

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, 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

Masses for the week of February 3rd, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Frank & Jan Lasak & Family)
Wednesday	9 am	Paul & Ernestine Popovich (Ange Verlin)
Thursday	9 am	Sophie Zelina (Mel & Rosemarie Neff Family)
Friday	9 am	Blanche Mruskovic (Julia Coldren & Family)
Saturday	9 am	Richard Brown (Betty & Havard Root)

Saturday, February 9th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Hilda Gill Moore Rissel (Neff, Reczek & Johnson Families)

Euch. Minister Pam Krupansky
Lector Bill Swinty

Sunday, February 10th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Lasak & Karc Family (Mary Czirjak)

Euch. Ministers Francis Seymen, Gerald Bugar
Lector Laura Henderson

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, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Benkovich, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Ronald Szweda, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Augusta Saska and the Dead: Clara Szczypin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 3rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 9th, 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.

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 your generosity.

Blessing of Throats

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

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.

Ash Wednesday Days of Recollection

St. Joseph's-in-the-Hill's Retreat House, Malvern, will conduct a Day of Recollection, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Ash Wednesday, February 13th, offering participants a Lenten spiritual experience that could last a lifetime. The day includes conference, quiet time, lunch and liturgy with the distribution of ashes. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For reservations, kindly call 610/644-0400.

The Daylesford Norbertine Abbey, Paoli, will host an Ash Wednesday Afternoon of Recollection, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and addressing the theme: "Up to Jerusalem: A Lenten Journey with Jesus". Phyllis Martin, the presenter, will have you consider how the events of Jesus' journey to His passing-over might speak to you in a personal way. Please bring a Bible and journal-notebook. A free-will offering will be taken up; to register, please call the Abbey at 610/647-2530.

Begin your Lenten renewal on Ash Wednesday by spending a Day of Recollection at the Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, "Let the peace of Christ reign in your heart" through prayer, sacramental confession, spiritual conferences, quiet mediation and Holy Mass. For full information, kindly call 215/782-8520, ext. 136.

Day of Renewal for Mothers

All mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and guardians are invited to join approximately 500 other mothers of all ages at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, PA, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 16th, to celebrate the *MOM, HEART OF THE HOME* Day of Renewal. Mothers spend so much time doing for others, but it is important for them to take time for themselves as well. March 16th provides mothers with moments to slow down and replenish their spirits, growing in both their relationship with the Lord and with others. The cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch. The deadline for registration is March 4th. For additional information, contact Ellen Cerritelli at 610/384-7160.

Correction Noted

We would like to acknowledge correctly the following kind donation to our Christmas Flower Fund 2001:

In memory of Vincent & Jeanne Corrigan, given by Betty & Glenn Wagner and Family

Should other corrections or additions need to be made, please do not hesitate to advise us at 610/384-0360. God bless you!

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!

Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal

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. Your mailbox over the past week should have held materials from the Seminary Rector welcoming your participation and encouraging each household to reflect on the vital role of priests in your life. Tomorrow's priests at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary rely on your goodness as they prepare themselves for a lifetime of service to you, your family and parishes like our own.

You have two ways by which to make your gift to the current Seminary Appeal. Either send your contribution, together with the completed gift card, directly to the Seminary Lockbox in the business reply envelope provided or make use of the usual pew offering envelope in you parish box of collection envelopes and place it in the church collection basket next weekend, February 9th-10th. Indeed, our Second Collection for next weekend is earmarked for St. Charles

Borromeo Seminary, and all returns will be forwarded there at the close of this Appeal Month. Thank you in advance for you generous financial support. Be assured that each donor holds a place in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Seminary Community.

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.

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.

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.

Blessed



Today we hear the Beatitudes. They are the targets of every honest Christian's life and a way to judge how we are doing as followers of Christ. They lead us to true humility – to knowing ourselves as we really are before God and our neighbor. The Beatitudes lift our eyes and heart to where we should be. God has chosen us, however “common and contemptible” we seem by human standards, and made us members of Christ Jesus, who is our wisdom, our virtue, our freedom and our holiness. Thanks be to God!

Women's Club News

EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday, March 17th - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please mark your calendars and join us that day to support this annual fundraiser of the Women's Club.

We are planning to make our ethnic foods, have activities for the children, Easter and Spring Crafts, Bake Table, Basket Table and of course our Crafters who join us at this Bazaar every year.

We have scheduled several work sessions as follows and hope when you are asked to join us we will get a "yes" from you. (Your schedule permitting, of course.)

Kiefli Sessions - are currently scheduled for Saturday, February 9th and Wednesday, February 20th. Chairpersons: Ann Hamilton and Lisa Hillman.

Pierogie Session - **ONE BIG ONE!!** 150# of potatoes!! - Scheduled for Friday, March 8th to peel potatoes and Saturday, March 9th - AM and PM sessions to make the Pierogies. Chairpersons: Fran Shesko and Ann Cigas

Times will be published closer to the dates announced.

Also, we will again be chancing off \$500. Chance Books will be mailed to all parishioners in the hopes all will be returned either bought or sold. This is always a big part of our profit and we are asking for your 100% support. Thank you in advance.