

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

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

Rose Kozacheson (The McLaughlin Family)

Euch. Minister Frank Lasak, Jr.
Lector Sara Hoopes

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

Joseph & Mary Nedzia (Bob & MaryAnn Lasak)

Euch. Ministers Jeffrey Nesbitt & Trish Swinty
Lector Laura Henderson

Masses for the week of December 28th, 2003 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted:

Saturday, January 3rd, 2004, 6:30 PM

Thomas Kubala (George & Betty Leusky)

Euch. Ministers Pamela Krupansky
Lector Kathy

Sunday, January 4th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Mary Repak (Max & Agnes Sushinski)

Euch. Ministers Mary Frances Johnson & Chris Claypoole
Lector John

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 Guiseppe, Luigi Baldini, Mary Sabo, Kathryn Magala, Mary Suam, Steve Gregor, Jan Schultz, Andrew Hamara, Charlie Persch, Joanne Krupansky, Mary Kish, Stella Grubb, Robert Hracho, Bertha Amole, Betty Kinnier, Dylan Manning, Joseph Wasko, John Cisarik, Robert Shesko, Ann Reshey, Joan Mitros, Andrea Levenite, Brenda Golden, William McDevitt, Sr., Dominic DiSabatino, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, and Ted McLaughlin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, December 28th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

New Year's Greetings

Father John Hagen, O.S.A., Father Joseph Hasieber, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Comboni Missionary Sisters join with me in extending to you and your cherished ones best wishes for a blessed, happy New Year 2004. May these coming months find you in good health, good spirits and God's good graces always! ~ *Father John Oulds*

A Marian Holy Day on January 1st

New Year's Day, January 1st, marks the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Falling on a Thursday this year, this Marian Feast carries the force of obligation. Therefore, your Mass attendance is *not* optional this day. Masses for the holy day will be offered in St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, December 31st, at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, January 1st, at 10:30 a.m. At the outset of a New Year, like Mary, we ponder the treasures of our God to us, especially the gift of His Son, the Prince of Peace.

A Special Cathedral-Basilica Event

All are invited to participate in a Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer in Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 25, 2004. His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be presiding on this occasion. A rare oil painting of the Divine Mercy image will be on display, on loan from Saint Faustina's religious community at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Krakow. The Hour of Prayer is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

La Vida International

Married couples are needed to adopt orphaned Asian born infants and toddlers. Over 1800 children have been placed with loving adoptive families through the agency of La Vida International, a licensed Pennsylvania non-profit enterprise. For further information, please visit the internet at www.lavida.org. If you prefer direct contact by telephone, feel free to call Lisa at 800/513-1910.

Parochial School Registration

Registration for the school year 2004-2005 at Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School will be held in the Primary Building (St. Cecilia Campus) on Monday, February 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and on Tuesday, February 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A child must be five years old by September 1, 2004 to enter Kindergarten. A child must be six years old by September 1, 2004 to enter First Grade. You will need an original baptismal certificate, immunization records and a letter from your pastor verifying

membership in the parish. There is also a \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee. All parents with pre-school children are invited to an orientation and social in the Primary Building Cafeteria on Monday, February 23rd, at 9:30 a.m.

Our Hearts Are Grateful

God bless those wonderful people of our Parish Family who create a beautiful Christmas for us all! With grateful hearts, we acknowledge the contribution in time, energy and talent of so many in cleaning and decorating the church, in providing the music and in ministering at the altar during the course of this holiday season. The sight and sound, texture and celebration of Christmas at Saint Joseph Church came alive in a remarkable way through the kindness of young and old alike. Our sincerest thank you goes out to them.

A Family Perspective

Holy Family Sunday

Today we pray for the wisdom to understand God's plan for our family. Paul's instruction to "bear with one another and forgive grievances" enable us to trust that even as we struggle with the often difficult challenges of marriage and family life, we remain God's beloved children.

Women' Club News

Women's Club 2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo

Don't know what to get that "hard to shop for" person for Christmas? Give them a ticket to the Women's Club 2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo being held at the St. Joe's School Hall on Sunday, January 18, 2004. Have a fun day and a chance to win a Longaberger basket or pottery. Tickets will be available in the back of the Church starting the weekend of December 13 or call Tricia Swinty 610/383-1615, Pat Babcock 610/857-3096 or Leslie Hoopes 610/857-4224.

2nd Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo

*Sunday, January 18, 2003
St. Joseph's School Hall*

*Doors Open ~ 12 Noon
Early Bird Special ~ 1:30 PM
Regular Bingo ~ 2:00 PM*

Admission - \$20.00

*For Tickets contact:
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