

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, May 24th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Steve & Sophie Zelina
(Reynolds, Romanowski & Zelina Families)

Euch. Ministers Johnson
Lector Elaine

Sunday, May 25th, 2003, 10:30 AM

John & Anna Saska (Bob & Ann Hamilton Family)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Hillman
Lector Laura

Masses for the week of May 25th, 2003 will be offered at St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9:30 am	Memorial Day Mass
Tuesday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Wednesday	9 am	Frank Popovich (Helen Frankow)
	7 pm	Rev. Cyril Ponisciak (The Parish Family)
Thursday	9 am	Cecilia Ahrens (Anne Reshey)
Friday	9 am	Special Intention
Saturday	9 am	Verna Seymen (Dorothy Weller)

Saturday, May 31st, 2003, 6:30 PM

Cecilia Ahrens (Mary & Ray Sieracki)

Euch. Minister Hillman
Lector Kathleen

Sunday, June 1st, 2003, 10:30 AM

Cecilia Shesko (The Neff Family)

Euch. Ministers Swinty & Claypoole
Lector John

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, Joseph Wasko, Joseph Toth, and John Cisarik and the Deceased: Mary Walus and Agnes Cigas.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, May 24th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, June 1st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Ascension Thursday: Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday of this week, May 29th, marks the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation. Forty days after His Easter Resurrection, Jesus returns to the glory of His heavenly home and the right hand of His Father. It is a farewell that promises the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Lord's disciples.

Holy Day Masses will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m., and

on Ascension Thursday itself at 9:00 a.m., with the 5th through 8th grade pupils of our parochial school participating.

In nearby St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Masses for the Holy Day will be offered on Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Perhaps these alternate times will be more conducive to your personal schedule.

Memorial Day Mass

Our Nation observes Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. In keeping with the spirit of the holiday, an outdoor Mass will be celebrated on the hallowed grounds of St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Waterworks Road, West Caln Township, at 9:30 a.m. participants are asked to bring their own folding chair and to gather at the Pieta Shrine on the upper left hand side of the cemetery. The festive Mass will be especially offered for the military dead of our country's wars, as well as for our beloved dead at rest in the cemetery. At 9:00 a.m., the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post customarily conduct their observance, complete with a gunfire salute.

If the weather that morning does not cooperate, our Memorial Day Mass moves indoors to St. Joseph Church at the same announced hour of 9:30 a.m. We are hopeful that many will attend.

2003 Catholic Charities Campaign

Our 2003 *Catholic Charities Campaign* is fast approaching its end and we still have not reached our goal of \$10,500.00. To date we have collected \$6,994.00 - \$3,506.00 to go!

Given the challenging economic times we are currently facing, your support of this year's Catholic Charities Appeal is more important than ever.

Out of 356 Households in our Parish, we have heard from "63"!! Only 18%. Last year 38.9% of us participated.

With your assistance we will reach our goal and continue to provide much needed assistance to those in need. May we hear from you this weekend??

Catholic Social Services of Chester County: Pregnancy Supportive Services

Parenting is the most challenging and rewarding experience families face. Our staff and volunteers provide support and education to help parents throughout pregnancy and during the first years of life. Our experienced social workers offer comprehensive pregnancy and parenting services at client's homes and at our Family Services Centers. We provide free and confidential pregnancy testing, assistance to obtain medical insurance and to access prenatal care. We provide help to obtain diapers, formula, car seats and other baby items. For parents considering placing their baby for adoption, our Adoption Services help find a stable and loving home. For parents raising their children, we provide individualized instruction, supplemented with educational resources and classes about child development, safety, nutrition and positive discipline.

If we can help in any way, we encourage you to call our Family Services Centers: at 610/269-4060, 141 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335, or at 610/869-6500, 105 Prospect Avenue, West Grove, PA 19390. We gladly accept donations of diapers, sized newborn to 6, infant formula and cereal, infant and toddler new clothing, baby furniture and toys. Our Baby Cupboards are in need of volunteers to organize and distribute our baby supplies and to offer support to pregnant and parenting women through listening, mentoring, and any other supportive services.

St. Vincent de Paul Society's Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Parkesburg on Friday, June 20th to Tuesday, June 24th from 9 am to 2 pm each day, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods, beds and bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books and small appliances in good working order. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot of the location noted above. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick-up service for furniture, large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215/288-8160. Thank you for Helping us Help others.

Summer Institute in Theology, Spirituality and Scripture

The College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ, will hold its annual Summer Institute July 13-24. There will be courses that can be taken for credit or audit. Excellent presenters and opportunities for prayer and community will take place in the atmosphere of peace and beauty that the campus will offer to all who come. For more information and to receive a brochure, please call 973/290-4300/4364 or visit our website at www.csespirit.org.

Comboni Yard Sale

The Comboni Sisters Lay Ministers are sponsoring a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Sisters' Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue. Featured will be children's clothes, kitchen items and miscellaneous merchandise to benefit our poor. All are welcome!

News From Bishop Shanahan High School

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, and Dr. Richard Fuller offer a Summer Learning Experience in three areas: Algebra I (Grades 7-9); "Critical Thinking and Study Skills" and the most comprehensive PSAT/SAT program (Grades 8-12). For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or the School Office at 610/518-1300.

A Family Perspective

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Within the domestic church of the family we first learn of Christ's commandment to love one another as God has loved us. How do we help each other to experience God's love and to live the commandment to "lay down one's life"?

Love One Another



Cancer, diabetes, AIDS or heart disease will never destroy the human race, but the assumption we can solve problems by violence can easily ruin us. Jesus said, "Remain in my love. Keep my commands . . . I

tell you this that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." Violence and fear come from hate, but peace and joy come from love; they are fruits of God's Spirit. We do not fear even disease if we love one another. After all, what would we have to lose?

The Gift of Treasure

Stewardship of treasure, the correct handling of God's gifts, is the why of our giving. As God has prospered you, so should you return to Him a fair, reasonable portion of those gifts.

