

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 20th, 2003, 6:30 PM

Verna Seymen (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers	Rhoades & Hackmiester
Euch. Minister	Lasak, Jr.
Lector	Sara

Sunday, September 21st, 2003, 10:30 AM

John Yankech (Mother, Sister & Brothers)

Altar Servers	Englund, Malavolta & H. Reczek
Euch. Ministers	Krupanski & Seymen
Lector	Cy

Masses for the week of September 21st, 2003 will be offered in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, September 27th, 2003, 6:30 PM

William Bedrick (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Altar Servers	Hoopes & Trumpelman
Euch. Minister	Swinty
Lector	Kathy

Sunday, September 28th, 2003, 10:30 AM

Joseph & Rose Hallman (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)

Altar Servers	Babcock, Lasak & A. Reczek
Euch. Ministers	Lasak & Seymen
Lector	Phillip

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, and Joan Mitros.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, September 21st, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, September 27th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available anytime upon request.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

There are still some parishioners who have not picked up their **WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** which are located in the rear of the church in front of the Baptismal Room and Crying Room.

It would be a great help to us if you can pick up and deliver envelopes still there of relatives or friends. It is very important to the fiscal operation of our parish, that all our parishioners faithfully fill their envelopes each week. The parish operates just like your home, the bills come in, and the bills must be paid. In order to meet our financial responsibilities this year, we are asking that each parishioner raise their weekly offering to \$7.00.

Thank you. Finance Committee

Special Appeal on September 27th & 28th

The Second Collection next weekend, September 27th & 28th, is the Annual Appeal for the Care of Aging and Ill Diocesan Priests. Thanks to the financial support of the faithful, the Archdiocese is able to maintain two excellent facilities to shelter our elderly and sickly clergy, one in Darby and the other in Warminster. Your generous response to this appeal is greatly appreciated and offers you, in turn, a remembrance in the prayers of the priestly recipients of your charity.

Heartfelt Congratulations to Ann Cigas!

From time to time, members of the clergy and laity are uniquely acknowledged for their active, selfless, faithful participation in the life of the Church. On such occasions, they become the distinguished recipient of Papal honors by

designation of the Holy Father himself. On Monday evening of this week September 22nd, in impressive ceremonies at the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Ann Cigas, our parishioner, will receive the singular Papal honor: The Cross, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (for Church and the Pontiff). With pride and joy, we applaud her being selected for this honor, of which she is most deserving. Over the years, countless have been Ann's contributions to the benefit of our Parish Family and to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our own hearts are filled with gladness to witness her receiving "this mark of high confidence by His Holiness" from the hand of His Eminence, Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua. Sincerest congratulations to you Ann, as well as to your family who have been a source of encouragement for you!

National Life Chain

Please mark your calendar to join with fellow parishioners and dedicated neighbors in the Coatesville link of the National Life Chain on Sunday, October 5th, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., on Business Route 30, in front of the St. Cecilia School Building. The "life chain" consists of forming a human chain of silent prayer for one hour to increase awareness and show commitment for the dignity of all human life. Help make the life-supporting testimony of the chain a success and encourage the participation of your family and friends.

Romantic Dinners Being Served

Attention, all married couples! You are warmly invited to a free Romantic Dinner being served on Saturday, October 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, Wayne. Come and enjoy a quiet, reflective dinner for two while finding out what a marriage Encounter Weekend is all about. To make your dinner reservation, call John & Marleen Babiec at 610/918-1550. Act today! This invitation is limited to the first 20 married couples who accept.

News From Malvern Preparatory School

The Malvern Preparatory School announces its Academic Scholarship/Entrance Exam for 6th and 9th Grades at 8:45 a.m. on October 25th or October 26th. An Open House for parents will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on both days. A pre-registration is required by calling 484/595-1173. For more information, visit the website at www.malvernprep.org.

