

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 6:30 PM

Thomas Kubala (James Griffin Family)

Euch. Minister      Tricia Swinty  
Lector                Bill Swinty

### Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 10:30 AM

John Shesko (Anniversary) (Wife Laura Shesko)

Euch. Ministers      Lisa Hillman & Francis Seymen  
Lector                Phillip Hoertz

Masses for the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 will be offered at St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Augusta Saska (Helen Marie Still Family)
Wednesday	9 am	Rose Olise (Rose Hudock)
Thursday	9 am	David Barnes (Ann Reshey)
Friday	9 am	Joan Russnak (Pauline & Denny Howell)
Saturday	9 am	Salvatore Guida (Socko Family)

### Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 6:30 PM

Augusta Saska (Mr. & Mrs. Jerry DiLiberato & Tina)

Euch. Minister      Jeffrey Nesbitt  
Lector                Elaine Sabo

## Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 10:30 AM

Andrew Shesko (Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)

Euch. Ministers      Christine Claypoole & Pam Krupansky  
Lector                Laura Henderson

## 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,, Dominic DiSabatino, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Ted McLaughlin and the deceased: Monsignor Thomas Falls and Michael Malamon.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Finance Committee Meeting Reminder

A meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 in the Rectory. If you are unable to attend, please call Ann Cigas. Meeting packets have been mailed to all members.

## Catholic Relief Services

As the Catholic Relief Services of the American Bishops commemorates its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we celebrate the work that has been accomplished throughout the world. In 2003, the Catholic Relief Services reached more than 62 million people in 91 countries, bringing hope to the poorest of the poor and to those in the wake of disasters. This past year alone, the Catholic Relief Services helped those fleeing natural disasters in places like the Congo and Indonesia, assisted migrants in the Dominican Republic, and advocated for children in Vietnam. Across Africa, the Catholic Relief Services works to educate communities about HIV/AIDS, and provides support and care for those infected and their families. The annual collection for the Catholic Relief Services of the American Bishops will be taken up next weekend, January 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. We, who are so blessed with abundant resources, are called to remember the poor of the world community. Please continue your generosity of prayer and support for this worthy appeal.

## Report on Christmas Contributions

We are pleased to announce that the monetary gifts given to our parish this Christmas amounted to \$26,504.00. Included in the total are the \$4,000.00 donation of the Women's Club and \$560.00 in contributions given by our neighbors and friends who attended our holiday Masses. In addition, to date, we received a total of \$1,995.00 in gifts to our Christmas Flowers and Decorations Fund. Thank you for such an outstanding generosity in support to St. Joseph Church and its related good works. God love all our thoughtful donors for their kindness!

## Additions to the Christmas Flower Collection

<i>Kathy &amp; Chris Castle</i>	<i>In Memory of:</i>
<i>Anna Florian</i>	<i>Bobby Castle</i>
	<i>Daniel Szymanski, Mary Szymanski,</i>
	<i>Marie Busch, Catherine Pacana,</i>
	<i>Stella Szymanski and Leon</i>
	<i>Szymanski</i>
<i>Janet E. Nathan</i>	<i>Marilyn Timko</i>

## An Invitation To The Ladies

The Ladies Club of the Olivet United Methodist Church is hosting a "Dessert Meeting" at 7:30 p.m., in the Benner Auditorium, on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, to which are especially invited the women of the local Roman Catholic Parishes. It is a sincere effort to foster inspiration and hope among the various faith communities. The featured speaker on February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Nancy Falini, a consultant, author and lecturer, who will offer insights about Mother Teresa's spirituality and about the people she served. The speaker herself spent time with the Missionaries of Charity and their saintly Foundress in India. Dessert will be served. To have some sense of the number in attendance, please call Tricia Swinty, our Women's Club President, at 610/383-1615 to confirm your intentions of coming. Should you need transportation or would like to form a car pool, Tricia would be glad to work out the details with you.

## Rosary Meditation

Beginning on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and continuing every Monday evening, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Kostka Church will host "Meditation on the Rosary", based on the publication Pater by Dr. Slavko Barbavic. Our Lady advises: "Pray! Let the rosary always be in your hands as a sign that you are mine". Come, at this critical time in the events of families and nations, let us lift our voices in prayer and spend time with the Christ of the Blessed Sacrament.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Choir Practice**

Choir practice for the Children's choir will be held this Monday evening, January 19, 2004, at 6:45 p.m. in preparation to sing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Choir practice for the adults will be held immediately following the children on Monday at 7:30 p.m. We will begin preparing for the Lenten season and Easter.

If you have any questions, or would like to join the choir, please call me at 610-383-5768.

*Susan Sandoski  
Choir Director*

### **Women' Club News**

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Longaberger Basket Bingo***

*This 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*

*Tickets will be sold at the door.*