

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, September 6th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Julian & Joanna Saska)

Altar Servers *Malavolta & Babcock*
Euch. Minister *Hillman*
Lector *Elaine*

Sunday, September 7th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Verna Seymen (Debbie & Lindsey Harlan)

Altar Servers *Neff, Rhoades & Hackmiester*
Euch. Ministers *Johnson & Claypoole*
Lector *Frank*

Masses for the week of September 7th, 2003 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Saturday, September 13th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Rose Olise (Mary & Raymond Seracki)

Altar Servers *Bednar & S. Reczek*
Euch. Minister *Bugar*
Lector *Kathleen*

Sunday, September 14th, 2003, 10:30 AM

William & Edward Lasak (Mary Czirjak)

Altar Servers *Hoopes, Trumbleman & Lasak*
Euch. Ministers *Catanese & Nesbitt*
Lector *Laura*

Your Prayers Are Requested

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the Sick: Julia Esposito, 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, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Joseph Nesbitt, David Riley, Francis Seymen, Betty Kinnier, David Zelina, Dylan Manning, Joseph Wasko, John Cisarik, Robert Shesko, Ann Reshey, Joan Mitros, and the Deceased: Rita and Frank Baldwin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 7th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 13th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Celebrating With the Comboni Missionary Sisters

In anticipation of the Solemn Canonization of their Founder, Daniel Comboni, Missionary Bishop to Africa, the Comboni Missionary Sisters in Coatesville, together with the Comboni Missionary Family, cordially invite you to a special Festive Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 14th, at 3:00 p.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 80 South 17th Avenue. The Mass itself will hold several interesting and beautiful features which will leave a lasting impression upon those in attendance. The Sisters would be delighted to have you share in their pride and joy at this singular occasion honoring a new Saint of the Church. Refreshments

will be served in Rosary Hall immediately following the Mass.

Choir Sign-Up

Sign-up for both the Adult and Children's Choirs will take place after Mass this weekend (9/6-9/7). The first practice will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, in the church choir loft, at 6:45 p.m. for the children and at 7:30 p.m. for the adults. We will then go on a weekly Tuesday night schedule if possible.

New members are welcome and encouraged to join. The Children's Choir ranges in age from 5 to 13 years old, and there is no age limit for the Adult Choir. Experience or the ability to read music is not required, just the desire to sing.

If you have any questions, Susan Sandoski, the Choir Director, will be available after Mass or she can be reached at 610/383-5768.

Local 9-11 Observance

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 are etched into our minds forever. We remember those whose lives were lost that day, as well as those who serve to protect us domestically. At noon, on Thursday of this week, there will be a gathering by the flagpole at City Hall for a brief Prayer Vigil. Everyone is invited to participate, especially those of military and emergency services. Also, Church bells will ring at appropriate times in the morning and at noon in observance of Patriot Day.

PSAT/SAT Program For Grades 9-12

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown and Dr. Richard Fuller are offering a fall learning experience in the most comprehensive PSAT/SAT program for Grades 9-12. For more information, call Dr. Fuller at 610/275-9660 or BSHS at 610/518-1300.

Parents And Teens Program

Are you looking for ways to create more satisfying and productive relationships with your teens? Sister Ann Marie Stegmaier, I.H.M., coordinator of Parenting Programs at the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, will be offering a parenting Teenagers Workshop at the Downingtown Office of Catholic Social Services on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 30th. The cost of the Program is \$60.00, which includes registration and a parent handbook for each parent or couple. For

further information or to register, please call 610/660-9002.

Practice SAT 1 Exam and Tuition Help Classes

Any high school student planning on taking the SAT 1 Exam will have a rare opportunity to practice their skills without the specter of college admissions hanging over their heads, while parents can learn how to stay solvent paying for college. On Saturday, September 27th, at 9:00 a.m., in Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a full practice SAT 1 Exam with score analysis. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The test begins at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. The donation is \$10.00. The practice exam allows college-bound students to execute and take the test without jeopardizing their admissions scores and eligibility for grants and scholarships, while giving each student concrete evidence of his or her strengths and weaknesses.

