

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, March 1st, 2003, 6:30 PM

Andrew Cigas, Jr. (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers Zelina & Babcock
Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Cy

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

Mary Sandoski (Joseph Sandoski)

Altar Servers H. Reczek, S. Reczek & A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers Swinty & Claypoole
Lector Kathleen

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

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Joseph Dooley (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Frank Popovich, Sr. (Helen Popovich)
Thursday	9 am	Victor Kostolansky (Andrew & Ann Cigas)
Friday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Bob & Stella Grubb)
Saturday	9 am	Mary Lamb (Cindy & Stamate Kousisis Family)

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

Cecilia Shesko (Parish Finance Council)

Altar Servers Lasak & Neff
Euch. Minister Nesbitt
Lector Elaine

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

Marguerite Dobson (Bob & Ann Hamilton)

Altar Servers Malavolta, Hackmiester & Hoopes
Euch. Ministers Bugar & 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 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 Joseph Dougherty.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

A huge winter snowfall got the best of our plans for the Annual Parish Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner, forcing its postponement. Our new date for this event is Sunday, March 9, 2003, at the same place and time; that is, the Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise, beginning at 3:00 p.m. If you received an invitation and had to decline our February 16th date, but find our new date allows your participation, please inform us that we might place reservations for you. And regretfully, if the new date of March 9th conflicts with a previous commitment on that day, please inform us of your being unable to attend. To make your changes known, please call Father John at

610/384-1172 as soon as possible. We hope to gain several participants and are saddened should we lose any participants. Thank you for your cooperation in arriving at an accurate final count.

Looking Ahead to Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent, our time to concentrate on spiritual growth, opens on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Blessed ashes, the ancient sign of repentance, will be distributed on that day in accord with the following schedule: in St. Joseph Church at the 9:30 a.m. and at the 7:00 p.m. Masses; in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, at the 12:05 p.m. Prayer/Scripture Service and the 5:30 p.m. Mass. May the cross of ashes we wear on the outside reflect the program of baptismal renewal we embrace on the inside throughout these forty days.

Lenten Evening Masses

The opportunity will be available to attend a mid-week Evening Mass during Lent. In St. Joseph Church, a 7:00 p.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesdays, beginning March 11th. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning March 5th. We trust that a number of parishioners may wish to include Mass during the week as a part of their Lenten practices.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

Throughout the Lenten Season, the traditional Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church and on Fridays in St. Joseph Church with the school children participating on both days. Also, on Saturday mornings in Lent, following the 9 o'clock Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted. The beauty and meaningfulness of this Passion related devotion has held up over the centuries; perhaps you would wish to make it a part of our special practices this Lent.

Rules of Fast and Abstinence in Lent

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Furthermore, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, the year of its introduction, Operation Rice Bowl has been an additional source of financial support to the world's destitute people, often in their darkest hour, through the agency of the Catholic Bishops' Relief Services. Throughout lent, Operation Rice Bowl provides a means to pray, fast, learn and share in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. The

Operation Rice Bowl materials have been packaged in a white envelope and are available upon your leaving Church this weekend.

Traveling Icon for Increased Vocations

Looking for a special Lenten practice? We are pleased to suggest your participation in a Program of Prayer for and increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Welcome the traveling icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home for a week and pray daily the provided vocation prayer before it. This exercise can be undertaken by both families and individuals. From your lips there rises your prayer to God's ears for the realization of increased vocations. To volunteer, please call Coordinator Jerry Bugar at 610/383-0561.

Ash Wednesday Afternoon of Reflection

Daylesford Abbey, 220 South Valley Road, Paoli will host an Afternoon of Reflection on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., featuring two conferences, private reflection, private prayer and Mass. Father Joseph A Serano, O. Praem will speak to the call to conversion and our response. Registration is not required. Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted.

Lenten Day of Prayer

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson is planning a Lenten Day of Prayer on Monday, March 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. You are cordially invited to come and spend a day with the Lord during this special time of renewal. Bring a friend. The cost of the day is \$20.00 per person. To register, kindly contact Sister Anna Maria Bilotta at 610/942-4166.

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

The continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the three day period, in observance of the Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion, will take place in St. Joseph Church on Friday through Sunday, March 14th, 15th & 16th. Each day the Solemn Exposition opens at the morning Mass: on Friday and Saturday offered at 9:00 a.m., and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Exposition closes on Friday with Night Prayer at 5:00 p.m.; on Saturday in a simple manner just before the Evening Mass; on Sunday with a Service of Prayer, Procession and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Following the Sunday late afternoon Service, a hearty Lenten Supper will be offered to all participants in the Parish School Hall. Our invitation is extended to young and old to come away for awhile this Lent into the presence of the Eucharistic Christ, and there find spiritual refreshment and upliftment. May this trio of days hold a prominent place in your Lenten agenda.

Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry

We would like to invite you to our first meeting of the year for the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry, to be held in the Sisters' Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue,

on Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join this group established for: the spiritual enrichment of its members; assistance to the Sisters in their ministry to the poor here and abroad. To belong to the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry could be the answer to your desire to do a little more in keeping with the mission-mindedness of our Parish and of the whole Church. For more information, please call 610/380-9229.

St. Stan's Pasta and Panczki Night Rescheduled

The Pasta and Panczki Night, sponsored by nearby St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, has been rescheduled from Tuesday, March 4th, to Tuesday, March 18th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in their School Hall. Circumstances for the winter weather have necessitated this change of date. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad and garlic bread are on the menu as either eat-in or take-out. Take-out patrons are asked to provide their own containers. Filled Polish donuts (panczki) are also available for separate purchase. Proceeds, in part, will benefit Operation Rice Bowl. Cost per dinner is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Enjoy!

Finance Committee

Due to the inclement weather last Wednesday, the Finance Committee meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please mark your calendars.

Wedding Feast



The Lord God always approaches people with trust, as the bridegroom approaches the bride. God waits for us to come forward in the same free, open way. With God there's no room for timidity or legalism. We can come filled with comfort and joy, for in the Lord everything is new. The Spirit of God gives us new life. All at once everything becomes possible. At God's wedding feast with family, friends and neighbors, we can have anything we want if only we ask, "Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses." Amen!

Women's Club News

Change of Meeting Date

Because of the conflict with the date change of the Parish Appreciation Dinner, the Regular Meeting of the Women's Club has been changed to this Sunday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall – weather permitting.

Annual Easter Bazaar & Craft Show Sunday, April 6th

Ann B. Cigas, Chairperson 610/384-2955

Crafters are welcome! If anyone is interested in reserving a table, or know of someone who would like to, please call Ann Cigas

Cost is \$20.00/Table

Work Sessions

Thursday, March 6th Make Kiefli 6:00 PM – Any questions, call Lisa Hillman @610/857-1549

Friday, March 14th Peel potatoes for Pierogies 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 15th Make Pierogies 8:00 AM

Thursday, March 20th Make Kiefli 6:00 PM

Any parishioner or friends are welcome to join us.

Longaberger Basket Bingo

Thank you to all, who in anyway, helped make our First Longaberger Basket Bingo such a great success. Even the weather cooperated! We hope all had a great time and look forward to doing it again.