

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 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

Masses for the week of February 17th, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Frank & Mary Sabo (Rose Olise)
	7 pm	Mary Shesko (MaryAnn Illes-Rever)
Wednesday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	Charles Bannon (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)
Friday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Frances & Verna Seymen)
Saturday	9 am	Michael Racz (Helen Racz)

Saturday, February 23rd, 2002, 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay (Mary Arvay & Family)

Altar Servers Zelina, Nick
Euch. Minister Francis Seymen
Lector Cy Reali

Sunday, February 24th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Sophie Zelina (Havard & Kathleen Franciscus)

Altar Servers England, Babcock, Hackmeister
Euch. Ministers Pam Krupansky, G. Bugar
Lector Albert Ponto

A donation to the church has been received from Frances Shesko and Patricia Berardi in memory of Ann Skulski.

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, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Augusta Saska and Charlie Persch.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 17th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 23rd, 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.

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.

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.

First Communion Meeting

Parents of our first communicants-to-be this year are requested to attend a special meeting with Father John on Monday of this week, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish School Hall. Important materials will be distributed, as well as necessary information shared regarding the twin sacramental events of the children's First Confession and First Communion. Our entire Parish Family rejoices with the youngsters as they advance toward these blessed occasions.

Annual Campaign For Our Seminary

Have you remembered your gift in financial support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook? The Annual Seminary Campaign is being conducted throughout the month of February and begs your contribution, thus enabling today's seminarians to become tomorrow's priests. Your offering may be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Seminary. Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you!

Special Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, February 23rd-24th, we are being requested to support the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. In that part of the world, the Church is emerging from 70 years of Communist rule and oppression. It is vigorously involved in rebuilding the Faith of its people. Contributions are used for providing religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries and physically rebuilding. Your generosity can help provide the resources needed, so that the Faith can continue to grow and be nourished.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

The continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the three day period, in observance of the Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion, will take place in St. Joseph Church on

the opening days of March, the Month of St. Joseph; that is, Friday, March 1st through Sunday, March 3rd. Each day the Solemn Exposition opens at the Morning Mass: on Friday offered at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Exposition closes on Friday with Night Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.; on Saturday in a simple manner just before the Evening Mass; on Sunday with a Service of Prayer, Procession and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Following the Sunday late afternoon Service, a hearty Lenten supper will be offered to all participants in the Parish School Hall. Our invitation is extended to young and old to come away for awhile this Lent into the presence of the Eucharistic Christ and there find spiritual refreshment and upliftment. May this trinity of days hold a prominent place in your Lenten agenda.

Top Notch Scholars Lauded

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, is pleased to inform us that several of our young parishioners attained honors on their First Semester Reports. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the following three scholars whose hard work earned them Second Honors: Elana Kousisis '04, Jennifer Urbine '05 and Lorin Van Zanten '05. How proud and happy we are for them! Keep up your outstanding academic excellence.

Women's Retreats

St. Dominic Hall at the Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, offers peaceful weekends for women who are in search of solitude and reflection. Immediate Retreat experiences are available on the weekends of February 22nd-24th and March 1st-3rd, 2002. For more information, contact Sister Christine at 215/782-8520, extension 182.

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 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.

Looking For a Music Teacher

Responsible parents are in search of a qualified music teacher for two small, Catholic, homeschool classes (Grades 5+) on three Fridays a month (excluding the 1st Friday). Classes

would be conducted from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. at a Downingtown location. This is a paid position. Applicants should call Carla at 610/380-8050.

Feeling Lucky?

Help support the success of this year's Bishop Shanahan High School Spring Auction by purchasing a few raffle tickets featuring three cash prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from Karen Leary at 610/430-1981. The lucky tickets will be drawn on Saturday, March 23rd, 2002.

A Family Perspective

1st Sunday of Lent

This first Sunday of Lent is a good time to gather for family prayer and reflection. Identifying the temptations toward selfishness, greed or the misuse of power which need to be renounced will help each person make choices to become more like Jesus.

Choose Christ



Today is the Day of Election. Those coming into the Church are enrolled in the Book of the Elect and enter the period of purification and enlightenment. We are all tempted as Adam and Eve were in the Garden, and even as Jesus our Lord and Messiah was. But with his obedient Passover work for us we can receive the free gift of salvation. We can get through temptation as Jesus did by following him on his way—even through death to the resurrected newborn life of God. God chooses us—do you choose the Lord?

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

EASTER BAZAAR

Sunday, March 17th, 2002

Please mark your calendars and join us!

Kieflli Work Session - Wednesday, February 20th, 6:00 PM in the school hall. Please join us as many hands make the workload easy!! Any questions, please call Ann Hamilton at 610/384-2979 or Lisa Hillman at 610/857-1549.

REGULAR MEETING - Sunday, February 24th at 7:00 PM in the school hall. We will be making final plans for our upcoming Easter Bazaar. Please come. Refreshments are being served by Tricia Swinty.