

# 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 31, 2004, 6:30 PM  
 Thomas Kubala (Bob & Fran Shesko)

Eucl. Ministers	Lisa Hillman
Lector	Cy Reali

Sunday, February 1st, 2004, 10:30 AM  
 Augusta Saska (Paul & Julia Potpinko)

Eucl. Ministers	Frank Lasak & Francis Seymen
Lector	Frank Lasak, Jr.

Masses for the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted:

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Rose Reed (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Helen Frankow
Wednesday	9 am	Thomas Kubala (Andrea Levenite)
Thursday	9 am	Augusta Saska (Frank & Mary Jane Lasak)
Friday	9:30	David Hillman (CACES Gr.5 02-03)
Saturday	9 am	Rose Olise (Frank & Theresa Kusnierczyk)

Saturday, February 7th, 2004, 6:30 PM  
 Joseph Toth (Joseph Sandoski)

Eucl. Ministers	Lisa Hillman
Lector	Cy Reali

Sunday, February 8th, 2004, 10:30 AM  
 Augusta Saska (Neice Karen & Tom Bailey)

Eucl. Ministers	F. Lasak & F. Seymen
Lector	Frank Lasak, Jr.

## 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 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, John Cisarik, Ann Reshey, Joan Mitros, Brenda Golden., Dominic DiSabatino, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Ted McLaughlin, Helen Collins and the deceased: Monsignor Thomas Pryor, Father Joseph DeMayo, Roger Babcock, Joseph Wasko, and Anita Guiseppe.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:45 to 6:15 pm, just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45 to 10:15 am, just prior to the Morning Mass. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime upon request

## A Visit From Our Cardinal-Archbishop

Since his arrival in our Archdiocese, as his schedule allows, His Eminence, Cardinal Justin F. Rigali has been celebrating Sunday morning Mass in various parish churches. We are most pleased to announce that our Cardinal-Archbishop will be making a Pastoral Visit to Saint Joseph Church on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. On that morning, His Eminence will be offering the 10:30 Mass with our Parish Family. Following Mass, Cardinal Rigali wishes to meet you personally at a Reception over light refreshments in the School Hall. Cameras are welcome that you might capture the moment of your meeting. What a special joy and privilege it is for us to greet the new Archbishop of Philadelphia in our own Parish setting within the early months of his pastorate! Please circle the date on your calendar and plan to participate in this very special blessed occasion.

## Blessing of Throats

The feast of St. Blase, a 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop and martyr from Sebaste, Armenia, falls this week on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. From a miraculous event in his life there springs forth the tradition of blessing throats through the Saint's intercession. To broaden the availability of this ritual, the individual blessing of throats will take place at the conclusion of this weekend's Masses. Young and old are invited to receive the Saint Blase blessing.

## Holy Land Hand-Carved Pieces

On the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a display of olivewood hand-carvings from the Holy Land in the rear of Church. They are carvings made by the Christians of Bethlehem, whose sale is a needed source of income to a people enduring hardships under the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to number more than 30% of the population; now they are less than 2%. Your purchase of these beautiful carvings after Mass will bring assistance to fellow believers in the town of Jesus' birth. For more information, kindly contact Feras at (703)234-4199.

## Annual Campaign For Our Seminary

The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal takes place annually during the month of February. Our Archdiocesan Seminary educates and forms the future priests of our Church. These men, God willing, will one day provide priestly service for you and your loved ones. The Seminary Community is grateful to you for your faithful support of the Appeal. Contributions may be made by your use of the postage-paid, self-addressed lockbox envelope forwarded to our parishioners' homes by the Seminary itself. The more popular method of giving is by way of the special envelope, provided in our

Parish's boxed set, to be placed in the Church collection basket next weekend, February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this Second Collection then will benefit the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. God love you for your support of today's seminarians who will become tomorrow's priests!

### **Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner**

Plans are in the works for our Annual Appreciation Dinner for volunteers in service to the Parish, to be held on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, in the historic Revere Tavern. It is a gesture to all those who give of their time, energy and talent to the benefit of our Parish Family. Please reserve the date on your calendars.

### **Cancer Support Group**

The Cancer Support Group of St. Cecilia Church, Coatesville will meet on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., in their church basement. Please join with them and feel free to bring a caregiver or family member. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Kathy Prszchodzien at 610/857-2342.

### **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 today

### **A 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.

### **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.

### **St. Valentine's Day Dance**

A St. Valentine's Day Dance for Young and Old will be held on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., at the Coatesville Area Senior Center, 22 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coatesville. Live music will be provided by Tapestry," a four-piece combo. Light refreshments will be served. For Tickets or additional information, call the Senior Center at (610) 383-6900.

### **Religious Vocation Discernment**

"The Just Do It In Religious Life: A Day to Talk the Walk of Religious Calling" presents a day of reflection for young men and women to explore the possibility of a religious vocation. This event is being sponsored by the men's and women's religious communities in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. It will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 31 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, and will include prayer, and exploring of a call from God, a panel of young adult candidates for religious life and Mass at 5:00 p.m. All interested young men and women are warmly invited. To register or request information, contact Sister Charlene Diorka, S.S.J. at 215/248-7236.

### **A Pro-Life Event**

Join Rev. Msgr. James T. McDonough, Regional Vicar of Chester County, as a volunteer Helper of God's Precious Infants in a Vigil for Life on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Participants should gather in St. Agnes Church, West Chester, for the 8:00 o'clock Mass that morning, immediately followed by a Rosary Pilgrimage to the Planned Parenthood facilities. For details, please call Jack & Mary Finley at 610/692-3154.

### **A Little Thoughtfulness, Please**

We have precious little off-street parking, and what little we do have should be used to its fullest capacity and with consideration for fellow parishioners. Especially is this true on Charles Street, in front of our school. Please utilize the parking spaces closest to the building, despite what may be the slight inconvenience of waiting for those parked behind you to pull out. How sad it is to see available parking spaces going unused for lack of thoughtfulness and patience in meeting the needs of one's neighbor! The cooperation of all would be most appreciated in this regard.

### **Flowers for the Altar**

As a gesture of love or gratitude, would you like to arrange for fresh flowers to be placed on the altar of our Church to mark the anniversary of death of a loved one, a wedding anniversary in your family, the receiving of a special favor from God, or some other occasion? We would be glad for such a generous gesture and would make note of it in our Parish Bulletin. For more information, please contact Father John at 610/384-0360.