

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, 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

Masses for the week of January 4th, 2004 will be offered at St. Joseph Church as follows:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Augusta Saska (Helen Frankow)
Wednesday	9 am	Rose Olise (Agnes Novotny)
Thursday	9 am	Joan Russnak (Sue & Spencer Dunlap)
Friday	9 am	Salvatore Guida (Merth Family)
Saturday	9 am	Thomas Kubala (Christopher Castle Family)

Saturday, January 10th, 2004, 6:30 AM

David Barnes, Jr. (Andrew & Ann Cigas)

Euch. Ministers Krupanski
Lector Sara

Sunday, January 11th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Frank Conahan (Michael & Kathy Catanese)

Euch. Ministers Lasak, Jr. & Catanese
Lector Kathleen

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 Guiseppa, 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 Saturday, January 3rd, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., just prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request.

Newest Members To The Baptismal Family

Recent weeks have blessed us with three new members to our Household of Faith. By water and the Holy Spirit, they have become the sons and daughter of God, our brothers and sister in Christ. With much happiness, we welcome them:

Zachary Andrew Claypoole, son of Theodore & Christine Claypoole who was baptized on December 13th;
William Laird, III, son of William & Linda Laird, who was baptized on December 21st;
Brianna Irene Ford, daughter of Brian & Holly Ford, who is being baptized on January 4th.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to the newly baptized, their proud parents and delighted Godparents. May every grace and blessing be with Zachary Andrew, William, and Brianna Irene!

An Epiphany Blessing On The Home

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany this weekend. The following is an appropriate prayer to be employed in blessing the home at this special season:

Lord Jesus Christ, You became flesh of the Virgin Mary. Grant that your presence may be known always in this home. We pray:

Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. Like the Magi of old, may they use their talents and abilities to your greatest glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

PSAT/SAT Program

Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown, and Dr. Richard Fuller are offering a winter learning experience in the most comprehensive PSAT/SAT Program in the area for grades 9 through 12. For more information, please call Dr./Fuller at 610/275-9660 or the High School at 610/518-1300. Summer programs for grades 6 through 12 are now forming.

Volunteer English Program

The Volunteer English Program in Chester County will sponsor a three session, nine hour, training workshop for those who wish to tutor English as a second language to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at the Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester on Thursday, January 22nd, Tuesday, January 27th, and Thursday, January 29th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information about this exciting and rewarding volunteer opportunity or to register for the workshop, contact 610/918-9222.

Vigil For Life

Helper of God's Precious Infants is a Catholic initiative promoting the sanctity of human life. They meet every first Saturday of the month to conduct a Vigil for Life at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Saint Agnes Church, West Chester. Mass is followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the local Planned Parenthood facility. You are invited to join their pro-life enterprise. For more information, please call Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

Young Adults Monthly Experience

A special invitation is extended to all young adults for the third Friday of each month to meet for "Two Tables" at the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli. The evening consists of Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m., the Celebration of Mass including post-Communion testimony from young adults at 7:30 p.m., and small group discussions and pizza at 8:45 p.m. For further information, contact Father Steven Albergo at 610/647-2530, Extension 21.

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.

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.

Choir Practice

Choir practice for the Children's Choir will resume this Monday evening, January 5th, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. in preparation to sing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 11th. It will remain on Monday nights at the same time until summer. There will be no practice for the adult choir.

Choir practice for the adults will begin again the following Monday, January 12th, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. We will begin preparing for Lent and Easter which falls early this year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 610/383-5768.

Susan Sandoski
Choir Director

Women' Club News

Women's Club Meeting

The next Women's Club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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:
Tricia Swinty - 610/383-1615
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