

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 housebound 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 Susan Sandoski (610/383-5768) or Andy Levenite (610/384-4665). 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 May 13th, 2001, will be offered at St. Joseph's Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	William Lasak (Ann Marie McNeilly)
Wednesday	9 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	Lorenza Meciello (Jennie Gavin)
Friday	9 am	Michael Hudock (Helen Frankow)
Saturday	9 am	Pauline Ross (Grandson David Hanks)

Saturday, May 19th, 2001, 6:30 PM

Sophie Zelina (Joseph Sandoski & daughter Susan)

Euch. Minister Jerry Bugar
Lector Kathy Catanese

Sunday, May 20th, 2001, 10:30 AM

Father Cy Ponisciak (Augusta Saska) Anniversary Mass

Euch. Ministers Swinty/Hillman
Lector Kathleen Ponto

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Father William Cox, Father Francis Schlett, 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, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Giuseppe, Vera Miller, John Illes, Joseph Reis, Helen Moratelli, Mary Ann Lasak, Joseph Deets and the Dead: Ella Godwin.

Also, kindly pray for the happy repose of the soul of Father Cyril Ponisciak, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, whose 4th Anniversary of Death falls this week. May his priestly soul rest in peace!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, May 13th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 19th, from 5:45 to 6:15 a.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

2001 Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2001 Catholic Charities Appeal is presently in progress and continues its solicitation for most of May. Have you given your gift? Needed human services for over 250,000 men, women and children are made available through your generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal. It is true to state that your gift creates hope and transforms lives. If you can afford to give significantly to only one major charity, please let the Catholic Charities Appeal be that one charity. Your gift may be dropped in the collection basket or vestibule drop-box at Church, or it may be forwarded directly to the Rectory Office. God love you for your response to the 2001 Campaign!

Manna Food Collection

Many struggling families and individuals turn to the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard for necessary assistance during times of crises. While all ages are represented in the faces of hunger, sadly the burden of poverty rests most heavily on our children. Their lives are blessed by the donations of non-perishable food items you make to the Annual Manna Canned Food Collection, this year to be held on the weekend of May 19th-20th. This weekend, "Manna Bags" will be distributed at Mass for your food items, with the actual filled bags returned to Church next weekend. Food items in greatest need are soups, stews, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish and cereals. Thank you for your compassion and kindness!

Our Newest and Youngest Members

With pride and joy, we welcome the newest and youngest members of our Parish Family: Talia Grace Castle and Richard Anthony Madonna, Jr. Baptized on April 29th, Talia Grace is the infant daughter of Christopher and Kathryn Castle. Baptized on May 12th, Richard Anthony, Jr. is the infant son of Richard and Kimberly Madonna. By water and the Holy Spirit, these precious little ones are united with us in one Faith, one Lord and one Baptism. Our sincerest congratulations to the newly baptized and their delighted parents!

A Young Woman of Achievement

Our parish Family pride is showing as merited accolades are showered upon one of our own best and brightest: Elizabeth Catanese, daughter of Michael and Kathy Catanese, who is currently enrolled in the Honors College of the University of South Carolina. Elizabeth was the recipient of the award recognizing the Outstanding Sophomore for English Studies. Also, this gifted young parishioner has recently been inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. And, adding to her achievements, Elizabeth just published her first literary works in a short story collection. Congratulations to our own Elizabeth Catanese, outstanding scholar and writer on the rise!

Put on Those Walking Shoes

Bridge of Hope, serving the needs of homeless women and children in Lancaster and Chester Counties, will hold their Annual Walk-for-Hope on Saturday, June 2nd, in Hibernia Park at 9:00 a.m. Walk routes include a 10 kilometer (6.2 miles), a 5 kilometer (3.1 miles) and a Kids' Adventure Hike. Registration will be conducted from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. there will be T-shirts and prizes for walkers, as well as a free lunch and good music. For more information, please call 610/380-1360.

A Special Invitation

The fine Arts Department of Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, will present their Spring Concert and Art Exhibition on Thursday, May 17th, at 8:00 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted. Thank you for the encouragement and support you render to these talented students.

