

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, February 21st, 2004, 6:30 PM

Joseph Arvay, Sr. (The Arvay Family)

Euch. Minister Bugar
Lector Bill

Sunday, February 22nd, 2004, 10:30 AM

Parishioners

Euch. Ministers Hillman & Johnson
Lector Kathy

Masses for the week of February 22nd, 2004 will be offered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church except as follows:

Ash Wednesday, February 25th, 2004, 9:30 AM

David Hillman (CACES, Gr. 5 (2002-03))

Ash Wednesday, February 25th, 2004, 7:00 PM

Parishioners

Saturday, February 28th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Helen Zajac (The Witt Family)

Euch. Minister Pam Krupansky
Lector Elaine Sabo

Sunday, February 29th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Lasak & Karc Families (Mary Czirjak)

Euch. Ministers Chris Claypoole & Jeffery Nesbitt
Lector Laura

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, 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, John Cisarik, Ann Reshey, Joan Mitros, Brenda Golden, Marie McBride, Adam Gregor, Ted M McLaughlin, Helen Collins and the deceased: Ann Michinok, Dominic DiSabatino, David Weisenberger and Stanley Blockus.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 21st, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., immediately following the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 28th, 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 Hearty Welcome to Our Cardinal-Archbishop

It gives us great joy to be welcoming to our Parish His Eminence, Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia. Barely four months into his new assignment as our Shepherd, His Eminence comes on a pastoral Visit to the West End, celebrating the Sunday Morning Mass and greeting well-wishers at a Parish Reception. How happy and honored we are for His Eminence's presence among us! May Cardinal Rigali take with him from this visit the rich memory of a people filled with faith, loyalty and gratitude.

In Cherished Remembrance

The fresh flower arrangements at the main altar this week were donated in loving memory of Sister Marie Edmund Cigas by Andy and Ann Cigas. May she rest in peace!

Annual Appeal For The Churches of Eastern Europe

The Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe is most grateful for the financial assistance rendered by American Catholics since the fall of the Soviet system, 14 years ago. Proceeds from the Annual Appeal will be sent to support seminarians and religious, as well as to sustain programs of religious education and social ministries in struggling Catholic communities. Your gift for this cause may be placed in the first and only basket collection, together with your usual

church offering, this weekend, February 21st-22nd. God love you for your kindness!

Lenten Day of Reflection

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, will hold a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection on Monday, March 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monsignor Joseph McFadden and Sister Anna Maria will coordinate the day, focusing on the theme: Union With God, Now Is The Acceptable Time. The cost is \$20.00 per person. You are cordially invited to spend the day with the Lord. To register, kindly call 610/942-4166.

A Special Religious TV Program

Paulist Productions and ABC Television Network proudly present the premiere of Judas, the story of Jesus from the point of view of the friend who betrayed Him. This unique, contemporary film tells the powerful story of Jesus' ministry, suffering and execution in the context of the religious and political tensions of first century Judea. It will be aired from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8th, on TV Channel 6. Spread the word to your family and friends.

Special Lenten Publication Free for the Taking

This year, to assist your Lenten program of spiritual growth and renewal, we are distributing copies of the publication: The Word Among Us – Lenten Edition. By its use, you are invited to join in prayerfully pondering Jesus' Passion. You will be provided with an inspiring look at the Last Supper through the eyes of one of the apostles, with guidance on praying the Passion by imagining yourself with Jesus during His final hours, with a fresh view at the Stations of the Cross and more. Be sure to pick up your copy today.

CACES CYO Sports

Coaches are needed for Girls Softball, JV Baseball and Track Programs sponsored by Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School. If you are interested, please call Dave Michell at 610/384-6477 by February 27th.

A Rosary Meditation

The Meditation on the Rosary and Eucharistic Exposition on Monday evenings, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, continue this week from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Do note the earlier closing time for February 23rd only. On the Mondays of Lent, the weekly time frame from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. will be observed. Let us lift our voices in prayer and spend time with the Christ of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Attention Moms

Are you looking for a way to share more quality time with your Mom, grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, friend, or neighbor? Why not invite that special mom to attend a day of renewal with you on Saturday, March 6, 2004 at the Chester County Chapter of MOM-Heart of the Home day of renewal at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown. From 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. moms of all ages are invited to enjoy inspirational speakers, individual reflection, and the company of other moms. This day will give you time to reflect on your vocation of motherhood while replenishing your spirit. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a box lunch. Pick up a registration form in the back of the church or contact Beth Ann Hackmeister at 610/380-3505 for details. Don't delay, registration deadline is 2/28/04.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent, with the exception of Friday, March 19, 2004, which is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary. Further, all persons 18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are light.

A Concert in The Cathedral

Come, celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! The students of the Catholic Schools of our Archdiocese present "A Concert in the Cathedral", featuring the music of John Rutter, on Wednesday, March 17th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cathedral-Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. For tickets or information, kindly call 215/587-2415.

Our Newest Family Member

Last Sunday, February 15th, our Parish Family gained a new member through the Sacrament of Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, Christopher Patrick Merth, son of David and Karen Merth, took his place as a part of the Body of Christ. Sincere congratulations go out to the newly baptized, his proud parents and delighted Godparents on this blessed occasion.