

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 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

Masses for the week of January 19th, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph's Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Victor Kostolansky (Andrea Levenite)
Wednesday	9 am	Brother Alfred, O.S.B. (Levenite/Horenci Family)
Thursday	9 am	Stephen & Mary Sabo (Ann Reshey)
Friday	9 am	Joseph Huber (Connie & Max Sushinski)
Saturday	9 am	Special Intention

Saturday, January 25th, 2003 6:30 PM

Robert Krempa (Camie Arvay)

Altar Servers Hackmeister & Trumpelman
Euch. Minister Nesbitt
Lector Sara

Sunday, January 26th, 2003 10:30 AM

Mary Repak (Agnes & Max Sushinski)

Altar Servers Malavolta, Hoopes & H. Reczek
Euch. Ministers Swinty & Hillman
Lector Kathleen

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 Guiseppa, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 18th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 26th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., just prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

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.

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.

Pro-Life Activities in January

On January 22, 2003 we mark the 30th anniversary of the legalization of abortion on demand via the Roe vs 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.

Day of Eucharistic Exposition

In keeping with the call for public prayer in behalf of the sacredness of human life, especially during this week of the 30th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar all throughout Tuesday, January 21st, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until an appropriate Prayer Service at 5:00 p.m., in St. Joseph Church. Do stop by the Church during the day for a visit before the Blessed Sacrament or join us for the early Evening Service and Eucharistic Benediction.

International Adoption Meeting

There is a need for parent(s) to adopt orphaned Asian-born infants and toddlers through La Vida International, a licensed Pennsylvania, non-profit adoption agency. You are cordially invited to attend a free information meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 21st, in King of Prussia. For further information, please call either Lisa or Mary at (800) 513-1910. Thank you for your interest!

Coatesville Catholic's 6th Annual Cadillac Dinner

The 6th Annual Cadillac Dinner, hosted by Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School's Home & School Association, will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at the J & J Catering facility in Exton. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing, and own a chance to win \$5,000 cash. Tickets are \$100 per person for dinner and chance, \$50 per person for dinner only. For information, call Vicki Eberwein at 610/383-9868. All proceeds will go to our School Development Fund. Hope you can make it!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples are invited to come and explore the possibilities of making a good marriage even better on a

Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next enrichment weekend will be conducted on February 21-23, 2003. For full details, please call 1-800-456-8330.

OPT For the City 2003

Opt for the City 2003 is a one-week, live-in ministry program in Philadelphia for single lay men and women of college age to 40 years, from June 22 to June 29. Volunteers will have a chance to work in a variety of situations with people who are homeless, persons affected by AIDS, women and children in transition, in soup kitchens and summer camps. The program includes service, Christian community, prayer and reflection on one's experience. Volunteers are responsible for contributing sponsor donations of \$200, which covers the cost of room, board and transportation to and from ministry sites. This summer ministry program is a collaborative effort of religious communities of men and women. For more information and application, contact: Jeanne Marie Hatch, SHCJ, 460 Shadeland Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 610/626-1400, ext 304 email: jhatch@shcj.org.

Office For Renewal and Evangelization

Now available for your use is the Catholic Connection Chat Room. Come join us from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays for faith-centered conversations online! Visit www.blessme.org and click on Chat Room for more information.

Vocation Discernment Program

"Saint Charles Overnight" gives the young man, age 16 to 40 years, the opportunity to join the seminarians of St. Charles Seminary when they are having one of their periodic Day of Recollection. The participants will join the seminarians for conferences and for communal prayer. This overnight will also afford some time for private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and quiet reflection, as well as group discussion with other participants, priests and seminarians. The overnight begins at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25th and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26th. Call Father Joseph Devlin at the Vocation Office for details and to register, his phone number 610/667-5778.

"Tuesday Nights at Overbrook" is designed to give high school age young men the opportunity to tour St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, meet some of the seminarians, learn about the life of the seminarian and also be made aware about the life of a priest. This evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4th, and end by 9:00 p.m. The program also includes dinner with the seminary community, Evening Prayer, Mass and refreshments. For details, contact the Vocation Office at the phone number given above.

Special Collection, January 25th-26th

For over fifty years, Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief agency of the United States Catholic community, has provided emergency assistance and development programs in over 87 countries throughout the world. This past year alone found Catholic Relief Services providing aid to flood victims in the Czech Republic, food to several African countries threatened by starvation and medical help to combat dengue fever in Honduras. Various development projects, designed to teach others how to assist themselves, are sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. The National Collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken

up in the Parish next weekend, January 25th-26th. Your customary generous response to this praiseworthy cause would be deeply appreciated.

A Medical Update on Francis

Shortly after his cardiac bypass surgery at Brandywine Hospital, Francis Seymen, our faithful church sexton, was transferred directly to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, for more specialized care and a medical procedure. Francis is currently making good progress daily growing stronger and looking forward to his imminent discharge. Upon coming home, our "Christmas Miracle" will be in the tender, loving care of his ever watchful daughters, Carol and Ann Marie. Please continue to keep Francis in the kindness of your good prayers.

Repent



Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus' public work. We hear the same call, "Come, follow me," into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness?

Women's Club News

*Women's Club Longaberger Basket Bingo
Sunday, February 23, 2003*

Tickets for the Longaberger Basket Bingo will be on sale this weekend in the back of the Church after Mass. ***Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reserve your tickets now!***

*Doors open at 12 Noon
Early Bird Specials begin at 1:30 PM
Regular Bingo begins at 2:00 PM*

ADMISSION TICKETS - \$20.00

Lunch, Snacks, and Refreshments will be available to purchase

*For Tickets Contact:
Leslie Hoopes 610/857-4224, Pat Babcock 610/857-3096, Carrie Babcock 610/857-0711 or Tricia Swinty 610/383-1615*

For Sale

We have 12 dozen pierogies! If interested, call Susan Sandoski at 610/383-5768.