Passionist Parish Mission Set For October

The week of October 18th through October 23rd brings to St. Joseph Church a Passionist Parish Mission with its theme, "*I Will Be With You Always*". During the course of this week of renewal, we will be under the direction of Father Edward Wolanski, a member of the congregation of the Passion popularly known as the Passionists. A Passionist for 35 years, Father Wolanski has been ordained a priest for 31 years, preaching missions, retreats, novenas and days of recollection throughout the United States and Canada. For several years, Father Wolanski worked in Radio and Television Ministry, and has held several administrative positions for his Congregation. Full details of our Parish Mission will be forthcoming. For now, please set aside this significant week as a time given over to Christ for spiritual conversation, consolation and companionship.

A Grateful Note From The Comboni Missionary Sisters

The Liturgy for the anticipated Canonization of Blessed Daniel Comboni was a very happy, spirited and moving celebration last Sunday in Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We Sisters would like to thank everyone who attended this celebration, especially those who took an active role in its execution. Of special note was the participation of the superb choirs, the lively Sudanese dancers and the youthful symbol bearers. Also, we thank those who took time to view the posters depicting the life of Blessed Daniel Comboni, to sign the guest book and to enjoy fellowship over the tasty refreshments prepared by Congrega members. Your presence was a great support and encouragement in our together welcoming this new outstanding Missionary Saint into our lives and our parishes. Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to the "Comboni Sisters Lay Ministers" for their inspired dedicated work to implement this celebration. Hooray for Blessed Daniel Comboni! To God be the glory!

The Comboni Missionary Sisters

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.

House of His Creation Event

The House of His Creation Annual Country Auction will be held on Saturday, September 27th, at the Blue Ball Fire Hall, Route 322 just East of Route 23. The auction will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with food and baked goods being sold all day. There will be crafts, quilts, plants, art, collectibles, gift certificates and lots more. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping that will benefit pregnant and parenting young women who have chosen life for their babies. Come and join in a fun-filled day!

Overbrook Weekend Retreat

An Overbrook Weekend Retreat is most helpful for those young men, ages 16 to 40, who are discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood and would like more information about seminary life, prayer and the discernment process. The retreats will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, beginning with dinner at 5:15 p.m. on Friday and ending at 12:00 noon on Sunday. There will be conferences, panel discussions, quiet time, free time for gym or pool, and participation in the community prayer of the seminary. Upcoming Weekend Retreats are scheduled for October 24th-26th and December 5th-7th. For further information, please contact the Vocation Office at 610/667-5778.

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.

Conference on Franciscan Spirituality

A Conference on Franciscan Spirituality will be conducted on Saturday, September 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood. Insights will be given into the spiritual make-up of such notable Franciscan Saints as St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Clare, St. Bonaventure and St. Francis of Assisi. A Festive Mass will be offered at 4:30 p.m. in St. Martin Chapel. Reservations are required; your \$35.00 admission will include lunch. For full information, please call 215/247-2858.

Choir Practice

Our next choir practice for both the children and the adult choir will be in 2 weeks on Tuesday night, 9/30, there will be no choir practice this week. The children begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. and the adults follow at 7:30 p.m. The regular scheduled night has yet to be determined. As soon as I receive all the feedback for what practice night suits a majority of the choir, I will put out a practice schedule.

The first Sunday that the children sing for Mass is currently scheduled for October 5th, which only leaves one practice night (9/30) before they sing. In the past 2 weeks of practice, out of the 30 children that signed up for choir, only half have participated. With the busy Advent and Christmas season quickly approaching, I ask that all parents of the children make an effort to have them attend every week. If the Tuesday night schedule has been the problem, please notify me as to the night of the week that you prefer as we are trying to accommodate the majority.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the evening at 610-383-5768.

*Susan Sandoski
Choir Director*

A Family Perspective 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recalling Jesus' embrace of the little child, family members might reflect on how they treat those who are least important according to the world's standards. Our success in building up the kingdom of Christ is measured by the way in which we treat all the "little ones".

CCD News

Registration for the 2003/2004 CCD year will be held on the next 2 Sundays - September 21st and September 28th - after the 10:30 Mass. Registration will be held in the School Hall. CCD is available to children of the parish from age 4 through the 6th grade. Classes will begin on Sunday October 5th at 9:15am.

Women's Club News

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