

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 the Week (Holy Week), beginning March 24th will be offered as follows:

The daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in St. Stanislaus Kostka church.

Likewise, the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m., on Holy Thursday, will be celebrated in St. Stanislaus Kostka church. The remaining Liturgies of Holy Week will be offered in St. Joseph Church in accord with the schedule below.

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

Monday, March 25th, 2002, 7:00 PM

Holy Week Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 26th, 2002, 7:00 PM

Raymond Vanderslice (Frank & MaryJane Lasak)

Good Friday, March 29th, 2002 7:00 PM

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

Saturday March 30th, 2002, 7:30 PM

Solemn Easter Vigil: The Church's Night of Nights
(This mass is being especially offered for all parishioners)

Altar Servers Babcock, Hoopes, Rhoades
Euch. Ministers Seymen, Claypoole, Nesbitt,
Krupansky
Lectors Elaine, Kathleen

Sunday, March 31st, 2002, 10:30 AM

Joseph F. Trumpelman (Joseph & Eleanor Wasko)

Altar Servers Ponto, Malavolta, Neff
Euch. Ministers Johnson, Swinty
Lector Sara

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, Joanne Krupansky, Larry O'Malley and the Dead: Monsignor James Vizzard, Father Andrew Slafkosky and Father Thomas Gaynard.

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.

Other Opportunities for Confession

In addition to the Communal Penance Service listed above, several other opportunities remain for the hearing of confessions prior to the paschal Triduum and Easter: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week at 8:30 a.m. (prior to the 9:00 a.m. daily mass in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church) and Tuesday evening of this week at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mass in St. Joseph Church).

Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2002

At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated for both West End congregations in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, concluding with the Eucharistic Procession to the Repository. It is a bittersweet night of gathering at the table with the Savior, who will lay down His life for us, and of remembering with grateful hearts His lasting gifts of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Eucharistic Adoration before the Repository concludes at 12:00 Midnight.

Good Friday, March 29th, 2002

The Church is opened at 9:00 a.m. for your private devotion before the Repository. At 7:00 p.m., the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, featuring the Veneration of the Cross and the Distribution of Holy Communion.

Outdoor Way of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29th, brings the meaningful local tradition of the Annual Outdoor Stations of the Cross, a walk to fourteen different "Stations" within the City of Coatesville. Prayers that relate to life situations are spoken at each symbolic stop. This solemn procession lasts approximately two hours, rain or shine, unless the weather is very bad when the Service is conducted indoors. It is advised that participants wear comfortable shoes and gather at 11:45 a.m. in the yard of St. Cecilia Church, 6th Avenue & Diamond Street. The walk itself begins at 12:00 noon.

Holy Saturday, March 30th, 2002

The Saturday Evening Mass is not offered at 6:30 p.m. this day, but at a later hour (as noted), so that the Liturgy may begin in darkness. At 7:30 p.m., the Great Easter Vigil is celebrated in St. Joseph Church for both West End congregations, featuring the Service of Light, the Blessing of Water and Reception of candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation. It is the Church's Night of Nights, joyously hailing the victory of Jesus Christ, our Champion, over the forces of death.

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2002

At 10:30 a.m., a Festive Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will be celebrated, featuring the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling with Blessed Water, in St. Joseph Church. St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our West End "twin," will be offering two Easter morning Masses: at 8 o'clock and at 10 o'clock, if you should be in need of alternative times.

Blessing of Easter Foods and Candies

In keeping with the Eastern European tradition, the First Foods of Easter and Children's Easter Baskets will be blessed in St. Stanislaus Church on Holy Saturday, March 30th, at 2:30

p.m. Also, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in St. Joseph Church, on Easter Sunday, March 31st, the children will be invited to approach the altar for the blessing of their Easter baskets and the presentation of an added treat.

Special Appeals Associated with Holy Week

Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer and sacrifice for the world's starving and malnourished peoples, concludes this week. Your kind donation may be placed in the specially marked receptacles in the rear of Church. Your personal Lenten observance has been transformed into the work of an ambassador for Christ. Thank you for remembering the poor throughout the world this Lenten Season.

Good Friday is the traditional day set aside for the collection of contributions for the Holy Places in Palestine and the Shrines of the Holy Land. These sites, sacred to the memory of our Savior, are under the care of the Franciscan Friars and are maintained by your free-will offerings. God love you!

Traveling Blessed Virgin Statue

We have lost track of our Traveling Blessed Virgin Mary statue that is circulating throughout the Parish. Will the family who has the statue at this time, please call Mary Benkovich (610/384-7791) and let her know where it is. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

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 Keshet 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.

