

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 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

Masses for the week of February 29th, 2004 will be offered in St. Joseph Church as noted.

Monday	9 am	Parishioners
Tuesday	9 am	Augusta Saska (Tootsie & Edward Zazo)
	7 pm	David Barnes, Jr. (Sue & Spencer Dunlap)
Wednesday	9 am	Paul & Ernestine Popovich (Angela Verdin)
Thursday	9 am	David Barnes, Jr. (Robert & Ann Good)
Friday	9:30 am	Joseph Toth (Michael & Katy Catanese)
Saturday	9 am	Angelo Mancuso (Bob & Georgianne Watterson)

Saturday, March 6th, 2004, 6:30 PM

Rose Olise (Bob & Frances Shesko)

Euch. Minister Francis Seymen
Lector Cy

Sunday, March 7th, 2004, 10:30 AM

Mary Sandoski (Michael & Kathy Catanese)

Euch. Ministers Swinty & Lasak, Jr.
Lector Phillip

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, 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: Father John Cullen and Helen Koontz.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This weekend, confessions will be heard on Saturday, February 28th, from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., just prior to the Evening Mass. Next weekend, confessions will be heard on Sunday, March 7th, 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

Masses During Lent

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday mornings, at 9 o'clock is offered alternately between the two West End Churches on a weekly basis. Reference to the Mass site is given in the church Sunday bulletin. Throughout Lent, an Evening Mass with song is offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Church. Similarly, an Evening Mass with song is offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. Please note that on March 30th the Tuesday Evening will not be celebrated, so as to avoid conflict with the Holy Hour for Vocations listed below.

Vicariate Holy Hour For Vocations

During Lent, each Vicariate in the Archdiocese will be hosting a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. For Chester County, the Holy Hour will be conducted in SS. Philip and James Church, Exton, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 30th. His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali will be presiding. Do plan to gather for this prayer of the Church in behalf of priestly vocations, so desperately needed. Looking for transportation? Call Father John at 610/384-1172.

Stations of The Cross Devotion

Long associated with Lent is the Stations of the Cross Devotion rooted in Our Lord's Holy Passion and Death. On Thursdays at 1:15 p.m., the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church with the 5th and 6th Grade Classes of the parochial school attending. On Fridays at 1:15 p.m., the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in Saint Joseph Church with the 7th and 8th Grade Classes of the parochial school attending. On Saturday, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the Stations of the Cross Devotion will be conducted in the Church designated for daily Mass that week.

Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1976, Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of prayer and sharing, has been and continues to be an arm of the United States Bishops' Relief Services in combating hunger and starvation worldwide. We break bread with the poor and the vulnerable at home and abroad by our fasting with simple meals or other sacrifices. Materials for Operation Rice Bowl has been packaged in plain white envelopes available in the rear of church. Your donations may be placed in the specially marked containers, also in the rear of church.

Regional Bible Study/Faith Sharing

You are invited to join Father Hans Brouwers and a growing number of his parishioners for a weekly Bible Study/Faith Sharing Program in Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall. Two sessions are conducted every Thursday: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., located at 80 South 17th Avenue. Helpful reflections on the readings of the upcoming Sunday are offered, deepening your understanding of Sacred Scripture. Please bring your own copy of the Bible.

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.

Parents' First Communion Meeting

On Thursday of this week, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting in the School Hall for the parents of our First Communion Class. It is a very informative and practical session treating the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Eucharist. Both Father John Oulds and Mrs. Beth Ann Hackmeister will share in the evening's presentation. Helpful materials will be distributed to our participating families.

Your Prayers For Vocations

Looking for a special Lenten practice? We are pleased to suggest your participation in a Program of Prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. Welcome the traveling icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home for a week and pray daily the provided vocation prayer before it. This exercise can be undertaken by both families and individuals. From your lips there rises our prayer to God's ears for the realization of increased vocations. To volunteer, please call Coordinator Jerry Bugar at 610/383-0561.

Saint Patrick Television Special

The story of the real Saint Patrick is part adventure tale and part spiritual awakening, with the future saint rising from slave to liberator, learning to forgive and ultimately love his enemies. Patrick's courage set him free. His faith called him back. His vision transformed a nation. Watch "Patrick" on the Hallmark Channel at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14th. It is high quality, religious programming produced by Faith and Values Media.

Joey Reis Scholarship Fund

Come, join us at the Joey Reis Soccer & Family Fun Event on March 20, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in

the United Sports Training Center. Joey Reis was a beloved member of the CACES Class of 2002, who passed away in September 2002 after a brave 2 year battle with cancer., This event, with activities for the whole family to enjoy, will help to raise scholarship money in Joey's name. For registration information, call Peggy Ferra at 610/380-8219 or Terry Altschuler at 610/384-1652. If unable to attend, you can make a donation to the Joseph M. Reis Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail it to M. Lentz, Treasurer, 55 Lauren Lane, West Brandywine, PA 19320.

Catholic College Fare

All students of public high schools and their parents are invited to attend a Catholic College Fair on March 3rd, in the Main Gymnasium of Chestnut Hill College, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This College Fair will bring representatives of the finest Catholic Colleges and Universities together to answer questions and explain programs that are available for high school students as they plan for their future education. No reservations are needed.

CACES Annual Beef & Beer

A Beef & Beer Social, featuring entertainment by Big Daddy Rabbitt, will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, in the Union Hall, Coatesville, to benefit the CYO Program of our consolidated parochial school. Admission tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, call Kathleen at 610/380-9947.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish invites our parishioners to participate with them in a Program of Adult Faith Formation, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Church Hall, on Wednesday, March 3rd through March 24th. Topics under consideration include: The Post Vatican II Church, Rome to Coatesville; The Mass and Paraliturgical Devotions: Discipleship, Then and Now; Evangelization. For more information, kindly call June Cella at 610/384-5939.

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.

In Appreciation

Our sincerest appreciation is expressed to all those whose time, energy and talent went into the making of a beautiful, uplifting, warm Pastoral Visit by His

Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali to Saint Joseph Parish last Sunday, February 22nd. It was a perfect day all around, even to the weather! We are deeply grateful to so many who made it an occasion to remember with pride and happiness.

Weekend Bible Seminar

Have you ever started reading the Bible only to put it down after a few weeks? Do you listen to the Scripture readings at Mass and wish you knew more about the story? The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Seminar is your answer! Developed by renowned Bible teacher and Catholic television personality Jeff Cavins, this seminar will help you understand the "big picture" of God's plan and see how the people, places and events of the Bible fit into it. Join other folks like yourself at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, West Chester, on March 19th-20th. Register online at www.TheBibleTimeline.com or call 610/918-8182. Advance registration is \$35 (discount available for students) and includes seminar workbook, chart and memory aids. On site registration is an additional \$5.00.

A Rosary Meditation

The Meditation on the Rosary and Eucharistic Exposition continues from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Mondays of Lent, in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. You are welcome to participate at anytime during the evening period. Let us lift our voices in prayer and spend time with the Christ of the Blessed Sacrament.