

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, 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

Masses for the week of November 3rd, 2002 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Church.

Saturday, November 9th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Daniel & Natalia Bedrick (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Elaine

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

Joseph F. Trumpelman (Lisa & Scott Hillman)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Krupansky
Lector Laura

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, November 3rd, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, November 9th, from 5:45 to 6:15 a.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

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.

Operation Thanksgiving Next Weekend

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.

Days of Eucharistic Exposition

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, our West End “Twin”, is observing their Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (November 3rd-4th-5th). The Church will be open for visits before the Blessed Sacrament, solemnly exposed on the altar, all throughout these days, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and until 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Feel welcome, please, to stop by and spend a time of prayer and reflection before the Christ of the Holy Eucharist at this time of Forty Hours.

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.

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.

Calling All St. Agnes High School Graduates

If you attended St. Agnes High School, the Bishop Shanahan High School Family wishes to welcome you home and include you as part of their membership. Please call Maureen Morin at 610/342-6255, so you may be recognized as part of the Shanahan history and “Welcome you home”! There is an interest in bringing graduates together for a special dedication to Monsignor Schuyler as the one who began it all.

Life in The Spirit Information Night

The Charismatic Prayer Group, sponsored by Our Lady of Consolation parish, Parkesburg, will present an Information Night in the Church Hall, at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, November 11th. The night will hold an explanation of the term “life in the Spirit”, and will offer answers to your questions about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Several members of the group will tell their stories and live music will be provided by Heaven’s Voices. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. For additional information, kindly call Sue Havey at 610/593-2904 or Bernie Mertaugh at 610/273-2611.

Local Clothing Drive

The Archdiocesan Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Peter Church, 1080 North Manor Road, Honey Brook, on Saturday, November 23rd, and Sunday, November 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Their truck will be located on the Church parking lot. They will be collecting donations of usable men’s, women’s and children’s clothing, as well as small household goods (bed and bath linens, pots and pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys and books). They also will accept small appliances in good working order. The Society, too, offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. Tax receipts are available upon request. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you for caring to help others in need!

C.Y.O. Basketball Try-Outs

Any student from the parish in Grades 5 thru 8, girl or boy, who currently is attending either C.C.D. Classes or a Catholic School, may try-out for the C.Y.O. basketball teams, sponsored by the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. Try-outs begin Monday, November 4th, at North Brandywine and South Brandywine Middle Schools. See the schedule below. If you are not able to attend the try-out on Monday and wish to be considered for a team, please contact Dave Michell at 610/384-6477.

Try-out Schedule

GIRLS

Grade 5/6	Mon.	11/4	SBMS	6:30-8:00 PM
	Tues.	11/5	SBMS	6:30-8:00 PM
	Thurs.	11/7	SBMS	6:30-8:00 PM
Grade 7/8	Mon.	11/4	SBMS	8:00-9:30 PM
	Tues.	11/5	SBMS	8:00-9:30 PM
	Thurs.	11/7	SBMS	8:00-9:30 PM

BOYS

Grade 5/6	Mon.	11/4	NBMS	6:00-7:30 PM
	Wed.	11/6	SBMS	6:30-8:00 PM
	Fri.	11/8	NBMS	6:00-7:30 PM
Grade 7/8	Mon.	11/4	NBMS	7:30-9:30 PM
	Wed.	11/6	SBMS	8:00-9:30 PM
	Fri.	11/8	NBMS	7:30-9:30 PM

Holiday Craft Show

St. Martha Manor, 470 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, is holding their Annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Crafters will display their wares during the day, and Santa will arrive at 10:00 a.m. Homemade baked goods and food will be available for your delight. Come, join in the fun and enjoy a pretaste of the holiday season! For more information, kindly call 610/873-8490.

Speak Out for Christ



The Gospel is God's message. When people forget to follow the Lord's good news then there is trouble and stumbling sinfulness. God's good news should be proclaimed "in season and out of season" by all Christians. We call attention not to ourselves, but to God's Word made flesh and dwelling among us. Jesus calls humans to live the divine life. Speak out for Christ!

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.

Work Schedules

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.

Please remember to collect 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 have been mailed to all parishioners. We hope to have our usual wonderful response to this phase of our Bazaar. Thank you in advance. If you need more chance books, please call Ann Cigas 610/384-2955.

Please Mark Your Calendars

The next regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Sunday evening, November 17th at 7:00 PM. Final plans for our Christmas Bazaar will be made. Refreshments will be served by Lisa Hillman & Ann Hamilton.