

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 29th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (Helen & Phyllis Yankech)

Altar Servers Rhoades & Hoopes
Euch. Minister Claypoole
Lector Elaine

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

Cecilia Shesko (Agnes & Max Sushinski)

Altar Servers Trumpleman, Babcock & Malavolta
Euch. Ministers Hillman & Swinty
Lector Cy

Masses for the week of March 30th, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Edward Reardon (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
	7 pm	Parishioners
Wednesday	9 am	Frank Popovich (Ange Verlin)
Thursday	9 am	Cecilia Shesko (Anne Reshey)
Friday	9 am	Intentions of Phyllis & Bob Reis & Daughters (Van Zanten Family)
Saturday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Ann Maria & Dan McNeilly)

Saturday, April 5th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Joseph Cigas (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers Zelina & Hoopes
Euch. Minister Lasak, Jr.
Lector Sara

Sunday, April 6th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Deceased Shesko, Lonchar & Tolarovich Families
(Neff, Johnson & Reczek Families)

Altar Servers Lasak, Malavolta & Hackmiester
Euch. Ministers Johnson & Bugar
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, Rose Olise, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, Robert Hamilton, David Zelina, Robert Cloud, and Dylan Manning and the Deceased: Father Francis Lewis, Father Paschal Monteleone and Kay Kaminski.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 6th, 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.

Change of Mass Time

Kindly note that our Solemn Procession and Mass of Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 13th, will take place at 10:45 a.m., fifteen minutes later than the usual time. This arrangement offers Father John the opportunity of completing the same Solemn Liturgy earlier in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, a Liturgy which runs a little longer than most Sundays because of the proclamation of the Passion account from Mark's Gospel. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses of that weekend.

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.

A Prayer For Peace

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into Your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we pursue this noble challenge. Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to their loved ones. Let Your heavenly wisdom direct our world leaders that, through their negotiations, harmony and justice may be secured. Let us all, in some way, be an instrument of Your peace, replacing fear with love and despair with hope. Amen.

Catholic Social Services

The Archdiocesan Catholic Social Services has marriage, family and individual counseling available at the Downingtown Family Service Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. For full details and to make an appointment, contact Joyce Kleiber, L.C.S.W. at 610/269-4060.

For Your Television Viewing

"Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi" will be premiering on the Hallmark Channel, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Palm Sunday, April 13th. This program was filmed on location in Central Italy (Umbria), and offers a compelling new interpretation of the life of one of the best known, most loved and least understood figures in religious history. It is based on the recent biography by Donald Spoto, and produced by Emmy Award winner Pamela Mason Wagner. This documentary ably combines journalism and art to cover the great saint's complex career.

CASES CYO Cheerleading Tryouts

Tryouts for the Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School 2003-2004 Cheerleading Squads will be conducted on April 7th, 8th, and 10th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at South Brandywine Middle School. Girls entering Grades 5 thru 8 in September, who are registered members of our Parish, are eligible to tryout. A brief parent meeting will be held prior to tryouts on April 7th. For additional information, contact the Athletic Director at 610/384-6477.

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.

Camp Neumann: An Archdiocesan Facility

Camp Neumann in Jamison, Bucks County, operates a summer day and residential camp during the months of June, July and August. Registration may be for one week or more, including the full eight week season. Camp Neumann offers swimming, boating, archery, arts and crafts, sports, nature lore, drama, Native American history and much more. The young campers live in a safe Christian atmosphere supervised by seminarians, teachers, college students and selected high school students. For a free brochure, write to Stephen M. Taylor, Director, Camp Neumann, P.O. Box 297,

Jamison, PA 18929. Camp Neumann will hold an Open House on Sunday, April 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come visit.

Volunteers For Teaching English

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at the Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester on Tuesday, April 2nd, Thursday, April 3rd and Tuesday, April 8th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-8222.

Longaberger Basket Bingo

St. Martha Manor, 470 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, will host a Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, April 6th; beginning with early bird games at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each for 20 games. Please call 610/873-8490 for advanced ticket purchases. Come enjoy the food, fun and a chance to win a stuffed Longaberger Basket from an exceptional selection.

Hospital/Nursing Home Stays

A recently enacted law has affected the longstanding practice of hospitals and nursing facilities to provide information to churches about parishioners who are patients/residents. Because of that new law, the priests and the staff in the Parish office may not promptly learn, or may not learn at all, that a member of the parish has been admitted to a hospital (nursing facility). If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized (or enter a long-term care facility or assisted, independent living or residential facility) and you want the parish office to know, please personally, (or through a friend or family member) contact the office promptly and identify the patient/resident, the hospital (nursing facility) and the room number. Because all area hospitals (nursing facilities) may not have the same policies allowing the priest of the Parish to know when members are patients/residents, direct notice to the Parish from you or your family is a better approach. If the parish office does not receive word, the priest will do his best to obtain information about parishioners, but hospitals (nursing facilities) are limited in their opportunity to give out information.

A Family Perspective

Fourth Sunday of Lent

God has chosen to dwell among us. Do we allow the light of God's goodness and truth to be reflected in family relationships? How does our family life inspire others to believe?

Living Waters



Today and the next two Sundays are the scrutinies. We, God and the Church, look closely at ourselves to see how we are following the Lord. How thirsty are we for the living waters offered by Jesus? Do each of us realize that the Lord is the way, the truth and the life? Do we, do you, witness to his place in your life? Our faith is based on this witness, and on that of our ancestors who have been touched and nourished by the risen Lord. We sponsor and encourage each other in our faith. Lord, help us!

Finance Committee Meeting

Our Parish Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday of this week, April 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Rectory. All members are encouraged to attend.

Women's Club News

There will be a meeting of the Women's Club of St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish School Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. We especially welcome the participation of those attending for the first time.

