Wedding, your serious illnesses and, ultimately, your Funeral. The traveling Icon of the Sacred Heart, accompanied by a prayer for the awareness of vocations to the priesthood, was initiated in February 2000 and is being continued through 2001. If you did not have the Icon in your home last year, please try to participate this year by welcoming the Icon within your family circle and engaging in a week of daily prayer. There is a new sign-up sheet on the table in front of the crying room window. The laminated prayer and Icon are inside a brown, drawstring bag with the word "Icon" sown on the bag. The home visit of the Icon extends from Sunday to Saturday, when it is returned to the table for the next participating family/person. Do you value a priest significantly enough to pray for increased vocations? We certainly hope so.

I.H.M. Spirituality Center

Located on the campus of the Villa Maria House of Studies on King Road in Immaculata (just across from Immaculata College), the

I.H.M. Spirituality Center offers a variety of renewal and retreat opportunities, some consisting of only one day and others extending over several days. Events for early April have been announced, including the Spring Retreat on April 6th-7th-8th. For full information and registration, contact the Center at 610/647-4136, extension 113.

Youth Resident Camp 2001

For the 25th year the Archdiocesan parish Youth Ministry office is offering a Resident Camp (formerly Camp Fire). The program is designed for children from 2nd through 8th grades. The overnight resident camp provides: swimming, crafts, boating, hiking, field sports, and special evening programs. The camp is located at Citta Scout Reservation in Barnegat, NJ from August 5th through August 11th. Cost is \$175 for the entire week. If you are interested call Pat at 610/649-9459 for brochure/reservation form. Spaces go quickly – Assure a spot by June 10th.

Women's Club News

EASTER BAZAAR - Sunday, April 1st - 9:00 to 2:00

If you have not placed your **Take-Out Orders**, we are coming close to being sold out. So as not to be disappointed, call Fran Shesko at 610/384-6221.

\$500 Chances - Please look in the drawer where you placed them for "**Safe Keeping**" and turn them in at your earliest convenience. Thanks for your support.

Don't forget to order your Longaberger Calendars. \$15.00 for two numbers.

Simple Gift



God is patient with all creation and with us, giving us all the time we need to fulfill what he asks of us – to come around to where we should be in his fiery presence. When God acts, things happen. God is the one who is. Uneasily frank when speaking from the unburning bush, the Lord clearly warns us today through the fig tree and through the words of Paul the Apostle. We learn we need to open up our lives to God's action in order to bear fruit in due season. What a Lenten job!