

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, February 1st, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (St. Joseph Women's Club)

Euch. Minister Father John
Lector Elaine

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

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

Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Johnson
Lector Laura

Masses for the week of February 2nd, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Andrew Birosh (Parish Family)
Wednesday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Andrea Levenite)
Thursday	9 am	Cecilia Shesko (Ann Reshey)
First	9:30 am	Intentions of Phyllis & Bob
Friday		Reis & Daughters (Van Zanten Family)
Saturday	9 am	Thomas Smyth (Jody Cialine)

Saturday, February 8th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay, Sr. (Mary Arvay & Family)

Euch. Minister Catanese
Lector Bill

Sunday, February 9th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Clara Levenite (Reczek, Neff & Johnson Families)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Nesbitt
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 Guiseppe, 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, James Dailey and Robert Hamilton and the Deceased: Father John Donohie and Dorothy Borsewitz.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 1st, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 9th, 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.

Blessing of Throats

Immediately following this 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.

Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal

The month of February has again been designated as "Seminary Appeal Month" in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This special time is set-aside for all of us to consider prayerfully our financial support for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where dedicated men are working toward ordination for the priesthood. Your mailbox over the past week should have held materials from the Seminary Rector welcoming your participation and encouraging each household to reflect on the vital role of priests in your life. Tomorrow's priests at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary rely on your goodness as they prepare themselves for a lifetime of service to you, your family and parishes like our own. You now have two ways by which to make your gift to the current Seminary Appeal. Either send your contribution, together with the completed gift card, directly to the Seminary Lockbox in the business reply envelope provided or make use of the usual pew offering envelope in your parish box of collection envelopes and place it in the church collection basket next weekend, February 8th & 9th. Indeed, our Second Collection for next weekend is earmarked for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and all returns will be forwarded there at the close of this Appeal Month. Thank you, in advance, for your generous financial support. Be assured that each donor holds a place in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Seminary Community.

A Few February Thoughts

"An apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything."

---Lynn Johnston

"The only people you should ever want to get 'even' with are those who have helped you."

---John Honeyfeld

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

---Beverly Sills

The Discarding of Old Glory

If you possess a worn, torn American flag, please do not throw it away. Boy Scout Troop 16, sponsored by our consolidated parochial school, has placed a container in the back of the Church for the deposit of these flags. The Scouts will make sure your discarded flags are retired in the prescribed proper manner.

Sign-Up For Spring Sports Program

Registration for the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School Spring Sports Program will be held on Monday, February 3rd, in St. Joseph Parish Hall, Coatesville, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Any student in the Parish from Grades 5-8 is eligible to sign-up for baseball (boys) or softball (girls). Students from Grades 4-8 are eligible to sign-up for track (boys and girls). Please bring appropriate medical information to the registration. For further information, you may call Dave Michell at 610/384-6577.

Reaching Out For Young Adults

Single and married young adults are invited to participate in a Chester County Young Adult Mass on Sunday, February 16th, at 6:00 p.m., in SS. Philip and James Church, Exton. Homilist will be Father Paul Dressler from the Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adults. Music will be provided by Two Tables from Daylesford Abbey. A Social will follow in the nearby school cafeteria. For more details, contact Stacey at 610/594-5450.

Local Practice SAT Exams

Any student planning to take the SAT I Examination will have the opportunity to practice their abilities without the specter of college admissions hanging over their head. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the administering of a complete practice SAT I Examination with score analysis on March 8th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. This allows college-bound students to take the examination without jeopardizing their admission scores and their eligibility for grants and scholarships, while giving each student concrete evidence of his or her strengths and weaknesses. The Knights ask for a tax-deductible donation of \$10 per student at the door to cover the costs of materials, returned questions, scoring and analysis. Even though scores are returned as soon as possible, a \$10 preferential scoring option is available for those who wish their results in two weeks or less. To register for the examination, call 610/869-4926 or visit www.studyworks.com. Act now, spaces are limited.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

If you or someone you know is suffering in mind or spirit from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat to be conducted on March 14th, 15th, and 16th at Immaculata, PA. For more information, call Mary Alice toll free at 1-877-HOPE 4 ME or go online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

Cancer Support Group

Meeting at the Daylesford Abbey, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli, every other Saturday, the Cancer Support Group welcomes caregivers and support persons for prayer, support, information, sharing and socializing.

Their next meeting will occur on February 8th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapter Room. For further information, contact Linda Christopher at 610/296-7550.

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.

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!

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 Couples

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.

Light of Glory



Forty days after Christmas already! Jesus is presented by Joseph and Mary at the temple to fulfill the law of Moses—to do what is right. They are greeted by the old man Simeon who sees the “light of the gentiles come,” and the aged widow Anna who speaks of the “deliverance of Jerusalem.” Again, even in God's temple Jesus is presented and accepted as God saving both Jews and Gentiles. We come in procession on this Candelmas Day with specially blessed candles and lights to meet Jesus, the light of glory, on whom we are nourished in the Eucharist. Are you transparent enough for God's glory to shine through you?

Reminder for Choir

Choir practice for both the Adult & Children's choirs is back on a regular Monday night schedule. Please make every effort to attend practice since we are already starting to learn new songs for the Easter season & all the other special events in the near future. The scheduled times are 6:45 p.m. for the Children's choir and 7:30 p.m. for the adults. If you have any questions or would like to join the choir, please contact me at 610-383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Women's Club News

The next meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for Sunday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. Please try to join us. All women of the Parish are welcome.

Longaberger Basket Bingo

Don't forget to mark you calendar and purchase your tickets for our *Longaberger Basket Bingo* on Sunday, February 23, 2003 at St. Joseph's School Hall, 404 Charles Street, Coatesville, PA 19320. Doors will open at 12 Noon, Early Bird Specials begin at 1:30 PM. Regular Bingo begins at 2:00 PM.

Refreshments/Food will be available to purchase. 27
Filled Longaberger Baskets ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffles and
Special Games. Admission Tickets: \$20.00. For Tickets
Contact: Leslie Hoopes 610/857-4224, Pat Babcock
610/857-3096, Carrie Babcock 610/857-0711 or Tricia
Swinty 610/383-1615.