

# 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, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

Mary Sandoski (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers      Lasak, Trumpelman  
Euch. Minister      Mary Francis Johnson  
Lector              Elaine

### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

Peggy DePedro (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers      S. Reczek, Malavolta, Hoopes  
Euch. Ministers      K. Catanese, F. Lasak, Jr.  
Lector              L. Henderson

Masses for the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Blanche Mruskovic (Harry & Helen Marie Still)
	7 pm	Veronica Miller (Reczek, Johnson, Neff Families)
Wednesday	9 am	Bill Frankow (Helen Frankow)
Thursday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Bill & Angie Oleszek)
Friday	9 am	Richard Brown (Josephine Lutzio)
Saturday	9 am	Frank Racz (Helen Racz)

## Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 6:30 PM

Sophie Zelina (Camie, Bob & Jessica Graham)

Altar Servers      Ponto, Bednar  
Euch. Minister      Patricia Swinty  
Lector              Bill Swinty

## Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002, 10:30 AM

Agata Piscoglio (John & Santa Dudas)

Altar Servers      Zelina, E. Gushanas, Babcock  
Euch. Ministers      Claypoole, Nesbitt  
Lector              K. 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 Guisepppe, Joseph Reis, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Charlie Persch, and Betty Kinnier.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays. 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 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. We are grateful for your household's participation in Operation Rice Bowl. Your gift may be placed in the specially marked containers in the rear of Church.

### **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.

### **Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion**

This Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, marks the third and final day of our Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion, the continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over a three day period. At the close of the Sunday Morning Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed upon the altar throughout the day until a 4:00 p.m. Service of Prayer, Procession and Eucharistic Benediction concludes the Forty Hours Devotion. Immediately following the Church Service, a hearty Lenten Supper will be served in the Parish Hall, to which all are warmly invited. A free-will offering may be made to assist the good works of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. We trust that your time before the Christ of the Holy Eucharist this day will add to the spiritual refreshment you experience in the Lenten Season.

### **Change in Mass Time on Palm Sunday**

Kindly note that our Morning Mass on Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will be offered at 10:45 a.m., a delay of fifteen minutes from the usual time. This slight change will afford some accommodation to Father John in moving from one Solemn Liturgy to the other. Also, it provides us with a small block of time to organize the children in our Palm Sunday Procession. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

### **Holy Week Communal Penance Service**

A major opportunity for you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) prior to Easter will be offered on Monday of Holy Week, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Joseph Church. A Communal Penance Service will be conducted after the manner of the Way of the Cross, incorporating the individual hearing of confessions by an expected four priests. Your own personal participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be a highlight of Lent; seize this special Holy Week opportunity.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Ellen Cerritelli at 610/384-7160.

### **Lenten Day of Recollection**

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will host a Lenten Day of Recollection on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Father Dennis Weber acting as Spiritual Director. Treat your soul to refreshment made possible by spending some time apart from the usual routine, giving focus to the themes of lent. To register, please call 610/942-4166.

### **Beef and Beer Social**

All are invited to a Beef and Beer Social on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., in the Banquet Hall of the Polish American Citizens Club, 15 Strode Avenue. DJ Ken will provide the musical entertainment. The donation for admission is \$20.00 with proceeds to benefit the Coatesville Catholic School Development fund. Shake off the wintertime blues and enjoy a really good time. For tickets, call 610/383-6328.

### **Archdiocesan High School Collection**

We have been reminded very poignantly over the past year of the need for Gospel values in our society. The 22 Catholic high schools within the five county Archdiocese of Philadelphia are places where the Catholic Faith and Gospel values are taught and lived. Over 23,000 students are served by our Archdiocesan high schools which have been built, maintained and funded through the generosity of the faithful of this Archdiocese. To continue this educational mission, the

2002 Collection for the Archdiocesan High Schools will be taken up at next weekend's Masses, March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generous support of our Secondary School System which enables today's youth to enter tomorrow's world as witnesses to the teachings of Christ.

### **Introducing Our First Communion Class**

With a brief Rite of Enrollment at this Sunday Morning's Mass, we are most pleased to introduce our first communicants-to-be: Ryan Buchovecky, Anthony Calamaro, Jordan Conahan, Alyssa Hoopes, Tyler Jamison, Hunter Kimes, Catherine Lasak, Rachel McDonald, Krystal Sharif, Gabrielle Sheller and Natalie Weaver. We congratulate them on this first step, which officially acknowledges their serious preparation for the twofold celebrations of First Confession and First Communion in the Spring. May these boys and girls be assured of the best wishes and good prayers of our Parish Family, as we too eagerly await their soon having a place at the Table of the Lord.

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

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

### **Living Waters**



Today and the next two Sundays are the scrutinies. We, God and the Church, look closely at ourselves to see how we are following the Lord. How thirsty are we for the living waters offered by Jesus? Do each of us realize that the Lord is the way, the truth and the life? Do we, do you, witness to his place in your life? Our faith is based on this witness, and on that of our ancestors who have been touched and nourished by the risen Lord. We sponsor and encourage each other in our faith. Lord, help us!

### **A Family Perspective** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

In bringing children to the living waters of Baptism, parents take on the responsibility to teach not only with words but also with the example of their lives. Do our children learn from us what it means to thirst for the gifts of God's Spirit rather than for power and possessions?



## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

### **EASTER BAZAAR** **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002** **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Take out orders for pierogies and stuffed cabbage will be available at the Bazaar.

**\$500 Chances** - have been mailed or delivered to all parishioners. If you did not receive them, please call Ann Cigas at 610/384-2955.

We are asking all to either buy or sell these tickets for us. Returns can be made by using the Women's Club Drop Box in the Church Vestibule, drop them in the Weekly Collection Basket, or give or mail them to Ann Cigas. Your early returns will be very much appreciated.

**Our next work session** will be Friday and Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to make PIEROGIES. Fran Shesko and Ann Cigas, Co-Chairpersons for this project. Schedule is as follows: Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM, we will be peeling potatoes and doing the onions. Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 AM, make the pierogies. We hope you will be able to come out and help us. When Fran Shesko calls, we hope you will be able to say "**yes**" to as much time as you can spare. Please bring your rolling pins.

We are looking for items for the Children's Table (Value \$1 or \$2). For further information, please call Kathy Trumpleman at 610/383-7468. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**ATTIC TREASURES** – We are again bringing back our Attic Treasures Table, Pat Babcock, 610/857-3096 Chairperson.

We know it is late, but we hope you will find time to check your cellars, attics, closets, cupboards for “gently used” items we can use for this table. Please leave them in the church vestibule, bring them to the school hall on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> (AM) or call Pat if you need to have a “pick-up”. Thanks

We will be needing baked goods for the **BAKE TABLE**. It would be nice if all the women of the parish could bake something for us. Please call Ann Hamilton 610/384-2979 with any questions. Please help fill our table. Our customers always come for our “baked goods”.

The Women's Club is looking for Acme and Genuardi's grocery slips for the Chester County SPCA. If you have any, please drop them into the Women's Club Drop Box or give them to Ann Marie McBride 610/518-3263.

## STUFFED CABBAGE WORK SCHEDULE

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM – Steam Cabbage  
Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – Make Stuffed Cabbage

**SET UP FOR THE BAZAAR** – Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We would appreciate help from the men of the parish to set up the tables. Please come out and lend us your muscles!! Thanks.

### **Think Easter Bazaar!**

**\$500 Chances**  
**Baked Goods**  
**Attic Treasures**  
**Children's Prizes**

Thanks in advance for all your help, especially making pierogies, stuffed cabbage – nut rolls, etc.

