

# 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 this weekend are as follows:

### Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

*Anna Briglio (David & Joan Dubinski)*

Altar Servers      Ponto/Rhoades  
Euch. Minister      Lisa Hillman

### Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

*John Shesko (Laura Shesko & Family)*

Altar Servers      A. Reczek/Kaufman/Zelina  
Euch. Minister      Krupansky & Catanese

Masses for the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church:

### Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

*Blanche Mruskovic (Mary & Camie Arvay)*

Altar Servers      Bednar & O'Malley  
Euch. Minister      Jeffrey Nesbitt

### Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

*Andrew Shesko (His Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)*

Altar Servers      England, T. Gushanas, J. Lasak  
Euch. Ministers      Mary Frances Johnson &  
Christine Claypoole

## Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Verna Seymen, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Robert Hracho, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Guisepe, Joseph Reis, Helen Moratelli, William Illes, Peggy Fitzpatrick, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Benkovich, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Ronald Szweda, and the Dead: Monsignor Francis Clemins, Father Louis Kovacs, Father George Ettore and Patrick Rutter.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Significant Future Events

The Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion will be conducted in St. Joseph Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002. With Easter falling in late March, we have placed the Forty Hours on the opening days of March, the Month of St. Joseph. The Celebration of First Penance for our first communicants-to-be and their families will take place on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Our First Communion Class will receive the Holy Eucharist for the very first time at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2002. It is hoped that this advance notice of significant parochial events will be of help to you in establishing future plans.

## A Special Service For Peace

On January 24, 2002, Pope John Paul II will make a pilgrimage to Assisi, the home of St. Francis the great peacemaker, to pray for universal peace at this most difficult time in world history. In Assisi, our Holy Father will join with representative of the various Christian denominations and world religions to pray for peace. While this pilgrimage is occasioned by the grievous attack against the United States on September 11<sup>th</sup> and by concern for the consequences of the military action taking place in Afghanistan, His Holiness is also most solicitous of all other parts of the world that are experiencing war and turmoil.

In preparation for this day of prayer, our Holy Father has requested that all Catholics and all persons of faith observe January 23<sup>rd</sup> as a Vigil for Peace, uniting us with His Holiness in a common prayer for worldwide peace. To that end, our twinned West End Parishes will hold a special Service for Peace at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, in St. Joseph Church. The Service will be comprised of song, prayer, Sacred Scripture and Eucharistic Exposition with Benediction. Our Father John Hagen, O.S.A. will provide the homily for this solemn occasion.

Recognized as an ambassador of peace himself, how could we ignore the urgent request of Pope John Paul II to accompany him in spirit on his pilgrimage for the cause of peace? Please plan to be with us in keeping a Vigil for Peace on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Add your voice to our cries for a true and lasting peace at this critical moment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Archdiocesan Synod: Consultation Part Two

The responses for the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod have all been gathered from across the five counties, the information therein has been studied, and the people who are known as the General Preparatory Commission for the Synod had written their report to His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua detailing for him the results of "Consultation Part One." Cardinal Bevilacqua has reviewed the material and taken the information into account for selecting the issues to be addressed at the approaching Synod.

The next step in the Synod process is what is termed "Consultation Part Two." This will be a series of meetings to be conducted at various locations, in order to give people the opportunity to further discuss the issues under consideration, and to offer more information about those topics. You are invited to attend one or more of these area meetings. You are requested, however, to register for the meeting you wish to attend simply to help with planning and preparation. Kindly call 267/299-6995 for purposes of registration, although last minute "walk-in" participants are not to be discouraged. These Consultation Meetings are scheduled as follows in Chester County: Immaculata College, Immaculata on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.; SS. Philip & James Parish, Exton on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. or St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Please keep the success of the Tenth Archdiocesan Synod in your good prayers.

### Divorce Hurts

Find help at Divorce Care, a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It is a place where you can be around others who understand what you are feeling, how you are hurting. It is a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the sting of divorce. Our local Divorce Care Program meets on Mondays, from February 4<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. weekly, in St. Peter Catholic Church Learning Center, Route 82 and Fairview Road, Honey Brook. For registration or information, call Barry Pignoli at 610/873-8680.

### Pro-Life Observances

In observing the infamous January 22<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Court Decision favoring abortion, the following Pro-Life events will be held: On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Chester County March for Life in West Chester, gathering at 2:30 p.m. outside St. Agnes R.C. Church, West Gay & New Streets. On Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the National March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. with buses heading for the Nation's Capital from around Chester County. For bus information, contact Tom Bones at 610/993-0331. Also, on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Gathering of Pro-Lifers will hold a Stand-Up for Life Rally in the City Hall Courtyard, Philadelphia, at 12 noon. On Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, a Prayer Walk and Life Chain will take place in West Chester with participants gathering on S. Wayne & W. Market Streets, at 11:45 a.m. For more information or questions answered, please call the Pro-Life Coalition at 610/942-3571.

