

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 16th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Giuseppe 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

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

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Mary Shesko (Stephen & Sara Lasak)
	7 pm	Helen Moratelli (Rose Hudock & Family)
Wednesday	9 am	Frank Popovich (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	Rose Reed (Helen Frankow)
Friday	9 am	Blanche Mruskovic (Francis Muzii Family)
Saturday	9 am	Leotta Donin (Augusta Saska)

Saturday, March 23rd, 2002, 9:00 AM

Joseph Dooley (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Altar Servers T. Gushanas, Ponto
Euch. Minister K. Catanese
Lector Cy Reali

Sunday, March 24th, 2002, 10:45 AM

Mary Shesko (Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

Altar Servers H. A. & S Reczek
Euch. Ministers Lasak/Hillman
Lector Frank

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, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Victor Kostolansky, Charlie Persch, Betty Kinnier and Joanne Krupansky.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday Weekend

Holy Week opens next weekend, March 23rd – 24th, with the observance of Passion (Palm) Sunday. Palm, the ancient sign of triumph, will be blessed and distributed at the Masses of Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The children of our Parish are cordially invited to take part in our solemn procession next Sunday morning. To organize them, we ask that the youngsters meet with Mr. Frank Lasak, Jr. at 10:20 a.m. in the back of church. Their participation certainly adds much to our celebration. Kindly note that our Morning Mass on Passion (Palm) Sunday 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 on his moving from one Solemn Liturgy to the other. 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.

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.

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, the remaining regional meeting will be conducted 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

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 Needs 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.

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.

Area Volunteer English Program

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. This workshop will be held at the Kesher Israel Congregation in West Chester on Tuesday, April 9th, Thursday, April 11th, Monday, April 15th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

More than 2.1 million dollars in contributions and pledges have been received to benefit our campaign for a new parochial elementary school in Coatesville. We are deeply grateful to all who hold this common vision for Catholic education, provided by the four Parishes. To date, we are a little more than half way toward our goal of 4 million dollars, allowing us to break ground for construction. Have we gained you as a partner in this noble enterprise? Have you completed a faith promise card and returned it to the campaign? Thank you for your support of an idea whose time of fulfillment has arrived! Please keep the success of the Coatesville Catholic School Campaign in the kindness of your prayers.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery

Under a one year trial contract, Father John has engaged an area landscaping firm to take on the grass cutting and overall grounds care for St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, West Clan township, the final resting place for many late parishioners from both West End Churches. A number of older deed holders have voiced concern over their ability to maintain family gravesites, and it is hoped to put their minds at ease regarding the cemetery. Also, for lack of survivors or family interest, there are some graves obviously unkempt and overgrown. The landscaping firm will have responsibility for the entire three acres, assuring a uniformly attractive appearance throughout the growing season. More details will follow shortly. If anyone has any question or suggestion about this arrangement, however, please contact Father John at 610/384-0360.

Camp Neumann

Camp Neumann in Jamison, Bucks County, Operates a summer Day and Residential Camp during the months of June, July and August.

Registration may be for one week, two weeks, etc. or for the full eight-week season. We offer swimming, boating, archery, arts and crafts, sports, nature lore, drama, Native American history and much more.

Your children live in a safe, Christian atmosphere supervised by seminarians, teachers, college students and selected high school students.

For a free brochure, call or write to:

*Stephen M. Taylor, Director
Camp Neumann
P.O. Box 297
Jamison, PA 18929
www.campneumann.com*

Camp Neumann will hold an open house on Sunday, April 14, 2002, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, come visit and enjoy refreshments with us.

A Family Perspective *5th Sunday of Lent*

The miracle of being raised from the dead begins for each of us at Baptism. How is our family life changed by this miracle? Do we continue to believe in God's power during experiences for suffering and grief?

Choir Practice

Choir practice this coming Monday evening, 3/18, will be a combined practice for the adults and children and will be held at 7:00 P.M. instead of 6:45 P.M. This is the last chance we will have to practice together for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so please make every effort to attend.

Both choirs will be singing for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions about this schedule, please call me at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Pastoral Council

Please be advised there will not be a Pastoral Council meeting on Monday night. It will be rescheduled after Easter.



Do You Believe This?



This day Jesus weeps for his dead friend Lazarus. He asks Martha, "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" After Martha's yes, Jesus raised Lazarus, and we are witnesses. Paul adds: "If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies." Resurrection is the key to our witness and our faith in Jesus.

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 – Kindly return your chances by 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 17th to be eligible for the \$500 drawing. We hope to hear from all those who have not as yet made their returns.

Pierogie Session Last Week - We have to make special mention for the wonderful turnout we had last week to make pierogies – **Forty came to help!!** A special "thank you" to all of you and may your blessings be many. It was a lot of work – 150# of potatoes.

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.