

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, April 19th, 2003, 7:30 PM

Parishioners

Euch. Ministers Krupanski & Johnson
Lectors Elaine & Kathleen

Sunday, April 20th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Ms. Jennie Obuch

Euch. Ministers Swinty & Nesbitt
Lector Laura

Masses for the week of April 20th, 2003 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Saturday, April 26th, 2003, 6:30 PM

George Lahm (The Branson Family)

Altar Servers Trumpleman & Hackmiester
Euch. Minister Bugar
Lectors Frank

Sunday, April 27th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecilia Shesko (The Reczek Family)

Altar Servers Englund, Malavolta, & Babcock
Euch. Ministers Claypoole & Hillman
Lectors Cy

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 Guisepppe, 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, David Zelina, and Dylan Manning and the Deceased: Father Francis Morrison and Clarence Maurer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 27th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

2003 Catholic Charities Appeal

As we joyously celebrate the glory of Easter, we are reminded of the remarkable gift of salvation given to us through Our Lord Jesus' love. On May 4th, please, open your heart in a similar manner in responding to our sisters and brothers in need throughout the five counties of the Archdiocese. Support the *2003 Catholic Charities Appeal*. Thousands in our communities are annually served by virtue of the generosity of those that support the Appeal. The services made possible may be more far-reaching than you realize, as real people with real needs are assisted. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is of significant importance in funding programs and services which make available vital resources to both young and old. The Appeal Campaign runs through the greater part of May. Please take the time to consider prayerfully your response to the *Catholic Charities Appeal* this year.

Easter Greetings

May you and your loved ones be caught up in the wondrous joy that marks this Day of Jesus' Resurrection. Much peace and hope, every grace and blessing from the risen Savior be given to all.

Hold fast to that unfailing love by which all our woeful crosses become as unfading crowns. Sincere greetings for a “*Happy and Glorious Easter*” come to you from Father John Oulds, Father John Hagen, O.S.A., Father Joseph Hasieber, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

A Table Blessing Before the Easter Meal

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, on this high feast we gather together to celebrate Your victory over sin and death. It was in the breaking of bread that Your disciples recognized You. As we break bread together, help our hearts to see You among us. We ask that You bless these Easter foods and bless all who partake of them. May we, who come together to celebrate this holy feast, continue to celebrate the joy of Your Resurrection until You raise us as well and lead us to Your heavenly banquet, for You are Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Agnes High School Reunion

St. Agnes High School graduates are invited to a reunion at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Wednesday, May 7th; from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Join in the formal dedication of the Monsignor Schuyler Library. Light refreshments and a Prayer Service blessing the St. Agnes graduates will be a part of the evening. Please call Maureen Morin at 610/343-6255, if you did not receive an invitation.

CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon 2003

On Sunday, May 18th, our own Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be holding the CACES Paces Walk-A-Thon. The event will take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown. Funds raised will go directly toward the construction of our new regional parochial school. Please show your support for the Capital Campaign by sponsoring a child, volunteering your time at the walk, donating “prizes” and/or making baked goods for sale. Kindly contact Candy Whitehead at 610/384-0685 for more information on how you can help. Thank you!

CACES Annual Golf Outing

Get your foursome together for the CACES 10th Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, May 16th, at 1:00 p.m., on the facilities of the Honey Brook Golf Club. The fee is \$95.00 per golfer, which will include lunch, dinner, beverages, prizes and the

game itself. Proceeds from the event go to the Development Fund of our Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. For additional information, kindly call Patrick Sullivan at 610/383-6403.

The Joey Reis Memorial Scholarship Fund Family Nite

Joey Reis was a beloved member of the Coatesville Catholic Class of 2002. Joey passed away in September after bravely battling cancer for almost two years, and a scholarship fund is being established in his name. His friends would like to invite you and your family to an Evening of Fellowship with dancing, games, snacks and fun at the Schneider Parish Center in Parkesburg, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 26th. On this occasion, the Raffle Ticket Drawing will take place. All ages are invited; admission is free. Donations are welcome. If you would like to help, make a donation or need more information, please contact Marie Lentz at 610/384-4312 or Effie Svokos at 610/384-4662.

Archdiocesan Marian Tribute

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia will conduct their Annual May Procession on Mother’s Day, May 11th, from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend and pay homage to Mary, the Mother of God. Appropriate banners are welcome. First communicants are requested to wear their First Holy Communion dresses and suits, and walk with the May Queen. The rosary will be prayed for the intention of peace. For additional details, please call 215/561-1313.

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.

Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Task Force

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has a deep desire to meet the pastoral needs of the Hispanic Catholic community. With the growing number of Hispanic people in the metropolitan area, the local Church wishes to take a fresh look at this important ministry. Strengthening and developing the faith of all God’s people is part of Pope John Paul II’s

vision for a new evangelization of all the Americas. Our Cardinal-Archbishop has approved the formation of a Hispanic Ministry Task Force, consisting of clergy, religious and laity, to establish a comprehensive vision for ministry to the Hispanic community. The Task Force wants to hear your voice. In the near future, you will receive further information regarding listening sessions that will be held in each Vicariate. This is an opportunity for you to offer your input, suggestions and observations to members of the Task Force. Your participation is encouraged.

Special Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, April 26th-27th, we participate in a special appeal for mission parishes in the United States and its dependencies. This appeal strengthens the Church at home by supporting Catholic communities in need. It enables Catholic parishes with few resources to provide Mass, sacraments and religious education for their congregants. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal gives us a chance to respond to the risen Christ's call to love our neighbor. Please give generously as we attempt to help small parishes keep their doors open.

A Prayer For Peace

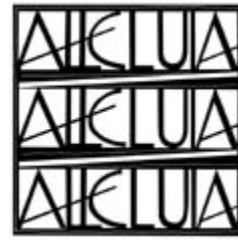
Almighty God, Creator of all things, we place our request for world peace into Your hands. Continue to be our refuge and our strength as we pursue this noble challenge. Bless with Your divine protection our servicemen and women. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Bring them safely home to 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.

A Family Perspective

Easter Sunday

We are risen with Christ, anointed like Him with the Holy Spirit and called to follow His Way by "going about doing good." In the domestic church of the family, do we recognize the presence and power of the Risen Christ in the good we do for one another?

Alleluia!



Alleluia! Our praise word has been silent for forty days. Alleluia means "Praise Ye, Lord," and we sing it out in joyful trinities today. Praise is as common to our liturgical life as petition, but we tend to overlook it. The eucharistic prayer at the heart of the Mass is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving—which teaches us something about the order of such prayer. Praising God is naturally followed by litanies of reasons flowing from grateful hearts. Our responsorial psalms, interspersed throughout the Easter Vigil and sung at every Mass, dance with the opportunity to give praise to the One who keeps all promises. Alleluia

