

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 19th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Blanche Mruskovic (Mary & Camie Arvay)

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

Sunday, January 20th, 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*

Masses for the week of January 20, 2002, will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Sophia Zelina (Paul & Patty Yosko)
Wednesday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	Richard Brown (Dean & Stephanie Muzii)
Friday	9 am	Frank Sweeney (Rose Olise & Family)
Saturday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Anthony Chavar Family)

Saturday, January 26th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Doris Toth (John Toth & Family)

Altar Servers *Kaufman/Neff*
Euch. Minister *Francis Seymen*

Sunday, January 27th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Mary Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Altar Servers *O'Malley/Ponto/Rhoades*
Euch. Ministers *Frank Lasak, Jr./Gerald Bugar*

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 Guiseppa, 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 Szveda, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, and the Dead: Joseph "Frank" Trumpleman.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 20th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 26th, 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.

Special Collection Nationwide

For many years, Catholic Relief Services has been the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This agency provides emergency help in over eighty countries throughout the world whenever disasters occur. In addition to emergency assistance, Catholic Relief Services gives many countries hope for a better future by providing educational programs, community banking programs and education on conflict resolution and community healing. Next weekend's Second Collection (January 26th-27th) will directly benefit the noble work of the Catholic Bishops' Relief Services. Thank you, in advance, for your customary generosity to the annual appeal.

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 11th 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 23rd 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 23rd, 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 23rd. Add your voice to our cries for a true and lasting peace at this critical moment in the 21st Century.

Pro-Life Observances

In observing the infamous January 22nd Supreme Court Decision favoring abortion, the following Pro-Life events will be held: On Sunday, January 20th, 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 22nd, 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 22nd, 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 24th, 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.

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 4th to April 29th, 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.

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 4th, at 7:00 p.m.; SS. Philip & James Parish, Exton on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. or St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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 26th-27th, 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!

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 29th. 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.

A Top of the Line Social

The 5th Annual Cadillac Dinner, sponsored by the Coatesville Catholic School Development Committee, will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 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!

Valentine Retreats

The Staff of St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, invite married couples to celebrate their vocation of marriage and renew their marriage vows at a mini-Retreat experience on either February 3rd or February 10th. The Retreat begins with a candlelight dinner and includes a Conference and Liturgy. It is a four-hour experience from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., and costs \$70.00 per couple. For further information, please call the Retreat House at (610) 644-0400.

The Daylesford Abbey, Paoli, will host A Valentine Dinner and Evening of Reflection for Couples, led by Father John Zagarella, O.Praem., on Saturday, February 9th. The Evening includes Prayer, Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Presentation and Mass running from 4:15 to 8:30 p.m., at a cost of \$65.00 per couple. Come spend time with each other in awareness of the Presence of the Source of Love in your relationship. To register, please call the Abbey at (610) 647-2530.

On February 12th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., a Night of Refreshment to celebrate the love shared in marriage is being offered for married couples at the Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park. This Valentine Evening will include Dinner, Conference and a Closing Liturgy under the direction of Father Bob Walker. For more information, Contact sister Meg at (215) 782-8520, Extension 180.

Introducing Our Newest Member

On January 5th, through the saving waters of Baptism, Dylan James Manning, the infant son of Brian and Sharon Manning, gained entrance into the Family of God, the Church. Father Quan Tran, a priest-friend, performed the holy rites of initiation. With much gladness, we welcome Dylan James within our embrace and, with sincere congratulations we greet his proud parents and delighted godparents. Best wishes to all family and friends on this blessed occasion!

A Family Perspective

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings point to the call of the baptized to be a "light to the nations." This vocation to bring the good news of salvation to our world needs to be nourished within the domestic church of the family.

Water and Spirit



Last Sunday, John baptized Jesus with water. This week John asserts that Jesus is "the one who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit." Soon we celebrate the fulfillment of this promise on the 50th day of Easter, Pentecost. Ordinary Time is the working out in duration of this promise, starting with Jesus' own baptism—and each of ours too.

Women's Club News

Just a friendly reminder, our meeting is this Sunday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall.