

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, October 26th, 2002, 6:30 PM

James Franciscus (Kathleen & Havard Franciscus)

Altar Servers Hoopes & Trumpleman
Euch. Minister Swinty
Lector Elaine

Sunday, October 27th, 2002, 10:30 AM

Sophie Zelina & Robert
(Romanoski, Reynolds & Zelina Families)

Altar Servers Ponto, Babcock & Malavolta
Euch. Ministers Hillman & Krupansky
Lector Kathleen

Masses for the week of October 27th, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Raymond R. Bennett (Daughter Alexandra G. Bennett)
Wednesday	9 am	Helen Moratelli (Mary Anne Illes-Rever)
Thursday	9 am	Anne Molnar (Helen Popovich)
	7 pm	Robert Krempe (Camie Arvay)
Friday		All Saints Day
Saturday	9 am	All Souls Departed
	9:30 am	All Souls Departed

Saturday, November 2nd, 2002, 6:30 PM

Joseph M. Reis (Pastoral Council)

Euch. Minister Claypoole
Lector Sara

Sunday, November 3rd, 2002, 10:30 AM

Francis Pilotti (Joseph Sandoski)

Euch. Ministers Bugar & Nesbitt
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, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Guiseppe, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Betty Kinnier, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Elizabeth Stewart, Stella Grubb, and Robert Hracho and the Dead: Rev. Msgr. Francis Keul.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, October 26th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, November 3rd, 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.

Solemnity of All Saints: November 1st

Friday, November 1st, marks the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation and a festival of homecoming.

This is homecoming season. October brings college homecomings with alumni returning to fraternities and sororities at their alma maters. November and December bring family homecomings with children returning to their parents' homes for the holidays. This liturgical feast reminds us of the ultimate homecoming that awaits all the sons and daughters of God in heaven.

In observance of the Solemnity of All Saints, Masses will be offered on Thursday evening, October 31st, at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. On Friday, November 1st, Masses will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

May all the Saints of God, known and unknown to us, pray for us!

Observance of All Souls: November 2nd

A companion feast to the Solemnity of All Saints is the Remembrance of All Souls, observed on Saturday, November 2nd.

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,” Sacred Scripture tells us, “that they may be loosed from their sins.” The Holy Souls in Purgatory, our brothers and sisters in faith who preceded us in death, stand at the very threshold of heaven. The Masses we have offered and the prayers we recite assist them in the process of purification and in attaining entrance into eternal life.

Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd, at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church and at 5:00 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

You are reminded to submit the names of your beloved deceased on the All Souls Day envelope provided, prior to November 2nd. These names, in turn, will be placed upon the altar for the Remembrance Day itself and for the entire month of November, the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. May they rest in peace!

Parish Communion Breakfast: November 3rd

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 3rd, we are hosting a Communion Breakfast, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Banquet Facilities of the Downingtown Country Club, 93 Country Club Lane, Downingtown. A full, rich buffet of delicious breakfast foods will be laid out before us. The cost will be \$15.00 for an adult and \$7.50 for a child (gratuity included). For reservations, please contact Tricia Swinty at her home 610/383-1615 or at her work 610/695-8000.

We are using this same occasion to welcome our new parishioners who have joined our number over the past year or so. By letter, they are being invited to the November 3rd Morning Mass, at which they will be acknowledged and give a special ritual blessing. Likewise, as our guest, they are being encouraged to join with us at the post-Mass Communion Breakfast to become better acquainted with our St. Joseph parish Family. It will be a warm and friendly opportunity for parishioners, old and new, to strengthen the ties which unite us.

Treat yourself to a little something special by way of a fine Sunday breakfast, and at the same time be a part of building up our parish Community. Plan to attend a most enjoyable happening on November 3rd.

Open House at Our Seminary

The Community of Faculty and Students at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, City Line Avenue & Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, will host their Annual Open House on Sunday, October 27th, featuring tours from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Come and meet our future priests, enjoy the fine artwork, explore the grounds and see the place where our seminarians are trained and educated. Visitors that day are invited to participate in Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 p.m. For full information, call 610/785-6231. Please pray for vocations to the diocesan priesthood.

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend finds us welcoming three little ones into the Household of Faith through water and the Holy Spirit. What a glorious and joyful occasion it is for their families and for us! The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to the following infants:

*Mackenzie Joan Popovich, Daughter of Frank and Kathy Popovich
Devon Renee Bird, Daughter of Gerard and Joelle Bird
Kyle Michael Davis, Son of Robert and Lori Davis*

Sincere congratulations to the proud parents and honored Godparents! May every grace and blessing come to the newly baptized as they daily grow into the full stature and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Dates of Sacramental Importance

The Spring of 2003 brings two significant sacramental events. The Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 4th. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Martin N. Lohmuller, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day). We announce these dates now, so that more than sufficient notice may be given to those involved in reserving the day and preparing for the occasion. Please note that any adolescents or adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are requested to contact Father John 610/384-0360, so that appropriate arrangements may be made for them to do so at the time of the Bishop's visit. Be reminded that one's initiation into the Church is not considered complete without the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

C.Y.O. Sports Meeting

The C.Y.O. Sports Program, sponsored by the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School, is open to all students in our Parish, from Grades 5 through 8, regardless of the school they attend. A meeting for parents and students wishing to play basketball (girls and boys) will be held in South Brandywine Middle School on Tuesday, October 29th, at 7:00 p.m. For further

information, kindly contact David Michell at 610/384-6477.

Shanahan Homecoming 2002

Calling all Shanahan Alumni! The Bishop Shanahan High School Eagles are playing Avon Grove for their homecoming football game on Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. Please come out and cheer on your Alma Mater! Visit with classmates, faculty and old friends in the Alumni Association's tent. Food and beverages will be on sale; bring the entire family. "Come Home" for Homecoming – the Shanahan Family, past and present, would love to see you.

"Godspell" Comes to Shanahan

The Bishop Shanahan High School Fine Arts Department proudly presents the Broadway Musical "Godspell" on November 15-16, November 22-23, in the High School Auditorium, Downingtown, at 8:00 p.m. All seats are reserved at \$10.00 and \$8.00. A special matinee performance for senior citizens is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m. For ticket information, please call 610/518-1300.

High School Reunion

The St. James High School Class of 1962 is holding a 40th Reunion on Saturday, November 23rd, at the Towne House in Media. Class members are asked to call Michael Carr at his office, 610/874-3655, for more details.

Building Your Family Through Adoption

Parents are needed to adopt orphaned Asian-born infants and toddlers through the agency of LaVida International. Those interested are cordially invited to attend a free information meeting to be held in King of Prussia, at 7:00 p.m., on November 12th. For further information, please call Lisa or Mary at 800/513-1910. To date, over 1,500 children have been placed with loving adoptive families.

Operation Thanksgiving

Since the early 1990's, our Parish Family has joined with other Christian Churches of the community to gather food items for distribution in holiday baskets to the area needy at Thanksgiving. Hundreds of food baskets are distributed in this manner, bringing to less fortunate families and individuals the realization that others really care.

This year, we have been asked to donate boxes of instant potatoes for the Thanksgiving baskets. This holiday food collection will be conducted on the weekend of November 9th-10th, when your donations may be placed in the church vestibule. From here the boxed food makes its way to the Coatesville Emergency Food Cupboard, which prepares for and oversees the distribution of

holiday baskets. Your participation in this annual drive is deeply appreciated, and hopefully, brings added joy to your own Thanksgiving Day. And, if you are able to volunteer your time to help in any related capacity, please call Tom Edwards at 610/384-1067.

Love God and Neighbor



"Love God wholeheartedly and love your neighbor as yourself," is how Jesus sums up the whole law and the prophets. These vertical and horizontal loves are imaged in the cross of Christ Jesus, which binds all creation together and leads all creation to God. We receive the cross in baptism as a sign that we are servants of the living God who raised his son, Jesus, from the dead so that Jesus might save us from sin and retribution. How do you bear your baptismal cross before humankind and before God?

Women's Club News

*Annual Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, November 24, 2002
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

Please let your friends and relatives know and ask them to join us for good food, and good shopping.

Thank you to all who helped make "Kiefli" last Wednesday. We made **800!** Our next Kiefli Session is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 6th. Please reserve that date and plan to help us!

Our next Pierogie Session is scheduled as follows:

*Peel Potatoes – Friday 11/15/02 at 2:30 PM
Make Pierogies – Saturday 11/16/02 at 8:00 AM*

Looking forward to your continued help.

We hope you are collecting your "Attic Treasures". We'll let you know when to deliver them in a future bulletin, closer to Bazaar time.

We will again be chancing off \$500 at our Bazaar. Chance Books will be mailed to all parishioners the first week in November. We hope to have our usual wonderful response to this phase of our Bazaar.