

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 26th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Doris Toth (John Toth & Family)

Altar Servers Kaufman/Neff
Euch. Minister Francis Seymen
Lector Cy Reali

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
Lector Kathleen Ponto

Masses for the week of January 27th, 2002, will be offered at St. Stanislaus Church except as follows:

First Friday, February 1st, 2002, 9:30 AM

Richard Brown (Kathleen & Havard Franciscus)

Saturday, February 2nd, 2002, 6:30 PM

Albert Olise (Rose Olise & Family)

Euch. Minister Mary Frances Johnson
Lector Sara Hoopes

Sunday, February 3rd, 2002, 10:30 AM

Pete & Mary Michinok (Richard & Maryanne Michinok)

Euch. Ministers P. Swinty & L. Hillman
Lector Kathy Catanese

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 Szweda, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, and the Dead: Raymond Vanderslice, Howard Rooney, Gertrude Jones and Jane Elizabeth Gimbl.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 26th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 3rd, 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.

Contributions To The Church

If you need to know what your offerings were to your Church for Calendar Year 2001, please call the rectory and we will be happy to tell you and to provide you with a statement acknowledging and thanking you for our generosity.

Blessing of Throats

Next Sunday, February 3rd, is the traditional date for the Feast of St. Blasé, the 4th Century Bishop and Martyr from Sabaste, Armenia. Because of a miraculous healing associated with his life, there has been the long-standing practice of the blessing of throats and seeking the favor of good health through the Saint's intercession. Immediately following the Masses next weekend, the St. Blasé Blessing will be individually imposed upon those who wish to receive it.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

The Season of Lent, our time to concentrate on spiritual growth, opens on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. Blessed ashes, the ancient sign of repentance, will be distributed on that day in accord with the following schedule: In St. Joseph Church, at the 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses; in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the 12:05 p.m. Prayer/Scripture Service and the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We hope that this advance notice of our Ash Wednesday Schedule will be of help in your making Lenten plans.

Special Collection

The Second Collection this weekend directly benefits the noble work of the United States Catholic Bishops' Relief Services, providing emergency help worldwide and offering programs of hope for a better future to many countries. Your generosity to this annual appeal is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Upcoming Seminary Collection

The month of February has again been designated as "Seminary Appeal Month" for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This special time is set aside for all of us to consider prayerfully our financial support for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where dedicated men are working toward ordination for the priesthood. Just about now, a letter from the Seminary Rector, an attractive brochure presenting the Seminary's formation program and a "gift card" associated with the appeal should be found in your mailbox. Each household is encouraged to reflect on the vital role of the priesthood in your life, in time of uncertainty and anxiety, as well as in time of celebration and joy, as you decide upon your gift. Tomorrow's priests at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary rely on your goodness as they prepare for a lifetime of service to you, your family and parishes like our own.

Registration For The School Year 2002-2003 Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School

Building Sites

Kindergarten to Grade 4 – St. Cecilia Parish
Grades 5 and 6 – St. Stanislaus Parish
Grades 7 and 8 – St. Joseph Parish

Registration will be held at the primary Building at St. Cecilia Parish in Coatesville, Monday, February 25, 2001 and Tuesday, February 26, 2001. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon both days.

The Principal, Sister Helen Loretta, will be available on both days to answer your questions.

There will be an OPEN HOUSE at all the building sites from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25 and Tuesday, February 26 for anyone who would like to visit.

Requirements

To enter kindergarten a child must be 5 years old by 9/1/02
To enter First Grade a child must be 6 years old by 9/1/02
Original birth certificate
Original baptismal certificate
Up to date immunization records
A letter from the pastor of your parish verifying membership in the parish
Non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00

Registrations for Grades 1 to 6 depend on the availability of space.

A Very Special Married Couples' Retreat

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, will conduct a Serenity Retreat for Married Couples in Twelve Step Programs, February 1st – 3rd, addressing areas of prayer, intimacy,

communication and trust. The presenter will be Yvonne Kaye. Registration will be taken on that Friday at 7:00 p.m., in Saint Dominic Hall. For details, call 215/782-8520, Extension 185.

Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral council meeting on Monday, January 28th. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

St. Joseph's Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee of St. Joseph Church is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please mark your calendar! Thank you.

A Family Perspective

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

By obeying the call to repentance and by putting an end to rivalries and division, the family reveals the unity of Christ's body and the saving power of His cross.

Women's Club Meeting

Due to the inclement weather last Sunday, The Women's Club of St. Joseph's Church have rescheduled their monthly meeting to this Sunday evening, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you. Any woman of the Parish is welcome to attend and join.