

# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM

George Lahm (The Branson Family)

Altar Servers Trumpleman & Hackmiester  
Euch. Minister Bugar  
Lectors Frank

### Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecilia Shesko (The Reczek Family)

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

Masses for the week of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph Church.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Paul & Ernestine Popovich (Ange Verlin)
Wednesday	9 am	Helen Bortnyck (Friend)
Thursday	9 am	Mark Skalka (Friend)
Friday	9:30 am	Verna Seymen (Mary Byerley & Mary Lou Callahan)
Saturday	9 am	Special Intention

## Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (Andrew & Mary Benkovich)

Euch. Ministers Catanese  
Lectors Elaine

## Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 10:30 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants

Euch. Ministers Nesbitt & Johnson  
Lectors First Communicants

## 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, Dylan Manning and Joseph Wasko and the Deceased: Frank Conahan and Irene Budzik.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

## 2003 Catholic Charities Appeal

Next Sunday, May 4, 2003 is *Catholic Charities Appeal* Sunday. The significant impact the Appeal is able to make in our communities is largely made possible by the collective support of everyday parishioners. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is of great importance.

### *Where Do Your Donations Go?*

When you make a donation to the *Catholic Charities Appeal*, 95 cents of every dollar goes directly to the agencies and programs funded by the Appeal. Your dollars truly make a difference.

What happens to the other 5 cents? This is used for administrative purposes such as the printing and mailing of brochures, donor cars, letters and open house events and much more

This year, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal, as you will be helping over 250,000 of your neighbors in need.

Visit [www.cca-phl.org](http://www.cca-phl.org) or call 215/587-3651 for more information.

### **Remembering Our Military Overseas**

Do you have someone in your family or among your friends, do you perhaps know of a person who has a relative currently serving in our American Armed Forces in Iraq? If so, we invite you to place the name of the service man or woman on the Prayer Remembrance Board located in the Church vestibule. Those listed names will act as a reminder to us all to continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers the dedicated United States military who remain at risk in Iraq, until the day of their return to loved ones at home. Such an instrument as the Prayer Remembrance Board “puts a face” on those who nobly uphold the cause of liberty and freedom in the name of our country. May God bless and protect them!

### **St. Agnes High School Reunion**

St. Agnes High School graduates are invited to a reunion at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Archdiocesan Marian Tribute**

The Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia will conduct their Annual May Procession on Mother’s Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 Home Missions Appeal**

This weekend, 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.

### **Aid For Friends**

The Aid for Friends Program is in need of a volunteer who will deliver meals, obtained from the parish Aid for Friends freezer, one a week to a

person residing in Parkesburg. For information, please call Ellen at 610/384-7160. Thank you!

### **Attention, Senior Citizens!**

The Coatesville Area Senior Center, 22 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coatesville, will be hosting a Medicare Fraud Information Session at 1:00 p.m., on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is important that all senior citizens know their rights concerning Medicare. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### **Five Wishes: Making Decisions For the Future Now**

St. Joseph Parish Health Ministry, based in Downingtown, invites people 18 and older to prepare for holy moments. An informative program on Advance Directives and the Five Wishes Living Will, inspired by Mother Teresa's care of the dying, will be presented on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish Meeting Center of St. Joseph Church, Downingtown. If you have questions about the program, kindly call Sharon Fitzpatrick at 610/873-3564.

### **Senior Expo**

Nearly 50 exhibitors including free health screenings, PennDOT, Department of Aging and many, many more, will comprise a Senior Expo to be conducted in St. Joseph Parish Gymnasium, 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is sponsored by our State Legislators: Senator Bob Thompson, Senator John Rafferty, Representative Tim Hennessey and Representative Curt Schroder. Free refreshments will be served. All interested parties are most welcome to stop by. For more information, contact 610/380-8600.

### **Two Sundays of Blessed Events Upcoming**

Please be reminded that the next two Sundays hold significant sacramental occasions in the life of our parish Family. At the morning Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup>, twenty of our younger parishioners will approach the Table of the Lord for the very first time to receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ. The following Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, welcomes His Excellency, the Most Reverend Martin N. Lohmuller to our 10:30 a.m. Mass for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty members of our parish. Certainly, we keep our first communicants and confirmands in our thoughts and prayers as they draw ever closer to the full likeness of Christ.

### **Our Most Sincere Appreciation**

The committed effort, loyal dedication and varied talents of so many have shown forth in the care, beauty, prayerfulness and perfection of our celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday, just recently passed. It was as though something dazzling and bejeweled from heaven fell on earth, at the corner of Charles Street and Hope Avenue, throughout those eight days of special liturgical observance. Our deepest appreciation is extended to all whose personal contribution of time, ability and energy made possible our encountering the Lord so meaningfully in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. God love you!

### **A Family Perspective**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Each baptized member of the Christian family continues Christ's healing presence in the home and community by a consistent willingness to forgive and to work toward reconciliation and peace.

### **Witnesses**



The apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, even Thomas, the doubter. "This witness is recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, Son of God." Tradition is the handing on of this first-hand witness of those who saw from the beginning till each of us now. "Happy and blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe." Our faith is based on witnesses. We cry with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" May the Lord strengthen us and give us his peace. Peace be with you!