

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, January 11th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Susan Discavage (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers *Gushanas & Neff*
Euch. Minister *Swinty*
Lector *Bill*

Sunday, January 12th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Andrew Shesko (Children, Grand & Great-Grandchildren)

Altar Servers *Ponto, Rhoades & Zelina*
Euch. Ministers *Claypoole, & Catanese*
Lector *Laura*

Masses for the week of January 12th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, January 18th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Robert Krempa (Bob & Georgiann Watterson)

Altar Servers *Babcock & England*
Euch. Minister *Johnson*
Lector *Elaine*

Sunday, January 19th, 2003, 10:30 AM

John Shesko (Wife Laura & Children)

Altar Servers *A. Reczek, S. Reczek & Hackmeister*
Euch. Ministers *Krupansky & Lasak*
Lector *Kathy*

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, 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, Francis Seymen and Betty Kinnier and the Deceased: Michalena Olseski, George Swing and Eleanor Kasper.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 12th, 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 18th, 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.

A Work of Appreciation From the Camboni Missionary Sisters

A very warm Thank You is extended to all who, through the Advent Giving Tree Program, donated Christmas gifts for the needy, especially for the children. The joy, smiles and glee of the mothers who received them for their children were so spontaneous, happy and loud! These mothers could present these gifts to their children on Epiphany Day, when the Latino youngsters receive gifts, like Jesus from the Magi. Again, thank you to all the kind donors.

Gratefully and prayerfully,
Sister Vincent and the Sisters

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.

Significant Sacramental Dates in Coming Months

We are pleased to give advance notice to our parents with regard to upcoming dates made significant by their children's reception of the Sacraments:

Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m., Celebration of First Penance

Sunday, May 4th, at 10:30 a.m. Mass, Celebration of First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 11th, at 10:30 a.m. Mass, Celebration of Confirmation

In coming weeks, our parents will be invited to attend special meetings with Father John in preparation for these blessed sacramental events.

Our Deepest Gratitude To All

Your outstanding generosity is most gratefully acknowledged as we announce the amount of our Christmas Collection to be \$25,645.00, received from parishioners, the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church, the Knights of Columbus (Christ the King Council) and friends of the Parish. Donations to the Christmas Decorations and Flower Fund amounted to \$1,045.00. Thank you for such a gracious outpouring of kindness; your ongoing financial support is deeply appreciated.

Also, earlier in December, the Annual National Collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters, Priests and Brothers was taken up. Your contributions to this cause amounted to \$801.00, a very generous response to the Appeal's theme of "caring and sharing". God love you for your exemplary goodness!

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, 2003 and Tuesday, February 25, 2003.
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.

Pro-Life Activities in January

On January 22, 2003 we mark the 30th anniversary of the legalization of abortion on demand via the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. It is a great sadness to realize that we have lost one third of an entire generation of people because of this and other related Supreme Court decisions. You are invited to take a public stand for life and join in common prayer and witness at any of the following special events:

Chester County March for Life in West Chester on Sunday, January 19th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in front of St. Agnes Church, New & Gay Streets, featuring speakers Mary Evans (Chester County Pro-Life Coalition) and Kim Marshall (Generation Life);

March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, January 22nd, with bus transportation information available from Tom Bones at 610/993-0331;

Stand Up for Life Rally in City Hall Courtyard, Philadelphia, at 12:00 noon, comprised of speakers, prayer and song, on Wednesday, January 22nd, with more information available by calling 215/885-8150;

Prayer Walk and Life Chain in West Chester on Thursday, January 23rd, beginning at 11:55 a.m. in front of the Planned Parenthood Office, South Wayne & West Market Streets, with a walk in prayerful silence to the Chester County Courthouse and a 30 Minute Life Chain along High Street.

Questions? Please call Jo Christof at 610/942-3571.

Coatesville Catholic School Campaign

It is a source of tremendous encouragement to acknowledge that faith promises to our ongoing Coatesville Catholic School Campaign presently total over \$2.4 million. Of this amount, over \$1.1 million has actually been received. Count on your hearing more

about our new school undertaking as we enter into Catholic Schools Week in the closing days of January. Thank you for your generosity toward this noble cause this far!

Choir Practice

We will resume choir practice for the children's choir this Monday, January 13th at 6:45 p.m. in preparation for them singing at the 10:30 Mass on January 19th. There will be no choir practice for the adults on Monday. We will go back to our regular weekly Monday night practice for both choirs on Monday, January 20th, with the children's choir beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the adult choir at 7:30.

Any new members wishing to join the children's choir (ages 5 thru 13) or the adult choir, or if you have any questions regarding the choirs, please call me at 610-383-5768 and leave a message.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Beloved Son



“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” When Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, he saw the Spirit, like a dove, come down on him. Conceived as the Spirit overshadowed Mary, Ever-Virgin Mother, Jesus is vouched for by the Father: “You are my Beloved Son; my favor rests on you.” Through the Easter mystery, Christ Jesus passes on the same Holy Spirit to the church. We are transformed. Sharing the Spirit we share God’s life. Lord, be gracious to us. Kyrie Eleison!

Women’s Club News

Just a reminder, January 12th, 2003, the First Meeting of 2003 will be held in the school hall at 7:00 PM.