

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 9th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Sophie Zelina (Camie, Bob & Jessica Graham)

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

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

Agata Piscoglio (John & Santa Dudas)

Altar Servers	Zelina, E. Gushanas, Babcock
Euch. Ministers	Claypoole, Nesbitt
Lector	K. Catanese

Masses for the week of March 10th, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Tuesday, March 12th, 2002, 7:00 PM

Frank Bilder (Pam & Vince Krupansky)

Saturday, March 16th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Guiseppe Priscoglio (Elizabeth Dudas & Tom)

Altar Servers	Rhoades, Hackmeister
Euch. Minister	Gerald Bugar
Lector	Sara Hoopes

Sunday, March 17th, 2002, 10:30 PM

William Lasak (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Altar Servers	Neff, O'Malley, Trumpelman
Euch. Ministers	Seymen, Krupansky
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 Guiseppa, Joseph Reis, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Charlie Persch, Betty Kinnier and the Dead: Father Joseph Jarosz and James Canavan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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.

Change in Mass Time on Palm Sunday

Kindly note that our Morning Mass on Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24th, 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 25th 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.

Lenten Day of Recollection

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will host a Lenten Day of Recollection on Monday, March 18th, 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. 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 9th-10th. 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.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the team of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who acted as the altar servers for last Sunday's Closing Exercises of the Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion. They carried out their respective roles with much care and reverence. Thank you, too, to the Women's Club for their kindness in providing our post-ceremony Lenten Supper of tasty hot soups and delicious breads, as well as sweet treats and beverages. Their "Soup with a Smile" fostered a very pleasant hour or so of table fellowship in the hall. And the Comboni Missionary Sisters wish to thank everyone who contributed a free-will offering that evening to advance their good works in the community. A generous \$200.00 was collected, for which the Sisters are most grateful.

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Archdiocesan Synod Area Meetings

The issues under consideration for the fourth coming Tenth Archdiocesan Synod are open to further discussion by the laity at regional meetings this month. In Chester County, remaining regional meetings will be conducted in SS. Philip & James Parish, Exton, on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. and in St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown, on Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. Your participation is indeed welcome; kindly call 267/299-6995 for purposes of registration, although last minute "walk-in" participants are not to be discouraged.

Poorman's Supper: A Lenten Event

The Family Life Committee of St. Cecilia Church is hosting A Poorman's Supper, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 16th, in the adjacent School Hall. The menu includes either meatless pasta fagioli or chicken corn soup, rolls and butter, dessert and beverage. Your free-will offering will benefit the world's destitute. Take-out soup orders are available at \$2.00 per quart with containers provided by the Church. Thank you for your support!

Auction From The Heart

The Mental Retardation Services Division of Catholic Social Services is hosting a fund-raising auction on Sunday, April 7th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Springfield Country Club. All proceeds will directly benefit special needs individuals served by CSS. Pre-registration is

\$25.00 per person. For more information, call Gloria at 610/543-3380, extension 525.

Malvern Retreat House Programs

Parents of special children are invited to a Twilight Retreat on Tuesday, March 19th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., focusing on the theme “The Miracle of Special Children.” The cost is \$15.00 each person. Conference, prayer time, dinner and Liturgy are included. Siblings of special children are invited to a Conference for Siblings (8-16 years old) of Special Children on Sunday, April 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., under the direction of Sister Suzanne Mayer, I.H.M. The cost is \$4.00 each person; refreshments are included. For reservations/information concerning either program, please call St. Joseph’s-in-the-Hills Retreat House, Malvern, at 610/644-0400.

Shanahan Spring Auction and Social

The 15th Annual Bishop Shanahan Spring Auction and Social will be held at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Saturday, March 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Carnival: A Festival of Senses.” Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple, and include admission to the auctions, cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. For further information and tickets, call the BSHS Development Office at 610/343-6255.

Dominican Retreat House Programs

Looking for quiet solitude and a chance to catch up with our inner self? If yes, consider a Spiritual Weekend or Day of Recollection at the Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, Montgomery County. Upcoming programs include: Women’s Retreat (March 15th-17th), Men’s Serenity Retreat (March 22nd-24th), Lenten Days of Recollection (March 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th), Holy Week Retreat (March 26th-31st) and an Evening of Reflection for Mothers and Sons (April 9th). For further information, please call 215/782-8520.

Looking Ahead to Easter

To assist you in your planning for Easter, please note that Masses in observance of the Lord’s Resurrection will be offered in St. Joseph Church on Holy Saturday, March 30th, at 7:30 p.m. (The Great Easter Vigil) and on Easter Sunday, March 31st, at 10:30 a.m. In our nearby West End “Twin,” St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8 o’clock and 10 o’clock in the morning.

A Family Perspective

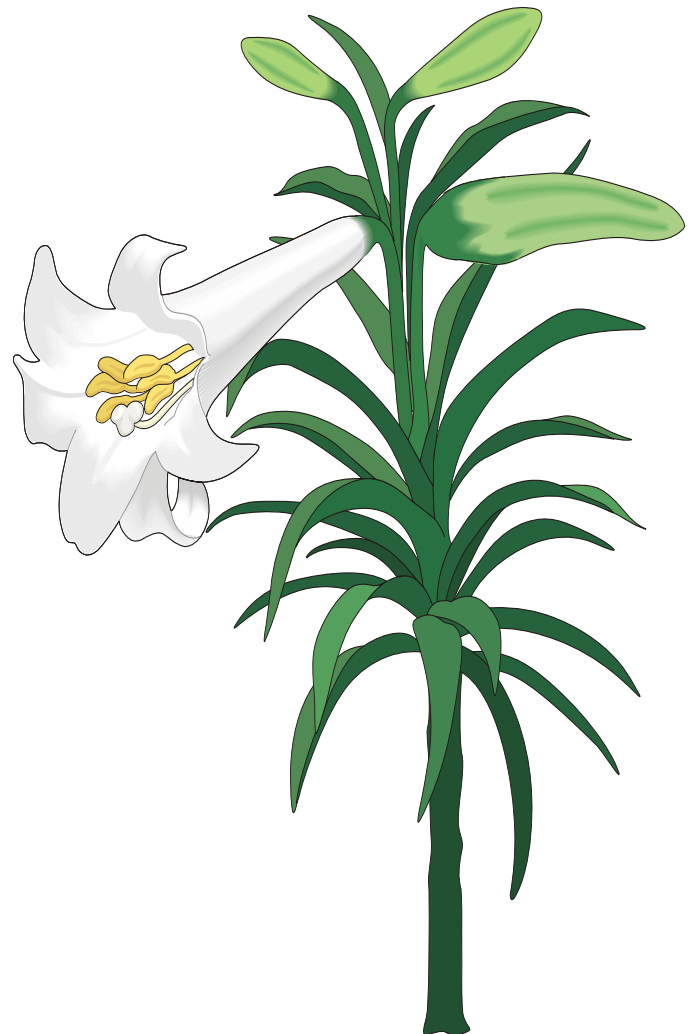
4th Sunday of Lent

This week’s readings remind us that we need to pray for the gift to see as God sees. Do we see and appreciate the presence of Jesus in the ordinary events and relationships of family life?

Open Our Eyes



Today Jesse’s son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God’s son, God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes through baptism to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship and then to follow the Lord Jesus, his son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. Do we dare follow where Jesus leads us? Do you?



WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

EASTER BAZAAR **Sunday, March 17th, 2002** **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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

\$500 Chances – We have heard from 91 of our 340 parish families. We are hopeful of hearing from the rest of you. If you need more tickets, kindly 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. Hope to hear from you this weekend, but no later than 1:00 PM next Sunday, March 17th.

Thank you to all who helped make pierogies this weekend. We had a great turnout!!

Our next work session will be Friday, March 15th to steam the cabbage for our **stuffed cabbage** and Saturday, March 16th to make the **“pigs”** beginning at 8:00 AM. We hope you will be able to come out and help us. We appreciate any time you can give us.

We are still looking for items for the **Children's Table** (Value \$1 or \$2). You can leave them in the church vestibule marked “Children's Table”. 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, marked “Attic Treasures” or bring them to the school hall on Saturday, March 16th (AM) or call Pat if you need to have a “pick-up”. Thanks

Don't forget to plan to make something 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”. It would be a great help to us if you would price your donation for us. Kindly bring your baked goods to the school hall on Saturday, if possible.

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.

Set Up For the Bazaar – Friday, March 15th 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, cakes, cookies, etc.

