

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 25th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Robert Krempa (Camie Arvay)

Altar Servers Hackmeister & Trumelman
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

Masses for the week of January 26th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, February 1st, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (St. Joseph Women's Club)

Euch. Ministers Father John
Lector Elaine

Sunday, February 2nd, 2003, 10:30 AM

Jane & Casper Krupansky (Debbie Krupansky –Grand-daughter)

Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Johnson
Lector Laura

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, Betty Kinnier, and James Dailey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 26th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. just prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 1st, 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.

Blessing of Throats

Immediately following next weekend's Masses, the traditional St. Blasé Day Blessing will be individually imposed upon those who wish to receive it. St. Blasé was a 4th Century Bishop and Martyr from Sebaste, Armenia, whose life was associated with a miraculous healing. On or near his Feast (February 3rd), there has existed the long-standing practice of the blessing of throats and our seeking the favor of good health through the Saint's intercession.

First Communion Meeting

Parents of our first communicants-to-be this year are requested to attend a special meeting with Father John on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish School Hall. Important materials will be distributed, as well as necessary information shared regarding the twin sacramental events of the children's First Confession and First Communion. Our entire Parish Family rejoices with the youngsters as they advance toward these blessed occasions.

Special Collection This Weekend

The Second Collection this weekend, January 25th-26th, will be taken up in support of the Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas relief agency of the United States Catholic community. Their mandate consists in providing emergency assistance and development programs in countries all over the globe. Your generous response to this praiseworthy cause would be deeply appreciated.

Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

Volunteers in service to our Parish are reminded to complete the clip-off portion of their invitation to the Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner, and return it by way of the collection basket or by way of the mail no later than February 3rd. The dinner will be a first-class affair in the Revere Tavern, Paradise, hosted on Sunday, February 16th. We trust our loyal volunteers will be able to join us. Inadvertently, have we overlooked someone who should have received an invitation? If so, please notify Father John that we might make good on our gesture of appreciation to all our volunteers.

Changes in This Week's Daily Mass

To allow Father John the opportunity of attending a Business Breakfast for local clergy, hosted by the Coatesville Police Department, the daily mass on Thursday, January 30th, will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 8:00 a.m., an hour earlier than the usual time. By sponsoring such a meeting the Police Force hoped to encourage a positive relationship with the area Churches.

On Saturday, February 1st, the daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. will be offered in St. Joseph Church, rather than in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. This is an accommodation we are gladly making to benefit of the benefit of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who will be conducting a meeting in the St. Joseph School Hall. The Sisters participating in the meeting that day will be able to attend our morning Mass and then go directly to the school hall for their event.

Thank you for your understanding with regard to our need to make these few changes in the coming week.

Christmas Flower Donations

We are pleased to acknowledge with gratitude the following addition to our Christmas Flowers Donation List, published last weekend. In loving

memory of Rose Kozacheson and Anne Yando, a kind contribution was made by Mr. & Mrs. Ted McLaughlin. Should we have unintentionally failed to include any other donors and their intentions, please notify us and we shall be glad to publish the listing in a subsequent issue of the Parish Bulletin.

Calling All Mothers

On Saturday, March 22nd, the Chester County Chapter of MOM – Heart of the Home will offer a Day of Renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection and the company of other mothers. This day provided time to reflect on the vocation of motherhood while replenishing one's spirit. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a boxed lunch. Pick up a registration form located in the back of Church or call Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505 for more details. Hope to see you there!

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.

Archdiocesan Family Life Office

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples in hurting marriages put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, then Retrouvaille may be able to help you. For information, call 1-800-470-2230.

Bereavement Support Groups meet throughout the Archdiocese. A directory listing parish/cluster bereavement support groups is available by calling the Family Life office at 610/660-9002.

A Heartfelt Thank You

A number of the ornaments on our recent Advent Giving Tree were earmarked "Men's Socks", with the patients of the local Veterans Administration Medical Center designated as the recipients of your kindness. Overall, Nichole Sykes, high school volunteer at V.A.M.C., collected about 400 pairs of socks for distribution, most of them from our West End Parishes. Nichole extends her sincere gratitude and warm thanks to all who donated the socks. Certainly the veterans' Christmas was made brighter through our donors' concern and generosity. God bless you!

Discernment Opportunity With the Franciscans

The Franciscan Friars (Assumption B.V.M. Province) are hosting a "Come and See" Weekend on February 7th, 8th and 9th at St. Pius X Friary, adjacent to Archbishop Ryan High School, Northeast Philadelphia. There is no charge for the weekend, which will focus on meeting various Friars, learning more about St. Francis of Assisi and gaining awareness about their ministries. For more information, please call toll free: Father Linus at 877-636-3742 or email at vocationdirector@hotmail.com

Tuesday Nights at Overbrook

This night is designed to give high school age young men the opportunity to tour St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, meet some of the seminarians and learn about the life of a priest. This evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. in 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 610/667-5778.

Overbrook Weekend Retreat

This weekend is most helpful for those young men, ages 16 to 40, who are discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, and would like some more information about seminary life, prayer and the continuation of the discernment process. The Retreat will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, beginning with dinner at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, February 21st and ending on Sunday, February 23rd, at 12:00 noon. There will be conferences, panel discussion, quiet time, free time for gym or pool and participation in the community prayer of the Seminary. Call Father Joseph Devlin at 610/667-5778 for added details and to register.

Valentine Evening for Married Evangelization

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park, is holding a Valentine Evening for Married Couples on Wednesday, February 12th, beginning with registration at 6:30 p.m. It is planned as a night of refreshment to celebrate the love shared in marriage. The evening will include dinner, conference and a closing Liturgy with Father Anthony Genovese, O.S.A. acting as Spiritual Director. For more information, kindly contact Sister Meg at 215/782-8520.

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.

Disciples and Apostles



“Come after me,” said Jesus, “and I will make you fishers of people.” Those are two functions: two sides of the same coin. Following the path of a master is the work of a disciple, student or apprentice. Going fishing for people, however, is the work of a person sent in the name of another. The Twelve were fishers of people for Christ Jesus. Are not we also both disciples and apostles for Christ Jesus? Yes. In his name we proclaim the Gospel of God: The time is now; God’s reign is breaking in! We proclaim that good news in word and deed to all, because we love them.

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*