

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 9th, 2002, 6:30 PM

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

Altar Servers Bednar, Rhoades
Euch. Minister Pam Krupansky
Lector Bill Swinty

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

Lasak & Karc Family (Mary Czirjak)

Altar Servers Gushanas, Lasak, Trumpleman
Euch. Ministers Francis Seymen, Gerald Bugar
Lector Laura Henderson

Masses for the week of February 10, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted.

Ash Wednesday, February 13th, 2002

9:30 AM (St. Joseph Church)

Blanche Mruskovic (George & Rachel Broomell)

7:00 PM (St. Joseph Church)

Mary Shesko (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Saturday, February 16th, 2002 6:30 PM

Casper Hracho (3rd Anniversary)(Betty Hracho & Sons)

Altar Servers O'Malley, Hoopes
Euch. Minister Kathy Catanese
Lector Elaine Sabo

Sunday, February 17th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Joseph F. Trumpleman (Joe & Eleanor Wasko)

Altar Servers S. Reczek, H. Reczek, A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers Jeffery Nesbitt, Frank Lasak
Lector Kathleen Ponto

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 Guiseppe, Joseph Reis, Helen Moratelli, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Benkovich, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, and Augusta Saska

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 9th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 17th, 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.

Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal

Our Second Collection this weekend is designated as the Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal. Your financial support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary vitally assists in the education and formation of today's seminarians as they prepare themselves for a lifetime of service as tomorrow's priests. Thank you in advance for your customary generosity. Be assured that each donor holds a place in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Seminary Community.

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. May the cross of ashes we wear on the outside reflect the program of baptismal renewal we embrace on the inside throughout these forty days.

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 meditation and Holy Mass. For full information, kindly call 215/782-8520, ext. 136.

Lenten Evening Masses

The opportunity will be available to attend a mid-week Evening Mass during Lent. In St. Joseph Church, a 7:00 p.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning February 19th. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning February 13th. We trust that a number of parishioners may wish to include Mass during the week as a part of their Lenten practices.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (except the week of February 17th, when it will be conducted on Wednesday, February 20th), and on Fridays in St. Joseph Church with the school children participating on both days. Also, on Saturday mornings in Lent, following the 9 o'clock Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted. The beauty and meaningfulness of this passion-related devotion has held up over the centuries; perhaps you would wish to make it a part of your special practices this Lent.

Rules of Fast and Abstinence in Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Furthermore, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, the year of its introduction, Operation Rice Bowl has been an additional source of financial support to the world's destitute people, often in their darkest hour, through

the agency of the Catholic Bishops' Relief Services. Throughout Lent, Operation Rice Bowl provides a means to pray, fast, learn and share in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. The Operation Rice Bowl materials have been packaged in a white envelope and are available upon your leaving Church this weekend.

Traveling Icon for Increased Vocations

Looking for a special Lenten practice? We are pleased to suggest your participation in a Program of Prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Welcome the traveling icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home for a week and pray daily the provided vocation prayer before it. This exercise can be undertaken by both families and individuals. From your lips there rises your prayer to God's ears for the realization of increased vocations. To volunteer, please call Coordinator Jerry Bugar at 610/383-0561.

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.

A Gathering of Former Pupils

St. Joseph Parochial School, Downingtown, is holding a Reunion of all former students, faculty members and friends of the School, including homeroom mothers, lunch ladies and other volunteers, on Saturday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone from 1954 to 2001 is cordially invited. For details, act today and call Nick at 610/269-5450 or visit the website at www.stjoesdowntown.org; a great night awaits you.

A Travel Opportunity for the Fall

Father Arthur Fiore invites you to join him for "Catholic Heritage in Central Europe", September 18th-28th, 2002, a visit of Prague, Budapest, Warsaw and Krakow in style and comfort. Featured are superior first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, extensive touring and cultural performances. The cost is \$2,559.00 per person from Newark. For more information, contact Father Arthur Fiore at 302/328-2335 or premier Tours of Owings Mills at 800/932-9213.

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.

A Family Perspective

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How seriously do we take the responsibility to care for those who have less than we have? Does our family really believe that generous effort toward justice for the oppressed can bring light into the darkness?

Salt and Light



Paul tells us that he came not with oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell what God had guaranteed. Paul also wrote that our faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. He is not anti-intellectual, but he puts "first things first." Our salvation comes by God's initiative of love through our crucified Messiah, Jesus. We are also told we are "salt" and "light" before all, meant to change the flavor of the world and show ourselves and others the way in Christ. How goes it with you?

Women's Club News

EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday, March 17th, 2002

Please mark your calendars and join us.

Thank you to all who helped make KIEFLI this weekend. Our next session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th beginning at 6:00 PM. Please join us!!

