

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, April 20th, 2002, 6:30 PM

*Julius Pawlowski (30th Anniversary)
(Children & Grandchildren)*

Altar Servers *Bednar, O'Malley*
Euch. Minister *P. Swinty*
Lector *Sara Hoopes*

Sunday, April 21st, 2002, 10:30 AM

Ann Skulski (Frances Shesko & Patricia Berardi)

Altar Servers *England, J. Lasak*
Euch. Ministers *Seymen, Krupansky*
Lector *Kathy Catanese*

Masses for the week of April 21st, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, April 27th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Health & God's Blessing for Verna Seymen (Francis Seymen & daughters Anne Marie & Carol)

Altar Servers *Hoopes, Trumelman*
Euch. Minister *Catanese*
Lector *Cy Reali*

Sunday, April 28th, 2002, 10:30 AM

John & Anna Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers *Ponto, Babcock, Malavolta*
Euch. Ministers *Hillman, Nesbitt*
Lector *Frank Lasak, Jr.*

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, 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, Joanne Krupansky, Larry O'Malley and the Dead: Ralph Hettinger.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, April 20th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 28th, 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.

Archdiocesan Marian Tribute

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia will host their Annual May Procession on Mother's Day, May 12th, from 2:00 until 3:30 p.m. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend and pay homage to Mary, the Mother of God. The prayers of this special Service will be devoted to the theme of vocations. Appropriate banners are welcome. First communicants are requested to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits. For additional details, please call 215/561-1313.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next weekend, April 27th-28th, we participate in a special collection for Mission Parishes in the United States and its dependencies. Your support is requested for the 2002 Catholic Home Missions Appeal, strengthening the Church on the home front, by coming to the rescue of Catholic communities in their need. Here, at home, 82 Dioceses simply are unable to provide the most basic pastoral ministries for their people without outside funding. This Appeal enables Catholic parishes in impoverished and remote areas to offer Mass, the sacraments and religious education to their congregations. Your generous response to next weekend's second collection would be greatly appreciated in bringing financial assistance to our struggling Home Missions. God love you!

Aid For Friends

This weekend, we welcome to our pulpit, Tom Wallen (on Saturday) and Ellen Cerritelli (on Sunday), representing Aid for Friends, a ministry providing help to the homebound among us. They come to solicit volunteers for a long-established Program which provides 7 free, frozen, home-cooked dinners, a friendly weekly visit and other services to disabled and elderly shut-ins in the Chester County area. Hopefully, a number of our parishioners will be drawn to read the Aid for Friends literature and possibly climb on board this one on one ministry. To make telephone contact with the program, please call 215/464-2224.

C.A.C.E.S. Fun Fair

Our Parochial School is hosting a Fun Fair on Sunday, May 19th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, South 17th Avenue. You have to be there for the games, food and lots of fun. Prizes won for everyone, with a chance to win a giant Scooby Doo! All proceeds benefit the campaign for our new school. Advance tickets are available. Circle the date on your calendar and join us at the Fun Fair.

Gordon Middle School Closing Festivities *"Through the Years"*

Dear Gordon Alumni and Friends,

You are cordially invited to attend a special evening of recognition as we acknowledge the contributions of Gordon to our district, community and the education of our youth.

An Open House will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2002, where our entire building will be highlighted with displays, entertainment and activities for the entire family to enjoy. Events include a traveling magician, balloon sculptor, live musicians, Karaoke, caricaturist, face painting, and archival display, memorabilia, trophy/award display, photo montage, Gordon memory wall, etc.

Refreshments will be provided by P.T.O. Our evening will culminate in our courtyard lower level cafeteria with a dance, where music and dancing under the stars will bring our whole school community together in celebration.

Student Council will also have available Gordon Middle School keepsakes and spirit items with a stuffed panther souvenir on sale for \$2.00. Admission to our closing festivities is \$3.00. Students may obtain advance tickets at our school store in early May.

Please help us spread the word throughout the Coatesville Area School District community. Ideally we would like every class to be represented.

Informal gatherings will be planned to meet former principals and retired faculty. Dress in black and gold to show your true pride in Gordon Middle School.

Come and celebrate our closing and ring the bell for the final time.

Cordially,

Gordon Middle School
Closing Festivities Committee

Raising Emotionally Intelligent Teenagers

Maurice J. Elias, Ph.D.

May 1, 2002

Bishop Shanahan High School

Downingtown

7:30 p.m.

Presented by Bishop Shanahan Parents' Association

Dr. Maurice Elias will present real life scenarios, practical strategies to help you with the toughest parenting job of all: raising emotionally intelligent teenagers.

Dr. Elias, a parent too, shares personal experiences and will help you and your teenager communicate with warmth and humor.

Day of Atonement at the Seminary

At the invitation of His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, the priests of the Archdiocese will be participating in a Day of Atonement, to be conducted in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Main Chapel on Wednesday of this week, April 24th, as a communal response in prayer for the tragic clergy misconduct recently come to light. Please join with our priests in prayer for victims of every kind of abuse; for those who have victimized, that they may be forgiven and healed; for the Church, itself a victim in each of these sad episodes; for those who support and love priests. With our priests, please pray also for holiness and a wholehearted reawakening of priestly ideals and zeal in our Archdiocese and within the universal Church. Assuredly, God's people expect and deserve holy priests.

Choir Practice

There will be an important choir practice this coming Monday evening, April 22nd, for the adults for First Communion. Please make every effort to attend since we only have two weeks to prepare.

And for the children, we have to begin preparation for our May Procession to be held on May 19th.

If you have any questions, please call me at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Good Shepherd



Peter preaches and the crowd asks, "What must we do?" The answer is direct: "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and you will receive the Holy Spirit." Jesus himself tells us that he is our Good Shepherd, even the gate to paradise. He calls each of us to help him continue his work in the Church. What will you do?

Women's Club News

The Regular Meeting of the Women's Club will be held this Sunday, April 21st in the School Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Important item on the agenda will be the nomination of new officers for next year. Please join us for this very important event.