### Searching for Past Parishioners

Past parishioners of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, West Philadelphia, are invited to return to their "spiritual roots" for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Parish's founding on Sunday, April 28, 2002. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at 2:00 p.m., followed by dinner in the Springfield Country Club. For more information or tickets, kindly contact the MBS Committee at 215/729-0694.

### Red Cross Bloodmobile

A Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be conducted at the Wagontown Fire Company, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2002. The need for blood is consistent year round, but

the winter holiday season is a critical time during the year when donations fall to dangerous levels. This can cause real problems for people who have life-threatening injuries or who suffer from serious illness. All of us depend on the blood to be there to meet patient needs all year long. This local Blood Drive will be headquartered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Wagontown Fire Company Building, 416 West Kings Highway. To set your appointment, please call Father John at 610/384-1172. Thank you!

### A Top of the Line Social

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cadillac Dinner, sponsored by the Coatesville Catholic School Development Committee, will be held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at J & J Catering in Exton. Everyone is cordially invited to attend a night of dining and dancing, with a chance to win fabulous prizes including \$5,000.00 cash. For ticket information, please call Diane Ward at 610/383-5571, Kathleen Ponto at 610/380-9947, Anita Mazzula at 610/518-0252 or Vicki Eberwein at 610/383-9868. Act now to guarantee your place at the Social of the Season!

### A Religious Musical Delight

All are invited to "An Evening of Praise" with LAUDARE in Bishop Shanahan High School Auditorium, Downingtown, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. This contemporary Christian music ministry group is comprised of six Catholic lay men and women, together with three priests, including Father Sam Verruni of the West Chester Newman Center. Their two hour concert promises to present contemporary church music in a new, dynamic style. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be accepted. For information or directions, call 610/518-1300. Don't miss this special celebration of God's gift of praise, during Catholic Schools Week.

### St. James Alumni Association

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of the Blue and Gray will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, in O'Flaherty's Restaurant, Pennell Road, Aston, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. All alumni, family and friends (21 years of age and over) of the former St. James High School are welcome. Tickets include food and entertainment, and are available for \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. For advance tickets (prior to 02/06/02), send \$15.00 per ticket and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: St. James Alumni Association, P.O. Box 383, Ridley Park, PA 19078

### A Christmas Kindness

The children of Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School have given \$100 in food gift certificates to our Pastor to distribute to a family in need at the Holiday Season. We wish to acknowledge the students' act of kindness and thank them for remembering the authentic meaning of Christmas.

### Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

In March, key representatives for our Coatesville Catholic School Campaign are scheduled to meet with officials of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia concerning the progress of our capital campaign for a new school. For that meeting, we must have "hard evidence" substantiating the financial support expected from the parishioners of the four participating Churches. This is where the faith promise cards from all our families are so very critical as a significant means of measuring such support. So important is everyone's response that, following the Weekend Masses of January 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, a table or two will be in place at the back of church to solicit your level of participation in the Campaign. We trust that this will prove to be a convenient opportunity for you to make your mark on the faith promise, if you have not done so already. Please help us to fulfill our haunting objective: "One Lord, One Faith, One School". Thank you!

## **Your Generosity Is Showing**

We are pleased to announce the results of recent Special Collections, as follows:

Retirement fund for Religious .....	786.00
Christmas Flowers & Decoration Fund .....	894.00
(A detailed list will appear in next week's bulletin)	
Christmas Collection comprised of: .....	25,543.00
\$ 5,000.00 - St. Joseph's Women's Club	
100.00 - Knights of Columbus, Christ the King Council	
20,443.00 - Balance from our parishioners	
Cash Awards from the Women's Club 2001 Lottery	
Calendar and Winners' Gifts to the Church .....	1,400.00

Thank you for your remarkable goodness to us as evidenced by the above. Be assured that our appreciation runs deep and constant. God love all our donors!

## **A Family Perspective**

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we are reminded of our own identity as children of God. Baptized into the same Spirit, we are called to bring compassion, justice and peace into our homes and communities.

## **The Beloved One**



This day the mystery of Jesus as God's Son, the Word himself, is revealed by words spoken from the heavens, The Spirit in the guise of a dove overshadows Jesus as he comes out of the waters of the Jordan. These divine signs show us that Jesus is the special anointed one filled with God's power and ready to begin his saving work as the Christ/Messiah for each of us. His work leads to the sacrifice of the Cross—with the Resurrection—and to the Eucharist which nourishes us on his Pass-over.

## **Women's Club News**

Mark your calendar, the next meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for Sunday, February 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall.