

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 Father John at 610/384-0360 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 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, December 28th, 2002, 6:30 PM

Rose Kozacheson (Anniversary Mass)
Michael Kozacheson)

Altar Servers Hoopes & Gushanas
Euch. Minister Krupansky
Lector Sara

Sunday, December 29th, 2002, 10:30 AM

John & Anna Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers Zelina, England & Hackmeister
Euch. Ministers Nesbitt & Swinty
Lector Bill

Masses for the week of December 29th, 2002 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, except for the following:

Tuesday	6:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
Wednesday	10:30 pm	For Peace in Our Troubled World (Parishioners)
Friday	9:30 am	Verna Seymen (Mary Byerley & Mary Lou Callahan)

Saturday, January 4th, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

Robert Krempa (Mary Arvay & Family)

Altar Servers Malavolta & Hoopes
Euch. Minister Hillman

Sunday, January 5th, 2003, 10:30 A.M.

Good Health & God's Blessing for Yankech Children,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
(Mom, Grandma & Great-Grandma)

Altar Servers H. Reczek, Bednar & Lasak
Euch. Ministers Johnson & Bugar

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, Jan Cisarik, Marie Reali, Ann Ponisciak, Olivia Monko, Jacob Monko, Cecilia Shesko, Kate Ohar, Spencer Gautney, Janet Yost, Betty Bogus, Dorothy Bodnar, Anna Bortnyck, Lanita Guisepppe, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Helen Denny, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Denny Howell, Sr., Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Denise Dodds, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, and Francis Seymen, and the Deceased: Pauline Burkey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, December 29th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. just prior to the to the morning mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 4th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Holy Day of Obligation on New Year's Day

Falling on a Wednesday this year, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorated on January 1st, carries the force of obligation. Your Mass attendance is not optional on this holy day, Festive Marian Masses will be offered in St. Joseph Church on New Year's Eve, December 31st, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. and on New Year's Day, January 1st, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. At the top of a New Year, we gather in worship to honor the Holy Virgin Mother who gave the world its Savior.

Wall Calendars for the Year 2003

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our local Funeral Directors, wall calendars for the year 2003 are being made available for your use. They may be found in the rear of the Church, beginning this weekend. Please help yourself.

New Year's Greetings

Every good gift comes from the Father of light. May He grant you grace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year. May he order your days and work in His peace, hear your every prayer and lead you to everlasting life and joy. Good health, much happiness and ongoing prosperity be yours in the New Year of Our Lord 2003.

A Date to Circle on the Calendar

We alert all volunteers in service to our Parish that the Annual Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner will take place in the historic Revere Tavern, paradise, on Sunday, February 16th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. It is always a first-class affair, and we trust all loyal volunteers will be able to join us. A more detailed invitation will be arriving in the mail shortly.

Heartfelt Appreciation

Many were the kindnesses showered upon the priests associated with St. Joseph Church by our parishioners at Christmas. Beautiful greeting cards, home baked sweet treats and other generous remembrances were directed to us in keeping with the spirit of the holidays. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and warm regards. Your priests are deeply grateful and promise you a special place in our prayers. God love you!

~Father John Oulds~

Employment Opportunity

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, has a full time maintenance/custodial position available. Benefits will be issued after probation period. Apply at 220 Woodbine Road, Downingtown, PA 19335. No phone calls, please.

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. The workshop will be held at the Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester on Tuesday, January 14th; Thursday, January 16th; Tuesday, January 21st, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about

this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

Registration For The School Year 2003-2004

Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School

A regional school for students who are parishioners of St. Peter's Parish, Honey Brook, Our Lady of Rosary, St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. Cecilia and St. Joseph parishes in Coatesville.

Building Sites:

Kindergarten to Grade 4 – Primary Bldg. – St. Cecilia Parish
Grades 5 and 6 – Middle Bldg. – St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish
Grades 7 and 8 – Junior High Bldg. – St. Joseph Parish

Registration will be held at the Primary Building at St. Cecilia parish in Coatesville Monday, February 24, 2002 and Tuesday, February 25, 2002. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon both days

The Principal, Sister Helen Loretta, will be available on both days to answer your questions.

There will be *OPEN HOUSE* at all the buildings sites from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25 for anyone who would like to visit.

Requirements:

To enter Kindergarten a child must be 5 years old by 9/02/03.

To enter First Grade a child must be 6 years old by 9/01/03.

Original birth certificate

Original Baptismal certificate

Up to date immunization records

A letter from the pastor of your parish verifying membership in the parish.

Non-refundable registration fee of \$75.00

Registration for Grades 1 to 6 depends on the availability of space.

Dominican Retreat House Happenings

The Dominican Retreat House, 750 Ashbourne Road, Elkins park will be offering the following opportunities for inner renewal:

A Serenity Retreat for Men (January 17th-20th) and A Serenity Retreat for Women (January 24th-26th), designed to meet the spiritual needs of those in

recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. Registration is held on that respective Friday at 6:00 p.m., in St. Dominic Hall.

Blessed Are the Peacemaker Day of Reflection on Tuesday, January 21st, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with Father Patrick Connor, S.V.D. as Director. The cost of \$30.00 includes lunch.

For information on the Serenity Retreats, contact Sister Connie at 215/782-8520, ext. 181. For information on the Day of Reflection, contact Bernadette Haley at 215/782-8520, ext. 136.

Golden Jubilee in Roslyn

St. John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their founding beginning with Homecoming at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 2nd. Refreshments and an Open House immediately follow Mass from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Parish School. All former parishioners, lay teachers and religious Sisters are invited to participate as they reminisce with old friends. Kindly give Julie Lieber a call at 215/659-7133 if you plan to attend.

Sunday C.C.D. Program

Kindly be reminded that the religious education classes of our parish C.C.D. Program will be resuming next Sunday, January 5th, at the usual hour.

A Christmas Made Even More Meaningful

Beautiful gestures of charity marked our Christmas 2002, enriching the lives of many people locally. What a marvelous response was made on the part of our parishioners to Operation Christmas (holiday food baskets for the needy) and to The Advent Giving Tree (practical gifts for the less fortunate distributed by the Comboni Missionary Sisters, as well as donations of warm socks for the patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital)! Thank you to all our compassionate donors, brightening the holidays of others. may God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, bless you most abundantly!

God's Time



In God's own good time, not ours, the promise of salvation is fulfilled. Abraham and Sarah were promised a land and as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. Finally they received a son, Isaac, whose very idea caused his aged mother to laugh. They all lived out their lives in expectant faith that the Lord's promise would be kept. Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna saw the infant Jesus, God-saves who despite all obstacles would be a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of the people Israel. God still takes time to give us time to follow Jesus and to place faith in the Savior.