A Mother's Day Treat

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish American Citizens' club will host a Mother's Day Deluxe Breakfast Buffet in the Club Banquet Hall this Sunday, May 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., featuring a varied selection of delicacies. Take-out baked goods also will be on sale. Give Mom a culinary treat on her special day, and bring along the entire family! Admission is \$5.00 per person. Questions? Call Marlene Karmilowicz at 610/384-9710.

Outdoor Memorial Day Mass

In keeping with the spirit of our national holiday, an outdoor Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, May 28th, at 9:30 a.m., near the Pieta Shrine, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery on Waterworks Road, West Caln. If the weather does not cooperate, the Mass will be celebrated in Saint Joseph Church

at the same time. At approximately 9:00 that morning, we can usually expect the local Veterans' Group to conduct military rites in the cemetery, complete with a multiple rifle salute. Our Mass will be offered for our country's deceased servicemen and servicewomen, as well as for all the departed laid to rest in the cemetery.

Former St. Denis Parishioners

In keeping with their 175th Anniversary Celebration, St. Denis Parish, Havertown (Delaware County), is holding a Parish History Exhibit on Sunday and Monday, May 27th-28th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on both days, in the Grimes Center (formerly the Chapel). All are most welcome; admission is free. For more information, call St. Denis Rectory at 610/446-0200.

A Sunday Morning for Women

The I.H.M. Spirituality Center, Immaculata, invites all women to consider their giftedness as mothers, daughters, wives, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and godmothers at a Breakfast Gathering and Theme Reflection on Sunday, May 20th. Come as a group, as a pair or singly to celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Mass with the I.H.M. Sisters in their beautiful community chapel, after which enjoy a wonderful brunch and enter into shared wisdom under the direction of Sister Suzanne Mayer, I.H.M. The morning closes with a short prayer Ritual by 12 noon. To register for this enriching event, call 610/647-4136, extension 113.

Parish Marian Tribute and May Crowning

Incorporated into the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 20th, will be our traditional Tribute honoring Mary, the Mother of God, together with the crowning of her image. This May observance will take place at the very beginning of Mass, replacing the usual Introductory Rite. The children of our First Holy Communion Class and our parish Children's Choir will be especially featured at next Sunday's Marian Tribute and May Crowning. Join us, please!

Report on Recent Contributions

We wish to inform our kind donors that the contribution amounts of several collections, taken up in Lent and Holy Week and at Easter, are as follows:

Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 626.00
Holy Places in Palestine	447.00
Easter Flowers Fund	976.00
2001 Easter Collection	\$11,366.00

Be assured that we are deeply grateful for your generosity to these special appeals and to those collections directly of benefit to our Parish. Thank you very much! May God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, abundantly bless you and your loved ones with every good gift from above!

A Family Perspective

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The family home becomes a place of "God's dwelling within us," when we allow the Spirit to lead us to the gifts of peace and freedom from anxiety.

Finance Committee Meeting

Reminder, Finance Committee meeting, Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Choir Practice

Just a reminder that both Adult and Children's choir will have practice this Monday evening at the regular times in preparation for May Precession.

Women's Club News

The Women's Club Installation dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m. at Brickside Grille, Eagleview Corporate Center, Rt. 100, Exton, PA. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The menu selections are as follows including an appetizer and dessert.

- Filet Mignon 8 oz., served with Eggplant Croutons, Merlot Reduction, Au Gratin Potatoes
- "Corn Flake" Coated Crab Cakes, Cocktail Sauce, Paella Rice
- Sautéed Veal Medallions with Crabmeat and Tomatoes, Au Gratin Potatoes

If you are interested in attending, you may sign-up on the sheet in the vestibule of the church or contact Andy Levenite at 610/384-4665.

New Jerusalem



"The One seated on the throne spoke: 'I make all creation new.' " What is new? The novelty is that now God's own people live in God's own city, New Jerusalem. Here God lives intimately with his Bride: us. Finally the Christmas promise arrives. Here and now is the time of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Until the fulfillment, we continue the Messiah work, as do Barnabas and Paul. We thrive on Eucharistic nourishment that gives a foretaste of glory divine; the Holy Eucharist of the New Jerusalem. Taste and see how good it is.