

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 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

Masses for the week of February 9th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Saturday, February 15th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Christine Rovka Brown (Phyllis Yankech)

Altar Servers Neff & Babcock
Euch. Minister Krupanski
Lector Sara

Sunday, February 16th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Casper Hracho (Anniv.) (Wife Betty Hracho)

Altar Servers H. Reczek, S. Reczek & Hackmiester
Euch. Ministers Bugar & Catanese
Lector Frank

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, Betty Kinnier, James Dailey and Robert Hamilton and the Deceased: Father Thomas Hagan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal

Tomorrow's priests at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary rely on your generosity as they prepare themselves for a lifetime of service to you, your family and parishes like our own. Our Second Collection this weekend is designated as the Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal. Thank you for your financial support of an institution so vital to the life of the Church. Be assured that each donor to the Appeal holds a place in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Seminary Community.

New Mysteries of the Rosary

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, regards the Rosary of the Virgin Mary as a prayer of great significance and encourages its frequent recitation. Recently he has added the Luminous Mysteries (the Mysteries of Light) to the traditional three: Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious. We are pleased to make available a handy folder explaining these new Mysteries of the Rosary. The folder itself is a convenient size for placing in one's prayer book. It's yours for the taking.

The Enrollment of our First Communion Candidates

With a brief ceremony at this Sunday's 10:30 Morning Mass, twenty boys and girls from the parish are formally

enrolled as candidates for First Holy Communion in the Spring. They are Tanner Burns, William Diviney, Alex Klapon, Abigail Lindemuth, Jonathan Malavolta, Jessica Nesbitt, Maggie Obendorfer, Allison Sanchez, Rachael Sheller, Brandon Wimble, Kimberly Algarme, Zachary Coakley, Deanna Franciotti-Gorman, Tyler Goodyear, Ashley Hamm, Jeremy Henderson, Brandon McComsey, Andy Shesko, Katelyn Socko and Andrew Thompson. We congratulate the youngsters on this first step that draws them closer to the Table of the Eucharist and their reception of the Body of Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all along the way to their special May 4th Celebration.

Parents' Confirmation Meeting

Parents of this year's Confirmation Class (5th-6th & 7th graders) are requested to attend a special meeting with Father John on Monday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish School Hall. Important materials will be distributed, as well as necessary information shared regarding the sacramental event of the youngsters' confirmation, to be administered by Bishop Martin Lohmuller on May 11th (Mother's Day). Our entire parish Family rejoices with the confirmands as they advance toward this blessed occasion.

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.

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.

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.

Benefit Concert for the Elderly

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host an enjoyable evening of Irish music, featuring the Wolfe Tones' Derek Warfield and the Sons of Erin Band, on Saturday, March 8th, at 7:30 p.m., in Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Free parking and free refreshments will be available. Also appearing will be the Camden County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$25.00, obtained from Holy Family Home at 215/729-5153, ext. 415. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters' ministry of care for the elderly.

Special Pre-Lenten Events

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will hold their Annual Donut Dance on Saturday, March 1st, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., in the Polish American Citizens' Club, 15 Strode Avenue. Although the youngsters seem to be in the majority that night, young and old alike can count on a genuinely good time with an accommodating DJ and the hospitable Club hostesses. Tickets are \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/school age child, free to pre-schoolers and available from the Rectory at 610/384-1172.

St. Stanislaus Kostka School Hall will be the setting for a Mardi Gras pasta and Panczki Night (spaghetti, meatballs and Polish donuts) on Tuesday, March 4th, either eat-in or take-out. Full details will be announced shortly for this timely feast before the fast.

Evangelization



"Let us go to nearby towns to preach there," said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant carrying the cross and then dying on it. His Passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance.

Risen life gives direction to all growth. Whether we call our lack of growth "sin," "demon," "disease" or "death," Jesus shows us how to pass through it to newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town!

Women's Club News

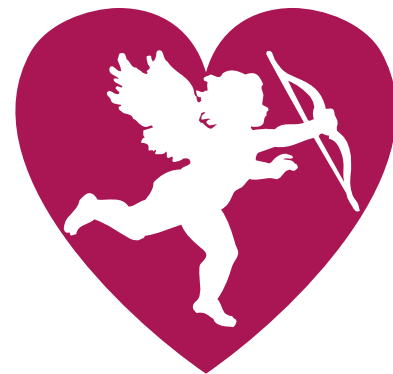
The next meeting of the Women's Club is scheduled for this Sunday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. Please try to join us. All women of the Parish are welcome.

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.

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy St. Cyril & Methodious Day