

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 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

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

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

Anna Levenite (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers Babcock & Hoopes
Euch. Minister Johnson
Lector Bill

Sunday, March 16th, 2003, 10:30 PM

Cecilia Shesko (Andrew & Eleanor Michinok)

Altar Servers Bednar, Rhoades & Lasak
Euch. Ministers Catanese & Krupanski
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, Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, James Dailey and Robert Hamilton and the Deceased: John Buckovecky and Robert Chamberlain.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

A Change of Mass Time

The participation of Father John in a very significant meeting at the Archdiocesan Building in Philadelphia necessitates a change in the time of Mass on Monday of this week. Instead of the usual hour, Mass on Monday, March 10th, will be offered at 8:00 a.m., a full hour earlier. With this accommodation, Father John will be able to take part in an important session dealing with our proposed new regional parochial school. Thank you for your understanding.

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. The Church remains open all throughout the day for your visits. 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. A free will offering will be accepted

to benefit the Comboni Missionary Sisters' ministries. To assist us in approximating the number of guests for Supper, please sign up on the reservation sheet in the back of Church or contact Father John at 610/384-1172.

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. Give this triduum of days a prominent place in your Lenten agenda.

Special Collection This Weekend

The success of the Archdiocesan High Schools has been a tradition for the people of our Archdiocese. From modest beginnings at Roman Catholic High School in 1890 to the completion of the new Bishop Shanahan High School in 1998, the faithful have recognized the importance of vibrant Catholic secondary education. Our twenty-two high schools have been built, sustained and funded through the generosity of parishioners like you, who recognize them as beacons of faith, hope and love for upcoming generations. Your prayers and monetary support enable Catholic education to continue to shine forth in a world that longs desperately for true wisdom and Gospel values. The Second Collection this weekend will benefit the Archdiocesan High Schools.

Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner

This is the weekend of our Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner, rescheduled from February, to be held on Sunday, March 9th, in the historic Revere Tavern, Route 30, Paradise. The Social Hour will begin at 3:00 p.m.; the Dinner itself will be served promptly at 4:00 p.m. Joe Gracia's Polka Express will be on hand to entertain musically. A first-class affair is promised to all participants.

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.

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. Specially marked containers are placed in the back of Church to receive your contributions.

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.

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.

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

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will host a Pasta and Panczki Night in their School Hall on Tuesday, March 18th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. 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!

Our Confirmation Class

Holding a special place in our thoughts and prayers are the young people who comprise our Confirmation Class. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, May 11th, they will complete their sacramental initiation in the household of believers, the Church, the mystical Body of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, come with your sweet, strengthening anointing from above upon our confirmands:

*Brad Ahern
Oli Alfaro
Skylar Babcock
William Hackmeister
Luke Henderson
Amy Hoopes
Christine Hrinak
Jennie Lasak
Alicia McDevitt
Daniel McGraw
Jessica McGraw
Amanda Murphy
Abigail Reczek
Hannah Reczek
Morgan Sibbett*

*Donald Taylor
Stephanie Trumpelman
Jennifer Wolf
Lindsey Harlan
Anna Obendorfer
Nicholas Malavolta
Matthew Persch
Ryan Williams
Jeffery Yearsley
Brian Hart
Joseph Keehn
Jeffrey Schaefer
Kirstan Leyda
Michael Cabry
Michael Roberts*

Make of them modern day Apostles of Christ the Lord!

A Fun Event From the Knights of Columbus

St. Cecilia's Knights of Columbus (Coatesville) invite all to our Knight at the Races on March 29. The fun starts at 7 pm in the LGM Hall at Chester & Harmony Streets (just off Business Route 30 in Coatesville). \$3.00 admission, free food & refreshments. Horses for sale at \$10.00, gets owner in free, \$50.00 if a winner! Call Jim Mostyn 610/383-9888 or Grant Nelson 610/383-6054 for details. All proceeds are distributed to local Charities including Comboni Sisters, CACES Building Fund, CASH Ecumenical Award and many others.

Lent



After the ark, the seedpod of creation that floated in the killing waters, comes the arch, the rainbow that bridges God's plan and human hopes. After the baptismal plunge into Jesus' death comes new life in Christ's resurrection. Jesus says, "Now is the time for hope's fulfillment—repent and believe." Springtime Lent opens us to newness and possibility. The Holy Trinity patiently tends our hopes—nourishing us on the Eucharist. Where do we set our hopes? Do we really want Lent's simple gifts to "come down where we ought to be?"

