

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 10th, 2004, 6:30 PM

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

Masses for the week of January 11th, 2004 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as noted.

Saturday, January 17th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Thomas Kubala (James Griffin Family)

Euch. Minister Tricia Swinty
Lector Bill Swinty

Sunday, January 18th, 2004, 10:30 AM

John Shesko (Anniversary) (Wife Laura Shesko)

Euch. Ministers Lisa Hillman & Francis Seymen
Lector Phillip Hoertz

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, 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., Dominic DiSabatino, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Ted McLaughlin and the deceased: Monsignor Francis Fitzmaurice, Father Michael Bolesta and William McDevitt, Sr.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 11th, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., prior to the Morning Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 17th, 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.

A Message of Appreciation

The kindness of our parishioners at Christmas finds expression in many ways. Especially is this true when I am the grateful recipient of your thoughtfulness and generosity during the holiday. Beautiful, inspirational and joyous are the great number of greeting cards you sent my way. To all the well-wishers, thank you very much! Thank you, too, for the various spiritual enrollments and Masses from which I received benefit! These are deeply appreciated. What would the holidays be like without baked goods and sweet treats? These, likewise, happily came to me from the goodness of many hearts. And there were other generous remembrances which I received and for which I am most appreciative. Thank you many times over for your wonderful kindness! May God's blessing be with each and everyone!

Father John Oulds

Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st, 2004 in the Rectory. Information will be forwarded to members next week. If you are unable to attend, please call Ann Cigas.

Dates of Sacramental Importance

Parents of our eligible children are reminded that the Celebration of First Penance will take place on Thursday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in St. Joseph Church. Sunday, May 2nd, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, marks the blessed occasion of First Holy Communion in the parish for these same youngsters. A Parents' Meeting will soon be scheduled, providing important insights and necessary information in preparation for these twin events.

Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry

"A New Year has dawned, and new activities will be or are scheduled for the year." Yes, you are cordially invited to the

first meeting of 2004 for the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry. To be held in the Sisters' Convent, 58 South 6th Avenue, on Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:30 p.m. The group's purpose is to enrich spiritually each member, and to help the Sisters in their ministry to the poor here and abroad. To belong to the Comboni Missionary Sisters Lay Ministry could be the answer to your desire to do a little more in keeping with the mission-mindedness of our Parish and for the whole Church. For more information, please call 610/380-9229.

The Parenting of Younger Children

Sister Ann Marie Stegmaire, I.H.M., Coordinator for Parenting Programs for the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, will be offering a Parenting Young Children Under Six Workshop at the Downingtown Office of Catholic Social Services. The Workshop will be conducted on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., beginning February 10th. 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. The deadline to register is January 30, 2004.

Pro-Life Activities

January 22nd marks the 31st Anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision allowing the legalization of abortion to take hold in our land. We list below a number of ways for pro-life people to commemorate this anniversary by joining with others in prayer and witness:

Chester County March for Life on Sunday, January 18th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. from St. Agnes Church, New & Gay Streets, West Chester to the County Courthouse for a short program entitled "Celebrate Babies Saved".

March for Life on Thursday, January 22nd, heading to Washington, D.C. from various Chester County Sites, by way of buses coordinated by Tom Bones at 610/993-0331.

Life Chain in West Chester on Thursday, January 22nd, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Chester County Courthouse, High & Market Streets, with a focus on silent sidewalk prayer.

Questions? Please call Jo Christof at 610/942-3571. Take a stand for life!

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 birth certificate and an original baptismal certificate. Immunization records are necessary at the time of registration. Catholic families must present a letter from their Pastor verifying membership in the Parish before a child will be registered. There is also a \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee. All parents with pre-school children are invited to an Open House on February 23rd, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Our CACES Staff will be happy to have you visit the little ones in the classrooms and answer any questions you may have regarding our School.

Ukrainian New Year Celebration

The Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church, West End, is bringing back their Malanka (New Year Celebration) on January 23, 2004, at the Coatesville Moose Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each and include delicious foods and snacks, as well as a lively polka band and DJ. For further information and tickets, call Chris or Tammy Monko at 610/384-5697.

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.

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.

Women' Club News

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
Pat Babcock - 610/857-3096
Leslie Hoopes - 610/857-4224*

Women's Club Meeting

The Women's Club will meet this Sunday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.