Parents who want to learn what they need to do before college and not lose what they are entitled to receive can attend one of the free College Info Nights and Tuition Help Classes conducted in the Red Rose Inn, West Grove on Tuesday, September 23rd, or the Towne House Restaurant, Media on Thursday, September 25th. Both sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. The Knights have arranged for the nation's leading authority, Complete College Services, Inc., to give the class and afterwards answer any questions concerning college admissions and funding. For information or to register for either event, please call 610/869-3829.

A Passionist Parish Mission Coming

The year of the 75th founding of our Parish prompted our holding a nearly week long Parish Mission – that was 1999. The passage of four years finds us more than ready to conduct a subsequent Parish Mission fostering a time of renewal and recommitment, a moment of refreshment for the soul. Father Edward Wolanski, C.P., a preaching veteran, will direct our Passionist Parish Mission from October 18th to October 23rd, 2003. Our Mission Director plans to speak at the weekend Masses, introducing himself and his theme. Then Father Ed will be featured twice daily, Monday through Thursday, in the morning and in the evening. Full details will be announced shortly. For now, please set aside this significant week, tuning

out needless distractions that the voice of Christ might gain our fullest attention.

Something Special For Women

The Dominican Retreat House, Elkins Park will host a special program for women in four segments entitled "Soul Sisters: Women Called to Connect, Bond and Heal in a Broken World" on the weekend of October 10th-12th, 2003. Participants will look at the journeys of women in Sacred Scripture, as well as the struggles and courage of contemporary women, under the direction of international speaker, writer and poet, Edwina Gately. For full details, please call Sister Connie at 215/782-8520. A brochure is available for the asking.

Are You Interested in The Catholic Faith?

Our RCIA Group is forming for adults inquiring into the beliefs and the practices of the Roman Catholic Faith. The sessions are conducted weekly, beginning in October, on a day and at a time mutually convenient for all. We cordially welcome any who may never have had a church affiliation, those of another religious denomination who wish to explore the possibilities of Catholicism for themselves and fellow Catholics who feel the need for further religious instruction, especially if lacking earlier Sacraments. Our program is a very user-friendly experience. For more information or to register, kindly call Father John at 610/384-1172.

A Family Perspective

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like the friends of the deaf man, do we bring the sufferings of our families to Jesus and beg for his healing touch?

Women's Club News

The raffle drawing to benefit Dylan Manning was held in the school hall Sunday, 8/31. The three winners were: 3rd prize, a DVD player, was won by James Sillhart of Devon; 2nd prize, a Longaberger basket, was won by Linda Belmonte of Coatesville; and the 1st prize, \$500 cash, was won by M. Antonelli of Forestville. The Women's Club wishes to thank all those who contributed in any way to make this fundraiser a success. We were able to raise \$3005.00 through donations and tickets sold.

I would like to thank all the parishioners for their participation in this worthy cause; many of you took extra raffle books to sell at work, to neighbors and family. This campaign could not have been

successful without you. I would also like to thank Andy Levenite for composing the heartfelt letter that went out to all the parishioners.

The participation by the St. Joseph's Church family goes to prove that when our parish members are in need "The Family" is here to help.

Donations can still be made to the "Dylan James Manning Foundation" by placing them in the collection basket or mailing them directly to the foundation at: 601 Glen Run Drive, Atglen, PA. 19310. For more information log on to www.djsfoundation.org.

Tricia Swinty, President

Women's Club Meeting

The First meeting for the Women's Club will be Sunday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the School Hall. We will be planning for the cooking session for the Christmas Bazaar. All women of the parish are welcome to join us. Come and see what the Women's Club is all about.

2nd Annual Longaberger Bingo

The Women's Club will be hosting its 2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo on Sunday, October 5th in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of September 5th after each Mass, or you can call Tricia Swinty 610/383-1615, Leslie Hoopes 610/857-4224 or Pat Babcock 610/857-3096. ***Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, purchase your tickets early.***

Other Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Bazaar – Sunday, November 23

Christmas at St. Joe's – Sunday, December 7