

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 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 AM

Cecilia Shesko (Andrew & Eleanor Michinok)

Altar Servers *Bednar, Rhoades & Lasak*
Euch. Ministers *Catanese & Krupanski*
Lector *Frank*

Masses for the week of March 16th, 2002 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Rose Reed (Helen Frankow)
	7 pm	Verna Seymen (Bob & Frances Shesko)
Wednesday	9 am	William Lasak (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Thursday	9 am	Thomas Smyth (Andrea Levenite)
Friday	9 am	Cecilia Shesko (Sylvia Halenar Family)
Saturday	9 am	Julius DiSciullo (Louis & Jeannette DiSciullo)

Saturday, March 22nd, 2003, 6:30 PM

Robert Krempa (The Watterson Family)

Altar Servers *Englund & Hackmiester*
Euch. Minister *Bugar*
Lector *Sara*

Sunday, March 23rd, 2003, 10:30 AM

Mary Shesko (Children, Grandchildren & Great Grands)

Altar Servers *Malavolta, H. Reczek & A. Reczek*
Euch. Ministers *Lasak, Jr. & Nesbitt*
Lector *Al*

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, Robert Hamilton, and David Zelina and the Deceased: James Dailey and Ignatius Novelli.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, March 15th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 23rd, 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.

Reconciliation Weekend Coming

Throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, March 28th & 29th will be observed as Reconciliation Weekend, affording everyone the opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at various designated Catholic Churches on Friday evening and Saturday daytime. Our own St. Joseph Church is the designated Catholic Church for Cluster 42, promising the availability of priests for the hearing of confessions on that Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on that Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m. We pray that many will heed the invitation of Pope John Paul II: "Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ Himself is waiting for you."

Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion

The Annual Eucharistic Forty Hours Devotion concludes this Sunday with the Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass and continuing throughout the afternoon. At 4:00 p.m., all are invited to gather for the Closing Service of Prayer and Scripture, Procession and Benediction, especially remembering the cause of world peace.

After these Closing Exercises, a hearty Lenten Supper, hosted by the Women's Club, will be served to all participants in the nearby School Hall. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Comboni Missionary Sisters' ministries. Please come and share in our breaking of bread and table fellowship with one another.

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. In St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be offered on Wednesdays. 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.

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 provides the time to reflect on the vocation of motherhood while replenishing one's spirit. The registration fee is \$20.00 and includes a boxed lunch. For full details, kindly call Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505. Hope to see you there!

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!

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.

A Religious Musical Treat

Marty Haugen's "Song of Mark", a contemporary musical presentation of the Gospel of Mark, will be produced by the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue, at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday: March 30th and April 6th. The music is uplifting, enjoyable and spiritual all rolled into one delightful program. It is a wonderful family event for the Lenten Season. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for senior citizens and children 12 and under, free for kiddies 3 and under. For more information, call Gail at 610/696-8338.

A Family Perspective

Second Sunday of Lent

Family members have many opportunities to reveal the presence of the glorified Christ. Do we recognize that through the goodness, compassion and forgiveness we bring to ordinary family interactions we allow others to experience God's love?

Test



"Test; test; this is a test." The Lord tries us out, even tantalizes us, before choosing to work with us. God did this with Abraham, with Peter, James and John—even with Jesus! But Jesus, God's own Son, "stands and pleads for us now," that we not be "led

into temptation or put to the test beyond our means." "God is on our side and who now can be against us?" With the Trinity's prompting and our willing obedience during this Lent, we can come closer to salvation.