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.

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.

Daffodil Days

In the name of our Parish Family, a contribution was made to the American Cancer Society in conjunction with their Annual Daffodil Days Campaign. Support of the American Cancer Society enables them to fund comprehensive programs of research, provide life-saving education and information, and deliver patient services to the cancer-stricken and their families. As a token of appreciation, small bouquets of daffodils are given to us for distribution among our parishioners.

Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner

Recently, invitations went into the mail addressed to those kind volunteers in service to our Parish Family. We will be hosting a wonderful Appreciation Dinner for them on Sunday afternoon, April 7th, at the historic Revere Tavern in Paradise. Our volunteers are requested to return their replies by either the church collection basket or some other appropriate way no later than this Sunday, March 24th. This annual gesture of gratitude gives some recognition to their offering time and energy, talent and enthusiasm to benefit St. Joseph church and its parishioners. Our sincere thanks goes out to them.

Hosanna!



“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!” We use this “shout” during the Eucharistic prayer. We greet the coming of our Savior into the new Jerusalem, and we join his one-for-all Passover. This holy week we will ponder and worship the great works of the Lord on our behalf: his pass-over through death to new life and our nourishment in the Eucharist. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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.

Congratulations to the Ladies

Leave it to the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church to mount once again an outstanding Spring Bazaar last weekend in the School Hall. With customary energy and enthusiasm, the ladies brought the look, color and beauty of Spring to our Winter-flogged spirits. What a delightful presentation the prize-laden Easter baskets made! As always, delicious baked holiday treats were on hand, as well as tasty foods from our kitchen. Clearly a good time was had by all. Heartiest congratulations to the ladies and their helpers! Thank you to our many parishioners and friends who patronized this wonderful event!

Father John

A Family Perspective

Passion Sunday

As we begin the celebration of Holy Week, we reflect on the cruelty of Jesus' sufferings and death. Setting aside family time for prayer and discussion can deepen our understanding of what it means to share in the sufferings of Christ.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

“Kudos” and “Many Thanks” to all who in any way contributed to the great success of our Annual Easter Bazaar – workers (those who came early, stayed late, or in between – and to all our loyal parishioners and friends who came to the Bazaar, in a steady stream, all day.

You ate or bought all our food and baked goods, patronized our many vendors and our own Craft Table. It is actions like this that make St. Joseph's Parish such a strong and friendly one. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

We are very happy to publish all the winners of our various prizes that were chanced off at the Bazaar.

Thank you to all who donated these items. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

*\$500.00 – won by Mrs. Rose Olise. In her kindness, Rose shared \$100.00 of her winnings with St. Joseph Church. Thank you Rose!! Also, **ThankYou** to the 194 parish families who sold these tickets.*

Other Winners are as follows:

Easter Theme Baskets:

Spring Country Basket (Donated by Rose Olise), the winner was PEG SIMPSON.

Spaghetti Basket (Donated by Sara Hoopes) the winner was KAY TRUMPLEMAN

Country Rabbit Basket (Donated by Stella Grubb), the winner was MARLENE DeLUCCA

For Kids Only Basket (Donated by Barbara Reczek), the winner was COLE STEIDLER.

Children's Basket (Donated by Rose Marie Neff), the winner was STEFFE LEVENITE.

The Bunny Surprise Basket (Donated by the Bednar Family), the winner was SUSAN SANDOSKI

The Wine & Cheese Basket (Donated by Linda Gregor), the winner was R. PERRAS.

The Office Supplies Basket (Donated by Georgianna Watterson), the winner was LINDSY HARLAN.

The Easter Village Basket (Donated by Maryann Lasak), the winner was ANN ROMANOSKI.

The For Cars Only Basket (Donated by Mary Benkovich), the winner was C. STEIDLER.

Also chanced off was Ham Basket was a Ham Basket (Donated by Charlie's Thriftway), was won by FRAN ROZYICKI.

The Genuine Italian Marble Crucifix (Courtesy of the Sisters of SS Cyril & Methodius in Danville) was won by JERRY BUGAR.

And last, but not least, a Handmade Bunny with two outfits and candy (Donated by Stella Grubb) was won by ANNE RESHEY.

Again, thank you to all who donated these items and congratulations to the winners.

Thank you Carrie Babcock and Tricia Swinty, Co-Chairpersons for this year's Easter Bazaar. A JOB WELL DONE!!!

