

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 April 1st, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	William Lasak (MaryJane & Frank Lasak)
	7 pm	Mary Santangelo (Craig Cigas)
Wednesday	9 am	Edward Reardon (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Friday	9 am	Thomas Foresee (Mary Byerley & Mary Lou Callahan)
Saturday	9 am	John Weller (Francis & Verna Seymen)

Saturday, April 7th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Ann Hook (Craig Cigas)

Altar Servers	Kauffman/O'Malley
Euch. Minister	F. Seymen
Lector	Elaine

Sunday, April 8th, 2001, 10:45 AM

Carolyn Pechin (Nellie Cisarik)

Altar Servers	Neff/S & J Lasak
Euch. Ministers	K. Catanese/C. Claypoole
Lector	Sara

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, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Sean Colvin, Natalie Umile, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Giuseppe and the Dead: Rose Reed and Jessie Brooks.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, Confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 31st, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, Confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 8th, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Lenten Penance Service (Confessions)

Making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance), in preparation for Easter, is highly encouraged during the Season of Lent. Therefore, we invite your participation in our Lenten Communal Penance Service at 7:15 p.m., in St. Joseph Church, on Monday, April 2nd. An abbreviated, yet conscience provoking format of the Way of the Cross will be employed before the actual individual hearing of confessions by at least three priests. Seize this as the God given opportunity to put your spiritual self aright before Holy Week and Easter.

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 8th

Palm, the ancient sign of victory, will be blessed and distributed at both Masses next weekend, April 7th-8th. The blessed palm is employed in the home, usually placed behind a wall crucifix or a hanging religious picture; likewise it is used at a cemetery to decorate the graves of loved ones.

Please take note that our Morning Mass on Passion (Palm) Sunday will begin 15 minutes later than usual; that is, at **10:45 a.m.**, rather than 10:30 a.m., to allow Father John to make his way from Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church to Mass at St. Joseph Church. You might remember that, because of its special features, the Liturgy for that day runs a little longer than the typical Sunday. Also, we invite our school age children to take a special part in the Solemn Procession with Palms that morning. The youngsters participating should report to Mr. Frank Lasak, Jr. at 10:25 a.m. in the rear of the Church, to receive their instructions.

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.

Schedule of Masses for Easter

Should you need some advance notice, we are pleased to announce our fourth-coming schedule of Masses for the Easter weekend, April 14th-15th, 2001.

On Holy Saturday, the Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy for both West End Parishes will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. Since these Solemn rites must take place after dark, please note the special time, a full one hour later than usual.

On Easter Sunday, a Festive Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church. St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our West End "twin", will be offering two Easter morning Masses: at 8 o'clock and at 10 o'clock, if you should be in need of alternative times.

Sunday TV Mass Now Closed Captioned

Beginning April 15th, with the Easter Sunday Mass celebrated by Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, the weekly-televised Sunday Mass on Channel 6 (ABC) at 6:30 a.m. will be closed captioned to benefit people who are deaf and hearing impaired. Funding for the closed captioning is provided by the Knights of Columbus, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Archdiocesan Apostolate to the Deaf (215/587-3913).

A Special Lenten Presentation

Sanctuary, a Sacred Music Ensemble at Villanova, will present Passion: The Story of Holy Week in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, at Villanova University, on Wednesday, April 11th, at 8:00 p.m. All are most welcome to attend. For information contact Sanctuary at 1-800-834-6250 or visit the web page at "sanctuary.villanova.edu."

Holy Week Concert of Hope "For God so loved the world..."

On the evening of April 11th, you and your family are invited to participate in a

Concert of Hope: Embracing our Broken and Beautiful World

featuring talents of the youth, young adults and adults of our Archdiocese.

**Gwynedd Mercy College Auditorium
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 11th at 7 p.m.**

Cost: \$2 and please bring a non-perishable product (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, canned goods, etc.) to be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. John's Hospice and Women of Hope.

**Contact: Sr. Mary Kay Kelley, SSJ, 610-649-9410
at the Office for Youth and Young Adults.**

Boy Choir Seminary Concert

Those holding reservations for the Palm Sunday Concert of Sacred Song by the Archdiocesan Boy Choir are reminded that our chartered coach for the Seminary will pick up passengers in front of both West End Parishes at 2:15 p.m. next Sunday. The concert itself begins at 4:00 p.m., in the Lower Side Chapel of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. We expect to arrive back in Coatesville shortly after 7:00 p.m. that night. This musical event should add to the beauty and prayerfulness of your Holy Week.

Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 16, chartered by our parochial school will be hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 1st, in the

LGM Hall, Coatesville, from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. The price is \$5.50 for a small dinner and \$7.00 for a large dinner. Take out orders are available, please bring your own containers. For tickets, call 610/383-1206 or ask any member of Troop 16.

Saint John Neumann Discernment

Saint John Neumann Discernment Group for Young Adults is being sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Meetings will be held at Saint Charles Seminary on the **second Tuesday** of the month, **Tuesday, April 10, 2001** – 7-9 PM. This group is for college age and young adult men (18-40) who are seriously discerning the call to the 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.

Lector Schedule April – June 2001

	6:30 PM	10:30 AM
April 1	Elaine	Sara
April 8	Cy/Bill	Kathleen/Al (10:45 am)
April 13 (Good Friday – Karyn/Elaine (7:00 PM)		
April 14 (Holy Saturday) – Elaine/Laura (7:30 PM)		
April 15 (Easter Sunday)		Bill
April 22	Kathy	Frank
April 29	Elaine	Cy
May 6	Sara	First Communicants
May 13	Bill	Laura
May 20	Kathy	Kathleen
May 23 (Eve of Ascension) Frank (7:00 PM)		
May 27	Elaine	Al
June 3	Sara	Frank
June 10	Cy	Kathleen
June 17	Bill	Laura
June 24	Kathy	Al

(If you are unable to Lector at your scheduled time, please arrange for a back up.)

Jesus, My Lord



"Nothing can happen to outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ." The woman caught in adultery represents us all, taken in sin, standing revealed before the Lord. We pray. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." What a dangerous chance for reconciliation by the power of Christ's Passover from death to life! Remember what Jesus advised: "Go and sin no more." Christ's Pasch from Lent to Easter can bring us also to life - if we let it.